

H 7122



# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 137

Approved April 17, 2026

WHEREAS, Community MusicWorks, located at 1326 Westminster Street in the city of Providence, is a nonprofit organization which, in its own words, is committed to creating "cohesive urban community through music education and performance that transforms the lives of children, families, and musicians"; and

WHEREAS, The MusicWorks Collective, the community of musicians-in-residence for Community MusicWorks, acts as the center of teaching, mentorship, program design, and performance activities vital to the organization; and

WHEREAS, The students of Community MusicWorks, living predominantly on the South Side of Providence, receive instruments without charge and participate in lessons, studio classes, and workshops alongside a vigorous concert series throughout Providence and in surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, House Bill H-7122 and its Senate companion would permanently exempt the real property of Community MusicWorks from taxation, relieving the organization of its property tax burden and unencumbering funds to be used in furtherance of its mission; and

WHEREAS, Such relief would enable Community MusicWorks, a prior recipient of the National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award, to continue its fellowships for teaching artists as well as maintain its initiatives with sister organizations; and

WHEREAS, Such relief would enable the planned expansion of its enriching and transformative programming for children, families, and Providence residents; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council wishes to convey its sincere gratitude for the artistry and community nurtured by Community MusicWorks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council offers its strong support for House Bill H-7122 and its Senate companion and urges the General Assembly to pass this legislation so vital to the continued success of music education in Providence, provided that such legislation abates the taxation of the real and tangible property of Community MusicWorks for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and exempts the aforesaid property from taxation in each fiscal year following.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be sent to the Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives K. Joseph Shekarchi, President of the Rhode Island Senate Valarie J. Lawson, lead sponsor Representative Enrique Sanchez, and the remaining members of the Providence Delegation to convey the strong support of the Providence City Council for H-7122 and its Senate companion.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
APR 16 2026  
READ AND PASSED

RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT  
  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.  
  
Beth P. Smith  
Mayor

Date: 4/17/26