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Mayor Diossa Announces New Agreement with the Wyatt
City to receive first payments from the Wyatt since 2009

CENTRAL FALLS – Mayor James Diossa announced today a new agreement with the Wyatt Detention Facility Corporation providing payments of \$200,000 per year for a period of four years to the city. The agreement was part of a larger plan approved by Superior Court Associate Justice Michael A. Silverstein this morning as he officially ended the court-supervised keepership, which began eight months ago on July 30, 2014.

“I am thrilled to see the dawning of a new day at the Wyatt that includes revenue for the city and a long-term plan to keep the Wyatt solvent,” said Mayor Diossa.

“Because these payments are only for the next 4 years, we will be dedicating this revenue to a “Road Repaving Fund” to fix the city’s worst roads. As we have worked hard to rebuild the city’s finances and to lead the city’s comeback, one of the key lessons we have learned is that unexpected short-term revenue should be used for infrastructure and other long-term investments. Our city got into its own fiscal mess because of one-time budget fixes and that will not happen with this money. Instead, we will repave our roads and pave the way for a brighter future for our residents and business owners,” continued Diossa.

The Road Repaving Fund will be created in FY 2016 budget that Mayor Diossa intends on submitting to the City Council in April. The \$200,000 per year will result in more than 20 city roads being repaved in the coming years. The selected roads will be based on a state department of transportation study on the condition of city roads.

Mayor Diossa recently appointed and the City Council recently unanimously confirmed a new five-member board of criminal justice, law enforcement and legal experts who will guide the Wyatt forward now that the Court has dismissed the keepership: incoming chair Luke H. Gallant, the Assistant Superintendent at the Worcester County Sheriff’s Department; Joseph R. Gonsalves, a former Central Falls Police Officer; Lisa Dinerman, Esq., a Senior Assistant City Solicitor in Providence and a former Assistant U.S. Attorney; Agostinho F. Silva, former State Representative and former chair of the Central Falls Juvenile Hearing Board; and Albert “Bud” Gardner, former Assistant Director, RI Adult Correctional Institution.

“We are optimistic that this agreement represents a positive step forward for both the city and the Wyatt,” said City Council President Robert Ferri. “I’m confident in the ability and the strong backgrounds of the new board members to guide the facility forward. I applaud the hard work of the parties involved to have reached a compromise that benefits all.”

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