



RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 308

EFFECTIVE June 30, 2024

WHEREAS, This resolution authorizes the City Council President to engage Matt Matera of Empower Schools, at a cost of no more than sixty thousand (\$60,000.00) dollars, to produce a report determining the best path forward for the Providence Public School District to adopt an empowerment zone model; and

WHEREAS, Matt Matera, a Partner at Empower Schools based in Boston, Massachusetts, serves as the board chairman of Teach Western Mass and has led the design and launch of the Springfield Empowerment Zone Partnership while supporting the launch of more than 10 additional partnerships, bringing extensive experience from his roles as Director of Innovation and Talent for Lawrence Public Schools, Director of Human Capital Investments for New Schools for New Orleans, and as a middle school English teacher, holding a B.A. in English and a J.D. from Yale University; and

WHEREAS, Empower Schools is a respected organization specializing in creating and supporting Empowerment Zones, aimed at improving educational outcomes by providing schools with increased autonomy and flexibility in decision-making, tailored to the unique needs of their students and communities; and

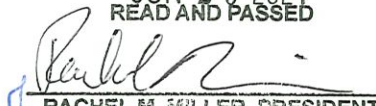

WHEREAS, Section 401 (D) of the City's Home Rule Charter authorizes the City Council "To retain by majority vote of the entire city council and to fix the salaries of those consultants it deems necessary for the exercise of its functions including, but not limited to accountants, engineers, and other experts not regularly employed in any city department or service. The city council shall have the power to appropriate funds to defray the costs thereof"; and

WHEREAS, It would be extremely beneficial to have a consultant with the expertise of Matt Matera and Empower Schools to advise and support the City Council in the work to transition the Providence Public School system towards an empowerment zone model, ensuring improved educational outcomes and greater autonomy for local schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to Section 401 (D) of the Providence Home Rule Charter, the City Council of the City of Providence hereby authorizes the City Council President to sign an agreement with Matt Matera of Empower Schools to provide consulting services to produce a report determining the best path forward for the Providence Public School District to adopt an empowerment zone model.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

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Effective without the
Mayor's Signature


Tina L. Mastroianni
City Clerk