

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 39

Approved January 30, 1978

WHEREAS, it has become evident that strong allegations have been made concerning the qualifications and method of selection of the present group of Providence Police Department trainees currently participants in the Police Training Academy, and

WHEREAS, the selection method for participation in this program is currently a subject of litigation in the courts of this State, and

WHEREAS, the Providence City Council is concerned that the proper procedures and qualifications for admission into this program have not been observed in the proper manner and that the rights of the applicants in said program have not been accorded to them in the selection process, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has a duty to the citizens of this City to insure that the most qualified applicants are selected for this training,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Providence City Council respectfully request the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Honorable J. Joseph Garrahy to direct Colonel Walter E. Stone, Superintendent of Rhode Island State Police to conduct an investigation into the selection process and qualifications of the aforementioned trainees,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that because of the serious question of the possibility of violation of the civil rights of the many persons who made application to become a trainee at the Police Trainee Academy,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this City Council respectfully request the Attorney General of the United States, Griffin Bell, to direct the local office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to conduct an investigation into the selection process of said trainees to determine whether or not any applicants' civil rights may have been violated.

IN CITY COUNCIL

JAN 19 1978  
READ AND PASSED

*Ralph Fargnoli* PRES.

*Spencer M. Mendonca* CLERK

APPROVED

MAYOR

*Vincent A. Canino*  
JAN 25 1978  
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February 6, 1978

Department of Justice  
Griffin Bell, Attorney General  
Constitution Avenue  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Bell:

I have been directed by the City Council of Providence, Rhode Island to forward a copy of accompanying Resolution No. 39, approved January 30, 1978 relative as to the selection process of Trainees for the Police Academy in our City.

An investigation is requested to determine whether the applicants civil rights have been violated in the selection process.

Very truly yours,

Rose M. Mendonca,  
City Clerk of Providence.

RMM/jma