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Sent: Thursday, June 04, 2020 3:40 PM

To: Paula Perotte <pperotte@cityofgoleta.org>; Kyle Richards <krichards@cityofgoleta.org>; Roger Aceves <raceves@cityofgoleta.org>; Stuart Kasdin <skasdin@cityofgoleta.org>; James Kyriaco <jkyriaco@cityofgoleta.org>

Subject:

Dear Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore and Goleta City Council Members,

I love the city of Goleta. I want to do whatever I can to make sure that we are the best city we can be and uphold social justice and anti-racism.

I echo Black Lives Matter Santa Barbara in demanding that Goleta City Council adopt a resolution condemning police brutality and declare racism a public health emergency.

Sincerely,
Kelly Freedland

From: [jesse.ortiz](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Bullshit
Date: Saturday, June 06, 2020 4:25:08 AM

This is political as fuck... some of the most honest, respectful loving dudes I know are cops.. get your shit together

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Erika Szell](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: City council meeting June 8th
Date: Sunday, June 07, 2020 2:43:05 PM

Good afternoon,

As a community, I think it is critical to be an example, a leader, for others to follow by condemning the looting and the rioting. I think it is necessary to say this, as I feel others have shied away from it. I think it is always essential to support our rights of voicing our peaceful opinions, as written in our Constitution. However, as a first generation American, with parents that escaped Communism, and as someone that has dual-citizenship, I think it is better to say we condemn discrimination. Expressing views in this way includes all members of our community and not only skin color. Discrimination occurs towards many individuals and is not only based on skin color. We don't want to segregate or be inconsiderate towards those of different religion or ethnicity. In my opinion, we need to work towards unity and pointing out how similar we are rather than continuing the cycle of saying how different we are. Also, crime rates are higher amongst those with disparities, such as low economical status. Let's work on bringing our community members up by finding ways to decrease disparities and low economical status. I also think it is critical to support our men and women of the police force, our essential workers, because most our good men and women that do an amazing job in difficult situations. As someone that has worked as a paramedic in Philadelphia, I can say working on the streets is scary and difficult and we must always have our guard up. Imagine working in a constant state of stress and uncertainty; thus, we must learn to walk a mile in others shoes before we assume our officers are only overreacting.

Thank you,

Erika Szell MSN, RN, NE-BC, PCCN-CMC, SCRN, CMSRN, CRNI, ENLS, TNCC, EMT-P

From: [Amy Saltzman](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: City Council Meeting
Date: Saturday, June 06, 2020 11:47:15 PM

Please seek the input Krystle Farmer Sieghart, Simone Ruskamp who organized the protest in SB on 5/31. They had well thought out specific suggestions.

Peace and Grace
Amy Saltzman
650-575-5780

From: [Paul Mocker](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: City of Goleta Resolution - a citizen question - June 8 1 p.m.
Date: Sunday, June 07, 2020 3:58:41 PM

Dear City of Goleta,

I have 2 questions for the June 8 meeting to consider the resolution condemning police brutality.

Does the Goleta Police Department outfit all on-duty police officers with a body-worn camera and require that the body-worn camera be turned on immediately when officers respond to a police call? Even though I am no expert I am beginning to learn that such cameras are necessary for ensuring justice.

Does the Goleta Police Department employ evidence-based police de-escalation training? I hope you agree that these trainings are effective for ensuring justice.

I care deeply for Goleta. I know you do as well. Let's work together.

Regards, Paul Mocker

From: [Kathleen Halloran](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Comment on George Floyd Resolution
Date: Saturday, June 06, 2020 4:28:21 PM

The horrific killing of Mr. George Floyd is a criminal act that must not happen to anyone regardless of who they are and should be dealt with in our Court of Law. In addition, the impassioned act of murder, rioting, and looting, by paid thugs posing as peaceful protestors with the intent to harm innocent people, is also a criminal act. Racism, and violence are not a matter of Health and cannot be considered a “Health Emergency”.

Do not try to mix the concern and fear of the Corona Virus with these unlawful acts. You are putting fear on fear.

(Fear-mongering: noun - the action of deliberately arousing public fear or alarm about a particular issue.)

Kathleen Halloran

From: [Jon Eymann](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Comment on proposal to call racism a public health emergency
Date: Saturday, June 06, 2020 10:38:19 AM

Respected Mayor and members of the Council:

I would encourage you to strenuously condemn police brutality and racism. I would suggest you also propose steps to define and implement actions that could be taken or supported by the city to both change the negative prejudices that exist in many, and to restrain the expression of whatever racism may be present in our community by all who live and work here, in addition to law enforcement personnel.

