

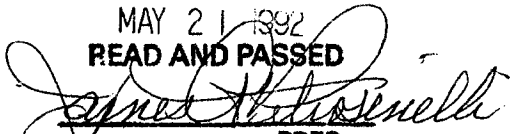

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

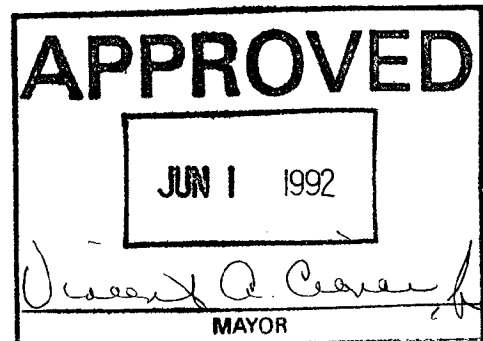
# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 250

*Approved* June 1, 1992

RESOLVED, That the Members of the City Council hereby endorse the Summer Work Program dealing with plans that will have a direct effect on reducing the disproportionate numbers of minority youth in the Juvenile Justice System.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
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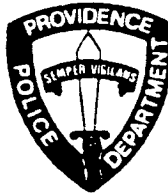


Councilman Lombardi (by Request)

22 copies of  
letter -  
Resolution

JOHN J. PARTINGTON  
COMMISSIONER

COLONEL BERNARD E. GANNON  
CHIEF OF POLICE



VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.  
MAYOR

*Councilman Lombardi*

Department of Public Safety, Police Department

"Building Pride In Providence"

*(By request)*

May 12, 1992

Mr. John J. Lombardi  
Councilman  
City of Providence  
Providence City Hall  
10 Dorrance Street  
Providence, RI 02903

*endorsing the Summer Work  
Program dealing with plans  
that will have a direct  
effect on*

Dear Mr. Lombardi,

Many children, particularly in urban areas such as Providence, have been exposed to many effects which impede their ability and desire to lend themselves to their greatest potential. Poverty is one such barrier. In addition, marginal parental education and limited proficiency of the English language are others. Exposure to these environmental factors directly correlate with poor academic performance, poor school attendance, poor peer relationships, low self-esteem, and at times, aggressive behavior.

Currently the City of Providence is experiencing an increased occurrence of "juvenile gang" activity. Most predominant are those of the minority communities, which have reflected an increase of reported violent crimes. In an effort to decrease the amount of gang related activity, the Providence Police Department's Youth Services Bureau is developing a proposal for funding a "Summer Work Program."

Funding is being offered through the Governor's Justice Commission in the development and submission of plans that may have a direct effect on reducing the disproportionate numbers of minority youth in the juvenile justice system. The program's funding is somewhat limited, however, funding can be renewed and expanded in the future.

Presently, the Youth Services Bureau has approached the Federal Hill House in efforts to establish a community based support group which will facilitate the coordination of the "Summer Work Program." The center has tentatively agreed to furnish office space and the use of a telephone at their facility. In addition, endeavors are underway to secure tools & equipment from the Department of Public Works and the Department of Parks & Recreation for use by these young people in their spruce-up efforts.

*Attached a copy of letter to each resolution  
for all members of Council*

The Program is prefaced on the concept that the Police Department can establish a rapport with the youth of society and ultimately develop a concentrated partnership with them in a "POLICE-YOUTH-COMMUNITY" policing effort. These young people will be asked to participate in clean-ups within their communities. If funding is approved, these young people will be compensated for their participation in the Program.

Therefore, the Providence Police Department asks your support in advocating this Program, and also requests that the concept of the program be related to your fellow associates.

Thanking you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John J. Reis".

John J. Reis  
Lieutenant  
Youth Services Bureau  
COMMANDING