



RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION AMENDING R.I. GEN. LAWS § 45-21.4-2 RELATING TO PENSION BENEFITS FOR ACTIVE CENTRAL FALLS POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS

Introduced by Councilperson Alberto Rivas Lugo (by request)

April 27, 2026

- WHEREAS, the City of Central Falls has long relied upon the dedicated service of its police officers and firefighters, whose work is essential to the public safety, health, and welfare of the residents of the City; and
- WHEREAS, the Rhode Island General Assembly enacted Chapter 45-21.4 of the General Laws to address the Central Falls Pension Plan and the transition of certain retirement obligations into the state-administered system; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to police and fire collective bargaining agreements negotiated by the administration of Mayor Maria Rivera and approved by the City Council, proposed legislation submitted for consideration by the General Assembly (bill numbers currently unassigned) would amend R.I. Gen. Laws § 45-21.4-2 so that, on and after July 1, 2026, such active members would accrue benefits pursuant to the collective bargaining agreements in effect on July 1, 2026, and would contribute 10% of salary or compensation earned or accruing to the member; and
- WHEREAS, the City Council finds that this legislation would provide fairer and more current pension treatment for active Central Falls police officers and firefighters who have continued to serve the City throughout significant financial and institutional transition; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to express its formal support for the enactment of this legislation by the Rhode Island General Assembly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Central Falls City Council hereby expresses its support for legislation amending R.I. Gen. Laws § 45-21.4-2, such that, on and after July 1, 2026, active members would accrue benefits pursuant to the collective bargaining agreements in effect on July 1, 2026,; and

BE IT 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 and to the Honorable Governor of Rhode Island.



Alberto Rivas-Lugo
City Council President Pro Tempore



Alberto DeBurgo
City Clerk