I suggest that declaring racism a public health emergency, however, would not be beneficial. The common understandings of both "public health" and "emergency" do not support such a declaration. Racism is a disease of the soul, not the body. Were one to use a health analogy, racism is a debilitating, potentially fatal, resistant cancer, not a stroke or heart attack: a chronic disease, not an emergency. Eliminating it requires well planned, long term, aggressive treatment. This resolution may appear more to be empty posturing than a serious attempt to begin a long, hard process of study, discussion, and action.

I would propose instead that today the Council passionately condemn police brutality and racism AND that the council declare its intent to create an ongoing mechanism to welcome public input and to sponsor staff research into ways to reduce race-based prejudice and injustice. This should be targeted toward both City policies and operations, and the presence of racism throughout our community. Perhaps a standing committee could be created with a timeline calling for an initial report of specific proposals to be made by a specified date, including a plan for ongoing work with target dates for implementation and updates.

Thank you for opening a discussion of these issues and for allowing public input through a variety of mechanisms.

Rev Jon Eymann
Jubilee Christian Church

From: [Annie Nunez](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Email comment for Police Brutality meeting
Date: Friday, June 05, 2020 8:59:59 PM

Hello City Council,

Does the city pledge to enact the #8CantWait Use of Force policies? I live in Goleta in Ellwood circle and I know our city would benefit from these policies.

The #8CantWait policies are simple, common-sense and would make our community safer. Santa Barbara county has 2 that are part of the #8CantWait pledge. Can you commit to enacting these additional policies right now?

1. Ban Chokeholds & Strangleholds
2. Require De-escalation
3. Require Exhaust All Alternatives Before Shooting
4. Duty To Intervene
5. Ban shooting at moving vehicles
6. Require Use Of Force Continuum

Thank you for your time and attention to this crucial matter.

Best,
Annie Nuñez

From: [Tamara Casanova Suzuki](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: For Public Comment re: Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency
Date: Sunday, June 07, 2020 3:54:10 PM
Attachments: [Supporting Goleta Resolution.docx](#)

Please find in the body of this email and attached my contribution to the meeting tomorrow.
Thank you!

June 7, 2020

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

As a clergy leader in our city, I most strongly support the proposed resolution condemning police brutality and declaring racism a public health emergency. In our city and beyond we must stand up and say ENOUGH. We must stand yet again in solidarity with our brothers and sisters who have been in the struggle for so long.

We stand for the inherent worth and dignity of every person;
We stand for justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
We stand for the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process;
We stand for the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
We stand in respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Despite the extreme and difficult times in which we find ourselves, we lift our eyes in the hope and the knowledge that together our voices will be heard. As the 19th century Unitarian minister and abolitionist Rev. Theodore Parker said, words echoed by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King: *I do not pretend to understand the moral universe. The arc is a long one. My eye reaches but little ways. I cannot calculate the curve and complete the figure by experience of sight. I can divine it by conscience. And from what I see I am sure it bends toward justice.*

Together we are strong. Together we stand on the side of love. Together we can build the beloved community.

Peace, grace, and blessings,
The Reverend Tamara Casanova Suzuki, Minister
Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Goleta

David Cutaia

From: Owen Grohman <owen.grohman@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 07, 2020 9:43 PM
To: City Clerk Group
Subject: #8CantWait

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Thanks,

Owen Grohman
(805) 637-8596

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From: [MARSHALLTOSTATE](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Goleta City Council to Consider Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health
Emergency
Date: Saturday, June 06, 2020 7:47:39 AM

Since the Resolution concerns the Public's Health, why is the Resolution narrow in scope?

Since the Resolution involves the Public's Health, will the Resolution include a condemnation of:

1. the shooting of police officers; and,
2. the stabbing of police officers; and,
3. the hurling of "missiles", such as rocks and bricks, at police officers; and,
4. the burning of police cars; and,
5. the breaking into buildings and looting the contents of the building; and,
6. the intentional burning of buildings and churches?

Thank you.

Bob Lynn

From: [Michael Cheng](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Pending Resolution to be considered
Date: Saturday, June 06, 2020 10:01:11 PM

Goleta City Council to Consider Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency

My name is Michael Cheng. I am an Asian American of Chinese descent.

I am an immigrant and I am, as defined by the prevailing social norm a person of 'color'. I have had experienced 'racism' and 'discrimination' in all formats and shade in most of my adult life growing up in this country.

**I would like to share the following comments with Honorable Members of the Council:
It is a horrific sight to see Mr. Floyd died in the hands of a law enforcement officer.**

The death of Mr. Floyd is a tragedy that we, as responsible and righteous citizens should feel enraged that it could take place in 2020.

