

# RESOLUTION

**in support of the Central Falls 2024 Legislative Agenda including  
HB-7109, HB-7186, SB-2047, SB-2048 and important changes regarding education funding**

Introduced by Councilperson Robert Ferri (by request)

February 12, 2024

WHEREAS, House Bill 7109 (Voas) and Senate Bill 2047 (Acosta) allows properties owned by the Central Falls Redevelopment Agency to be exempt from taxation upon approval of the city council; state law permits this process for the redevelopment agencies in Providence and Pawtucket; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 7186 (Giraldo) and Senate Bill 2048 (Acosta) amends R.I.G.L 45-13-5.1 to include municipal detention centers as entities for which the State must reimburse a municipality in its PILOT appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the City is requesting important changes in the funding of Central Falls schools including (1) the expansion of uses allowed for Multi-Lingual Learner (MLL) funds, (2) a more accurate measuring of low-income students relative to the Student Success Factor bonus; and (3) a reversal of the proposed inflation cap on the education funding formula.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Central Falls City Council enthusiastically supports House Bill No. 7109, House Bill No. 7186, Senate Bill No. 2047, Senate Bill No. 2048 as well as the aforementioned changes to the funding of Central Falls schools and encourages the General Assembly to pass this legislation and the Governor to sign this legislation into law; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the City Clerk to the Governor, to all of the Honorable Representatives and Senators representing the City of Central Falls in the General Assembly, to the relevant Committee Chairs and to the Honorable Rhode Island Speaker of the House and to the Honorable Rhode Island Senate President.

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Robert Ferri  
City Council President

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Alberto De Burgo  
City Clerk