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Resolution No. 1324-2025

By Council Members Harsh, Bishop, Conwell, Gray, Griffin, Hairston, Howse-Jones, Jones, Kazy, Kelly, Maurer, Polensek, Santana, Slife Spencer, Starr and Welch

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Supporting the students and station members working to regain access to the 89.3 FM radio frequency and urging Cleveland State University to fully restore WCSB radio to its students.

FOR ADOPTION
October 20, 2025

WHEREAS, WCSB 89.3 FM has been the radio voice of students at Cleveland State University (CSU) for nearly 50 years; and

WHEREAS, WCSB provides a unique and vital learning experience for students and an invaluable service to the diverse communities of Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, over the years, WCSB has promoted a wide range of artists both locally and globally, in service to the expansion of creative horizons for the residents of Cleveland, the region and beyond; and

WHEREAS, no other form of radio provides as many opportunities to students and community members as a vibrant, student-run college radio station; and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2025, which was – ironically- World College Radio Day, Ideastream Public Media and CSU leadership engaged in a hostile takeover of the signal 89.3 FM; and

WHEREAS, students were unceremoniously and without notice locked out of the radio station and escorted from the building by police; and

WHEREAS, this Council unequivocally supports the students and community members who continue to organize to reclaim their station and the culture of student-run WCSB 89.3 FM; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council supports the students and station staff members working to regain access to the 89.3 FM radio frequency and urges Cleveland State University to fully restore WCSB radio to its students.

Section 2. That the Clerk is directed to send copies of this resolution to Dr. Laura Bloomberg, President, Cleveland State University, Kevin Martin, President and CEO, Ideastream Public Media, and the Boards of Trustees of Cleveland State University and Ideastream Public Media.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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