

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 207

Approved May 17, 2021

WHEREAS, On March 11, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act into law, a plan that will help the nation begin to recover from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The American Rescue Plan will help boost vaccination efforts, improve healthcare infrastructure, transition to in-person learning and educational resources, provide financial relief to communities, and support local businesses that have been hit hardest by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Among the \$1.9 trillion worth of federal COVID-19 relief is \$350 billion for “Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds”, of which the City of Providence is scheduled to receive \$165 million; and

WHEREAS, Providence faces severe budget challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic due to substantial revenue losses, costs incurred due to responding to the public health emergency, and the need for services such as emergency medical facilities and vaccination sites, including support for struggling small businesses, and resources for youth, families and essential workers; and

WHEREAS, The American Rescue Plan allocation will enable the City of Providence to enhance its public health response, invest in capital and broadband infrastructure, supplement costs to provide assistance to families, essential workers, non-profits and social services organizations, small businesses, and put Providence residents back to work to set the foundation for a strong and equitable economic recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby establish The City of Providence COVID-19 Recovery & Resiliency Task Force the purpose of which shall be to provide guidance and make recommendations to the city government as recovery planning efforts get underway in the wake of the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19). This task force will provide critical insights to balance a long and short term equitable and impactful deployment of stimulus relief funds in the City of Providence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Providence COVID-19 Recovery & Resiliency Task Force shall be comprised of 14 members. Members may include:

- The Mayor or his designee
- (2) Members to be Appointed by Council President
- (2) Representatives from Community Philanthropy
- (2) Representatives of the Business Community
- (2) Representatives of Arts, Culture and Tourism industries
- (2) Representatives from Community Based-Organizations
- Youth Representative
- Workforce Development Representative
- Environmental Representative

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, in addition to the above listed members, the Superintendent of the Providence Public School District or their designee shall serve as a non-voting/ex-officio member for the purpose of consulting and/or providing input on how funds will be allocated for the City's youth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Providence COVID-19 Recovery & Resiliency Task Force shall issue recommendations to the Mayor & City Council within 60 days of the date appointments are made to the task force.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

AS Amended


PRES.


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I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor

Date:

5/17/21