The tragic death high lighted the effects of systemic racism and the level of racial tensions that fester throughout our society.

Punishment through condemnation and the implication to eliminate the enforcement personnel would create a lot of noise but little substance in return.

If 'Racism' is considered a 'Public Health Emergency', please inform me where I could obtain some health emergency treatments and what are these treatments?

Punishment alone does not and would not achieve any long term lasting effect on the behavior of certain rogue officer(s) who took the interpretation of the law in his/her own hands.

It is my belief that greater than 99.90% of the officers are psychological balanced with a deeply rooted desire to serve the public, or he/she would not take on this type of work as their sole profession in life.

The law enforcement community should not be painted over with the same brush and color of ink for all of its members.

The onus is on the shoulders of the current leadership and our administrative leaders to develop and to provide a constant medium to discuss community issues, race relations and mutual awareness to be carried out in a mutually respectful manner. Having continuous training is one of the key solutions.

I'm committed to the idea that only systematic change is likely to have a long term impact on eradicating prejudices and racism from our cultural norm in society.

As a form of self-awareness check: When was the last time that a law enforcement officer or even members of the council who are present here at the chamber, had a dialogue or a personal interaction(not at restaurants/stores/supporting staff of the city) with an ethnic Asian person(not students) in our City of Goleta?

There is an old Chinese proverb: 'A thousand miles starts with a first step!' I am committed personally to be a part of that change. I am prepared and ready to take the first step. There's no

one, and there is no single organization that could initiate the 'CHANGE' alone. But we can and we must definitely need to do our part. This is our only 'HOPE' in building a more 'Fair' and 'Just' society for our next generation in this country!

Sincerely,

Michael Cheng
805-689-6700

From: [Patti Corbett](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Cc: [Kyle Richards](#)
Subject: Policy changes for policing
Date: Saturday, June 06, 2020 9:09:50 AM

Do our police still have quotas to meet on arrests? If so, I think we are rewarding the wrong behavior We need to track quotas on handshakes and positive feedback and stop quotas on arrests.

From: [Edward Zutaut](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Proclamation of a public health emergency.
Date: Friday, June 05, 2020 10:18:37 PM

You can't be serious. To make a proclamation that police brutality is a public health emergency is an insult to the 99 % of police that go into harms way each day to protect people like you in the city council.

Start doing the job you are supposed to be doing and stop making political proclamations that make no sense.

You show a great lack of common sense and you inflame the situation at hand.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

From: [Gregg Hart](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency
Date: Sunday, June 07, 2020 3:05:27 PM

Ref: Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency

Public comment submission:

I applaud and strongly support the efforts to improving police enforcement policies and increasing transparency of the Sheriff's department.

I like and support the proposed letter on police brutality (relevant section referenced below), but I thought it lacked "teeth". I don't know the status or details of the contract between the city and the Sheriff's Dept., but I think it would be wise to integrate some of these "requests" into the existing contract or have one or more become prerequisites to the renewal of said contract. Otherwise it feels like a bunch of platitudes.

For instance, line 2 – "Disbanding internal department investigations of police misconduct." is an item I think you could have integrated as a requirement in current or future City/Sheriff agreements.

Some requests will remain subjective (e.g. "Prioritization of mental health services..."), but many could have objective criteria added to them and / or deadline dates applied to them. Deadline dates could be negotiated with the Sheriff, so as not to be too onerous, administratively.

I hope you will consider my suggestions.
Thank you,
Gregg

Gregg W. Hart (not the County Supervisor!) – former Goleta Parks & Rec commissioner.
6188 Covington Way
Goleta, CA 93117

Relevant excerpt from proposed letter for reference:

The proposed letter to Santa Barbara County Sheriff Bill Brown shares the City Council's position opposing policy brutality and asks for the Sheriff's support and collaboration in exploring the requests of the Healing Justice Santa Barbara organization. These requests are summarized below:

- Demanding transparency and accountability from Police Departments.
- Disbanding internal department investigations of police misconduct. –
- Creation of a civilian review board, with members selected by the community, to investigate occurrences of police misconduct.
- Prioritization of mental health services and rehabilitation before arresting and incarcerating black people.
- Updating police departments' use of force policies to center and focus on deescalation.
- Stopping the isolation/quarantine of inmates attending court or waiting to be in

contact with their lawyers.

Reducing jail admissions by redirecting people to community-based mental health and substance abuse treatment services.

Demanding institutional support for an annual Juneteenth celebration, including a city and county commitment to allocate funds for this annual celebration of black emancipation and liberation.

