

in Support of Legislation to Empower the City Council to Update the Central Falls Tax Classification System (H6123 and S675)

Introduced by Councilperson Robert Ferri (by request)

April 21, 2025

- WHEREAS, House Bill 6123 (Voas) and Senate Bill 675 (Acosta) is legislation requested by the Central Falls Tax Assessor; and
- WHEREAS, The legislation enables the city council to clarify language regarding mixed use properties to make clear that while the city is taxing the residential portion of the properties at the residential rate, the commercial portion is remaining at the commercial rate; reflecting the city's practices and long-standing methodology; and
- WHEREAS, The legislation will streamline compliance with 44-5- 12.2, by removing the portion that ties the Class 3 tax to the owner-occupied rate and are instead fixing it at the amount capped when the tangible exemption was created, resulting in no effect on the current rate and the removal of future fluctuations allowing commercial businesses better stability on their tangible taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Central Falls City Council supports House Bill 6123 and Senate Bill 675, legislation to empower the council to update and modernize the city tax classification system; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the City Clerk to the Honorable Representatives and Senators representing the City of Central Falls in the General Assembly and to the relevant Committee Chairs wherein these bills have been referred.

Robert Ferri

City Council President

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City Clerk