

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 353

Approved August 2, 2021

WHEREAS, The American Community Survey conducted by the U.S Census Bureau found that 46.81% of the Providence population are housing cost-burdened; and

WHEREAS, Homelessness has been a growing issue in the City of Providence heightened by the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The significant increase of unsheltered people and the lack of shelter exemplified by the surge of homeless encampments throughout our city call for a coordinated approach to address the housing crisis in Providence; and

WHEREAS, Over the years there has been a concerning decline in the production of housing units resulting in a chronic imbalance between supply and demand; and

WHEREAS, The preservation of public and affordable housing units is also crucial to retrofitting our City and ensuring that our residents have decent and affordable places to live; and

WHEREAS, This task force will enable the City of Providence to have a targeted approach to the housing crisis by focusing on the creation of emergency shelters, the production of housing units, and the overall affordability of the city.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby establish the City of Providence Housing Crisis Task Force the purpose of which shall be to provide guidance and make recommendations to the city government which are collaborative and complementary with the efforts at the State level to improve housing resources for everyone.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Providence Housing Crisis Task Force shall be comprised of no more than 30 members. Members may include:

- Voting Members:
  - The Mayor or his designee
  - (3) Council Members
  - Brenda Clement from Housing Works
- Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members:
  - The Director of the Planning Department
  - The Chief of Police
  - The Fire Chief
  - The State Fire Marshall
  - The Director of DIS
  - Representative from the Department of Health
  - Representative from the Attorney General's office
  - Representative from the Governor's office
  - Representative from the Speakers office
  - Individual who has experienced homelessness
  - Representative from RI Housing
  - Representative from the Providence Housing Authority
  - Representative from each of the community-based organizations selected

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READ AND PASSED, AS Amended

JOHN J. IGLOZZI, PRESIDENT

ACTING CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

Mayor

Date:

8/2/21