Gregg W. Hart

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From: [Laurie Holbrook](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Racism ? Where?
Date: Friday, June 05, 2020 9:20:50 PM

Is this really a problem in Goleta?? Actually, if you look at the stats, it's not a significant problem anywhere. Washington Post keeps stats. Please look them up and don't buy into this foolishness. SBPD/SO are great organizations. Recognize them. Don't throw them into the category of racist cops. They don't deserve it.

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From: [Melanie Jacobson](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency
Date: Saturday, June 06, 2020 1:41:04 PM

Dear City Clerk:

I would like to have this statement read into the record at the June 8th City Council meeting:

I urge the Board to take swift and bold action in light of recent protests inspired by the murder of George Floyd while in police custody. Passage of the resolution to condemn police brutality and declaring racism a public health emergency does not require courage, just decent regard for the wellbeing of all residents of Goleta. It is a symbolic act that asserts the rights and dignity of all Goletans. Such an assertion acknowledges the reality of social injustice impacting - in small and large ways - the daily lived experience of many residing here. Passing this resolution is not a referendum on the professionalism of our city police, but rather an acknowledgement of nationwide, underlying systemic injustices that need redressing. Rather, the resolution gives voice to our values and collective desire to raise awareness, hold a mirror to our systems, and investigate how to best effect tangible and positive change so that we can live up to our name, "The Good Land."

Sincerely,
Melanie Jacobson
Goleta resident since 1998

From: [Judy Farris](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Resolution Condemning Police Brutality
Date: Saturday, June 06, 2020 4:22:40 PM

Members of the Goleta City Council,
Please add my name in support of the Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency. The events nationwide, worldwide, of the past two weeks have demonstrated that the so long overdue reckoning with the endemic racism rooted in this country at its beginning has come. The last few months have shown us that individuals, communities and nations can react, adapt and change our behaviors dramatically and quickly. I urge you to pass this Resolution today as a first step of many more that will be needed to cure the racial injustice that sickens our society.
Judy Farris

From: [Julie Sullwold](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Resolution Condemning Police Brutality/Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency
Date: Saturday, June 06, 2020 10:31:49 PM

I am heartened to hear of the resolution the Goleta City Council is considering. It is at least a step in the right direction and I hope will instill the seeds of change. Racism is, unfortunately, woven into the fabric of our culture and justice system. I witnessed it in my work as an appellate attorney representing indigent defendants in criminal appeals. As I began that work 30 years ago, it slowly dawned on me that our criminal justice system is comprised of the haves vs. the have-nots. It is not only obvious bias that poisons our communities. There is unconscious and systemic bias that runs through our society and is the water we fish swim in. It is my hope that these protests have unveiled our failings and are a watershed moment in our history, spurring us toward educating ourselves and opening our minds. In other words, effecting actual change. It is encouraging that the City of Goleta is stepping up. Thank you.

Yours very truly,
Julie Sullwold

From: [Ravid Raphael](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Resolution Regarding Police Brutality
Date: Sunday, June 07, 2020 3:51:07 PM

I would like to have this read at the June 8, 2020 City Council meeting.

Mayor Perotte and Members of the City Council:

The City Council should consider redirecting some of the funding for the County Sheriff coverage to community services better suited to dealing with problems like mental health crises, substance abuse and houselessness.

Thank you,
Ravid Raphael

From: [Carolyn Chaney](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Support
Date: Saturday, June 06, 2020 12:05:24 PM

I definitely support the City Council's proposed resolution condemning police brutality and declaring racism a public health emergency.

Further, I hope the Council will commit necessary resources for training in de-escalation techniques.

Carolyn Chaney
349 Moreton Bay Lane #1
Goleta 93117

"Tell me, what do you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" Mary Oliver

From: [Owen Grohman](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: #8CantWait
Date: Sunday, June 07, 2020 9:42:55 PM

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Has Use of Force Continuum

Thanks,

Owen Grohman
(805) 637-8596

From: [nancy.squires](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: City Council Meeting
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 9:19:19 AM

Thank you Mayor Perotte, Mayor Pro Tempore Richards and Councilmembers Aceves, Kasdin and Kyriaco for providing this opportunity to comment on these important issues. As a Goleta resident, I want to express my support for the Goleta City Council's resolution condemning police brutality and declaring racism a public health emergency. I also support the reforms described in the letter to the Santa Barbara County Sheriff. I will admit to being disappointed in the following statement:

"Keeping in mind our limited knowledge of what policies and measures you and the department have already implemented, we appreciate all and every action taken to end police brutality and systemic racism that exists in our society."

