

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 330

Approved July 25, 2023

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court recently struck down affirmative action in college admissions; and

WHEREAS, The decision rolls back decades of precedent and also serves as a major setback in our efforts to create a more equitable education system; and

WHEREAS, The ruling is a major obstacle to improving educational opportunity for historically underrepresented and underserved student populations; and

WHEREAS, The ruling will have a devastating effect on people of color and marginalized communities throughout our nation; and

WHEREAS, The decision reaffirms our need to continue to advocate for policies that increase educational opportunity at all levels and foster an environment where students from all backgrounds can thrive; and

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court decision in 303 Creative LLC v. Elenis also recently dealt a blow to LGBTQIA+ rights by ruling that the constitutional right to free speech allows certain businesses to refuse to provide services for same-sex weddings despite state anti-discrimination law; and

WHEREAS; This ruling will lead to more discrimination against LGBTQIA+ Americans; and

WHEREAS, These decisions of the Supreme Court serves as a stark reminder of the reality that systemic forms of discrimination continue to exist in our society; and

WHEREAS, It is our duty as a nation to combat these injustices and protect the rights of all citizens; and



WHEREAS, The Supreme Court recently also struck down President Joe Biden's plan to cancel \$430 billion in student loan debt; and

WHEREAS, As elected leaders, we have a moral obligation to stand up for those who will be negatively impacted by these rulings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council strongly condemns and takes a stand against the United States Supreme Court's recent major rulings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council reaffirms its commitment to recognizing the strength in our diversity and forging a more equitable future for all.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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READ AND PASSED


RACHEL A. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.



Mayor

Date:

7/25/23