



RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No.

WHEREAS, Mayor Jorge Elorza and the Providence Police Department, in collaboration with the Central Falls Mayoral Administration and Police Department, announced a Gun Buy-Back Program scheduled for Saturday October 17th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence has recently seen a concerning uptick in gun-related violence; and

WHEREAS, The weapons used in these violent crimes are often key pieces of evidence in police investigations; and

WHEREAS, The illegal sale of firearms contributes to the danger of these weapons falling into the hands of individuals with the intent to commit violent or illegal acts; and

WHEREAS, The current gun buy-back plan does not include any investigation into outstanding criminal cases possibly connected to the guns being returned; and

WHEREAS, The Providence and Central Falls Police Departments should prioritize solving cases of violent crimes and tracking down perpetrators of illegal gun use in this dangerous time; and

WHEREAS, A record of the history of returned firearms will allow law enforcement officials to gain a more comprehensive understanding of gun violence in the City of Providence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence requests that Mayor Elorza and Mayor Diossa remove any promises of amnesty from the Gun Buyback Program and allow their Police Departments to test all guns received through the program, and if that is not possible that they cancel the Gun Buyback Program altogether.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor of Providence, the Mayor of Central Falls, the Providence Commissioner of Public Safety, the Providence Chief of Police, and the Central Falls Chief of Police.