The City of Goleta dedicates almost 8 million dollars every year to police services, seemingly the largest expenditure for our small town. It is incumbent upon the City Council to know (and communicate to the public) what measures our contracted law enforcement agency has taken to address police misconduct, violence, and racial injustice. I ask you to move beyond asking politely and to demand accountability regarding these reforms.

I hope the City Council will invite Sheriff Brown to return to a future council meeting with a progress report.

respectfully,
Nancy Squires

From: [Ginger Adams](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: comment for today's 1pm meeting
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 11:10:01 AM

Good day.

Thank you for the opportunity to be heard.

I have had the honor of raising my children personally and being home with them for the majority of their lives. My oldest is 21 years old and my youngest is 12 years old.

It occurred to me, some time ago, that "racism" is introduced to them after they leave the home environment and enter the public and charter school systems.

An example of this is the subject of Civil Rights. My children have never been taught about their Civil Rights to Vote, to a Fair Trial, To Bear Arms. However, they have been taught, ad nauseum, about women's right to vote and equality and the black community's rights to vote and equality. I believe it is time for the government-funded school system to step up and take responsibility for their part in the ongoing racism and equality issues. America as a whole, to provide TRUE EQUALITY, could greatly benefit from removing the "race/ethnicity" portion of all paperwork. This would include, but not be limited to medical, school, employment, and government assistance documents. We could even go as far as to stop requiring gender information. Humans are humans.

I have law enforcement agents, whom I personally know, and I pray for their safety daily. The challenges they face, while doing their jobs to keep the peace and enforce OUR laws, has never been more dangerous. I completely agree that there are some old systems that need to be addressed, as well as the possibility of NOT choosing to hire candidates who have unchecked anger and rage issues.

Thank you again for the opportunity to be heard. You too, have a very difficult job and are in my continued thoughts and prayers.

From: [Jeanne Northsinger](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: comment on resolution on racism
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 9:42:20 AM

**Honorable City Council Members,
I support adopting the "Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency" by unanimous decision.**

Beyond that gesture, I urge the council to develop an agenda to address the disparities that promote this public health emergency. One step might be to assess the demographics of the employees of the city of Goleta to identify whether it is representative of the community's ethnic diversity at all levels from top down, and not just as a total percentage. After that determination, make a commitment to improve the numbers, if indicated, and measure them again each year until the numbers are a true reflection of the people of our community.

Seek out ideas and proposals to address and remedy the root of race issues at the local level. Commit to the sustained effort that is required to make our society and culture more equitable.

Thank you for introducing this resolution and for considering action steps to strengthen our community.

**Sincerely,
Jeanne Northsinger
Goleta resident**

From: [Kate Metropolis](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Cc: [Kate Metropolis](#)
Subject: comment re: resolution condemning police brutality
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 8:47:41 AM

To the members of the Goleta City Council:

I support a resolution to condemn police brutality. As citizens, we must address head-on the issue of police brutality and sustained injustices against people who are not straight white males. We must also support and defend the Constitutional right of all Americans to peacefully assemble and to be heard.

Since George Floyd was casually murdered by a police officer, while other officers stood by and did nothing to prevent this atrocious act, some police in some cities have rioted against protesters. They have often attacked people of color. And journalists.

Such brutal actions must end. Goleta should stand in community with all who are hurting, and stand for the propositions that federal, state, and local governments are accountable to

—expel and prosecute police officers for even one instance of excessive force or the failure to prevent it, and

—ensure that every police killing is independently and transparently investigated.

Respectfully,

Katharine Metropolis
Goleta, CA 93117

From: afeld22@aol.com
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: emailed comment for June 8 virtual meeting
Date: Sunday, June 07, 2020 6:31:20 PM

The following column will be published in the upcoming Goleta's Gazette June 14:

The Two Wolves

(I'm sure some of you have hear a rendition of the following story, but I think it bears repeating at this time of social upheaval)

A young Indian girl once approached her chief in confusion. She wanted to know why some people were good sometimes, but bad at other times. The chief said, "Every human being has two wolves inside of them, a good wolf and a bad wolf. They both fight for domination of that being." The young lady thought about that answer and asked, "Which wolf wins?" The chief replied, "The one you feed."

Yes, we all have the potential of anger, greed, fear, meanness, confusion, and jealousy inside of us. And, of course, we also have the possibility of empathy, calmness, understanding, clarity, love, and peace awaiting our attention. What we choose is up to us.

I've made a pledge to my own heart that I will do my best to "feed" my good wolf. Of course, I see the cruelty, injustice, and insanity that our fellow humans inflict on each other, but any contribution on my part to improve the situation must come from a source of goodness or it will never accomplish anything except more pain and suffering.

Allen Feld- Goleta resident

From: [Mary Fleming](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Goleta Council meeting on Police Reform
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 8:43:53 AM

To the Goleta City Council,

Please read the following on our behalf to be read into the record at the council meeting today.

In light of the extraordinary events surrounding the horrific police murder of George Floyd, we need to reform the police practice of using force. We favor a national standard, but until that happens we should adopt policies locally that will likely be in line with a National Standard once it passes. We would suggest the following to be incorporated as policy because we have evidence they will reduce unnecessary police assaults and killings:

1. Require all alternatives (ie tazor) of force to be used before shooting. the objective of force should be submission and compliance, not assault of killing.
2. Require all use of force to be reported as a matter of police record.
3. Dismissal of police officers with repeated complaints of abuse (regardless of union protections)
4. Ban Chokeholds
5. Require officers to intervene (and report) the use of excessive force by other officers.
6. Require officers to announce they are police and are about to shoot their guns with deadly force if the suspect does not comply with direction.
7. An annual independent (community group) review of police performance
8. Require all body cameras to be on.

Thank you for considering our ideas for better police reform.

Forrest & Mary Fleming
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Goleta, CA 93117

Mary Fleming
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From: [ALAN MC INTOSH](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: June 8th resolution support
Date: Sunday, June 07, 2020 7:24:41 PM

Dear Madam Mayor and City Council Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for a resolution condemning police brutality and declaring racism a public health emergency.

In light of the last 2 weeks of protests following yet another horrific example of police brutality of an African American, I believe this is a step in right the direction of taking a harder line against racism and for justice.

In the words of Dr. Bernice King, " The history of this nation was founded in violence. If we are going to move forward, we are going to have to deconstruct these systems of violence."

I am very appreciative of the great work you all are doing for our wonderful city of Goleta!

Sincerely,

Kathy McIntosh

From: [Juliet West](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Police brutality
Date: Sunday, June 07, 2020 9:39:55 PM

My name is Juliet West and I would like to add my name to the list of people demanding that you declare racism a public health emergency and prohibit police brutality in the future. The system must be changed! The systemic racism must end!

Please listen to the voice of the people.

Juliet west
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Katherine Olson](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Public comment
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 10:14:34 AM

Hello,

I'm a Goleta resident, and I strongly urge you to pass the resolution condemning police brutality and declaring racism a public health emergency. This action is long overdue and is a necessary step to work toward safety and justice for ALL people in our beautiful city. Black Lives Matter!

Thank you,

Katherine L. Olson, Ph.D.
Licensed Psychologist, PSY 26091

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From: [Laura Duncan Wilgus](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Public comment for Goleta City Council Meeting on Racism 6/8/20
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 10:10:14 AM

My name is Laura Duncan and I am a Goleta resident. I love my Ellwood community and feel proud and fortunate to be raising my four children here. It is imperative that our town condemn police brutality and declare racism a public health emergency. We must take a strong stance and dedicate ourselves to justice for Black and Brown lives. We have immense privilege in this small city and we need to use it to shout down the racism and white supremacy that is endemic in our community and across the country. We will fight to ensure that the Good Land is good for all. Thank you.

Laura Duncan
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408.621.3471

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lorin Cuendet](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Public comment
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 9:30:41 AM

Dear Goleta City Council,

I am writing as Goleta resident to voice my support of the resolution to condemn police brutality and to declare racism a public health emergency.

Best regards,

Lorin Cuendet

From: [Matt Bartos](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Resolution Condemning Police Brutality & Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 9:41:59 AM

Public Comment Record:

I demand the Goleta City Council pass a resolution condemning police brutality and declaring racism a public health emergency.

Silence is violence. Action! Now!

Matt Bartos
Goleta, CA

From: [Jane Fehrenbacher](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Racism
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 9:10:38 AM

I urge the Council to condemn racism in all forms and especially any aspect done through policing in Goleta. Funds are needed for community health, education, housing.

Thank you,
Jane Fehrenbacher

From: [Craig Leets](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Re: Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 10:52:13 AM

Dear Goleta Mayor and Councilmembers,

I write with enthusiastic support of the Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency as a resident of the city of Goleta. It is essential that our city does not assume that we are immune from the racism, white supremacy, and police brutality that plagues our country with particularly deadly consequences for Black people. It is long overdue that legislators, business and community leaders, and individuals make a strong commitment to address those forces which threaten the lives of members of our community. Every person in our city deserves equitable access to the benefits of living here, and we must work to eliminate the barriers that prevent this. I hope that with the passing of this resolution, the City of Goleta can be more committed to the on-going work of dismantling racism, white supremacy, and police brutality so that Black, Indigenous, and other people of color find Goleta to be as welcoming and comfortable a place to live as the white members of our community. I look forward to seeing the passing of this Resolution and the resulting actions that will occur to make this resolution more than just a one-time statement from our city. I am eager to join the Mayor and Councilmembers in this work to make Goleta a better place for everyone.

Sincerely,
Craig Leets

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Craig Leets Jr.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead

From: sheri.grose@gmail.com
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Re: resolution
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 8:03:43 AM

To the City Council:

I do not understand the need for a “resolution condemning police brutality and declaring racism a public health emergency” in Goleta. Did we have an incident of police brutality in Goleta? Isn't police brutality and racism just something morally wrong that people should have the common sense to know it is wrong? Does the government really need to declare it? This is ridiculous that we are over-reacting to the Georg Floyd incident in MN. What happened there was wrong, but we have not had this issue to my knowledge. We are making this an issue by creating such resolutions. People need to have common sense and decency to treat each other with respect—I don't care what color you are. This is not a city council issue. What will this resolution accomplish?

Sheri Grose
Goleta citizen

From: [Elizabeth B](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Resolution Comment
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 9:12:04 AM

I am grateful to have called Goleta home for 25 years, attending UCSB and raising my own family here.

I would be even more proud of our amazing city if the council voted to pass the Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency. Please vote yes and show your support for all who live in Goleta.

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*I have decided to stick with love.
Hate is too great a burden to bear.*

Martin Luther King, Jr.

From: [Lisa Oglesby](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Resolution Condemning Police Brutality & Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency
Date: Sunday, June 07, 2020 10:08:14 PM

Councilmembers,

I write to you in support of the Resolution Condemning Police Brutality & Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency. This action is long overdue and crucially important for EVERY community to take on in the work towards equal justice for all.

Furthermore, I support the demands of Black Lives Matter Santa Barbara and Healing Justice Santa Barbara to work to reform the policies, standards, and practices of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department which are a part of the culture of injustice and brutality by police including: Demanding transparency and accountability from Police Departments.

- Disbanding internal department investigations of police misconduct.
- Creation of a civilian review board, with members selected by the community, to investigate occurrences of police misconduct.
- Prioritization of mental health services and rehabilitation before arresting and incarcerating black people.
- Updating police departments' use of force policies to center and focus on de-escalation.
- Stopping the isolation/quarantine of inmates attending court or waiting to be in contact with their lawyers.
- Reducing jail admissions by redirecting people to community-based mental health and substance abuse treatment services.
- Demanding institutional support for an annual Juneteenth celebration, including city and county commitment to allocate funds for this annual celebration of black emancipation and liberation.

I have been a Goleta resident for 27 years. I work here, own a home here, my children go to local schools, and I support this community. I am glad to see my hometown take on a forward vision of anti-racist work and to be committed to anti-racist outcomes.

Thank you for your time.
- Lisa Oglesby

From: [Denise Williams](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 6:59:54 AM

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I strongly support your Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency. Thank you for taking such timely action to make Goleta a land where everyone is treated with dignity, respect, and fairness.

Sincerely,

Denise Williams, Ph.D.

From: [Jim Pearson](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 10:45:52 AM

I request that the Goleta City Clerk read this statement into the record:

I urge the Goleta City Council to pass the Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health emergency. I recognize that Goleta has been designated one of the safest cities in California. I also appreciate the way our new chief of police, Lt. Rich Brittingham, recently introduced himself and shared his positive vision of working with the community. Since police brutality hardly seems a local matter of concern, the need for such a resolution may not feel necessary or urgent. But events across the nation since the murder of George Floyd make clear the need for systemic reform of police training and practices. Police need to move away from models of law enforcement that rely on command and control methods which aim to dominate situations using the threat or use of force. Our community must be willing to stand publicly with those saying that all people, particularly people of color, should be served and protected by peace officers. When opportunities arise for Procedural Justice Training members of the department should be encouraged to take such training if they haven't already had it. If the Goleta police do not currently follow comprehensive reporting procedures, I further urge the department to adopt this policy which requires officers to report both uses of force and all threats and attempted uses of force. These are basic ways to help other folks in our community who don't look like me, an old white man, begin to feel the same level of security I have.

Sincerely, Jim Pearson, a resident in Goleta since 1996, well before incorporation

From: [Diana Puente](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 10:53:51 AM

Dear City Clerk,

I would like to have this statement read into the record at the council meeting.

My name is Diana Collins Puente. I am a Goleta resident and I join Black Lives Matter Santa Barbara, Juneteenth SB and Healing Justice Santa Barbara in all the demands they have made to our elected officials. It is way past time for our communities to act.

I strongly support the adoption of "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency." I also support the proposed letter from the Goleta Mayor to Santa Barbara County Sheriff Bill Brown regarding police brutality and racism on behalf of the City Council.

These are but small steps in the long term, sustained effort that must be taken to dismantle anti-Blackness in our institutions, structures and systems. The time to act is now.

Sincerely,
Diana Collins Puente

From: [Laura Reske](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 7:27:12 AM

Dear Mayor, Mayor Pro Temper and Goleta City Council Members,

I am writing to strongly urge that the Goleta City Council adopt a resolution condemning police brutality and declare racism a public health emergency. Please take action that will begin the process of needed change and healing of our community. Let us be one of the rays of sunshine that shines through the dark clouds of suffering in this time.

Laura Reske, MD
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From: [leogo1717](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Resolution Condemning Police Brutality
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 8:49:09 AM

Please accept our comments on the resolution being discussed today. Racism is not welcome anywhere. Our city must be committed to work to ensure that everyone feels safe and welcome. We must be committed to provide a healthy community and opportunity for people of color to engage. However, we don't see this as a formal "Public Health Emergency" for Goleta.

As you go through this process, please remember also the other demographics of our area and California which are 40-45% Hispanic/Latino and about 15% Asian. If we are going to have a resolution on racism, we must include these groups - which are growing ethnicities along with people from the Middle East. All of these people, along with people who are of black ethnicity, must be treated equitably without favoritism of one group over another and have equal opportunities. We favor government staff, boards and committees ethnicity makeup to match the ethnicity makeup of the communities they serve.

Thank you.
Name Withheld

From: [Sarah Innes-Gold](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Resolution no. 20
Date: Sunday, June 07, 2020 8:57:38 PM

To the City Council of Goleta,

I have been a resident of Goleta for five years. I am writing to express my support for the proposed Resolution No. 20, declaring racism as a public health emergency and authorizing the mayor to send a letter to Santa Barbara Sheriff Bill Brown.

I hope that you will continue to work towards implementing the requests of the Healing Justice Santa Barbara organization and making positive change in our community.

Best wishes,
Sarah Innes-Gold

From: [Ravid Raphael](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Revised letter to City Council RE: Resolution Regarding Police Brutality
Date: Sunday, June 07, 2020 5:27:28 PM

I would like this modified email instead of my earlier one read at the City Council meeting on June 8, 2020.

Thank you,
Ravid Raphael

Mayor Perotte and Members of the City Council:

I support the City Council passing the Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency.

Additionally, the Council should consider and implement other strategies to minimize inappropriate and unnecessary use of police force.

One such strategy the City Council should consider is redirecting some of the funding for the County Sheriff Department public safety services to community services better suited to dealing with problems like mental health crises, substance abuse and houselessness.

This would reduce the need for the Sheriff's Department having to intervene in situations where other skills would result in better outcomes and potentially less harm to our community.

Thank you,
Ravid and Arlene Raphael

From: [Jennifer Smith](#)
To: [Paula Perotte](#); [Stuart Kasdin](#); [James Kyriaco](#); [Kyle Richards](#); [Roger Aceves](#)
Cc: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Statement in Support of Resolution
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 8:49:54 AM

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I write in strong support of the Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health emergency. I am grateful to local leaders within the Black Lives Matter movement for their leadership on these issues. I was horrified to see the video of the killing of George Floyd and I continue to be outraged by the continued reports we have heard from across the nation about the killing of our black brothers and sisters by law enforcement officials. For too long, the dehumanization of black lives has been the norm in our country. It is time to make real change.

Growing up in San Diego, I witnessed my mother working closely with law enforcement officers through her work as a CPS social worker, and in my work as a legal aid attorney, I have seen the work officers do countywide to support survivors of domestic violence. I know that law enforcement officials share in our city's commitment to condemn brutality and to condemn racism that threatens the lives of black men and women.

However, in reading the proposed letter to the Sheriff, I see an admission that at least some of our city leaders do not have much knowledge about the current policies, procedures, and statistics from the Sheriff's office. This is not acceptable. For too long, the city's relationship with the Sheriff's office has continued on auto-pilot. We must do better. Now is an opportunity for city leaders to set expectations and standards for its relationship with the Sheriff's office. What type of community oversight do we have? What are the de-escalation policies? How does the Sheriff's office engage with the black community? Or other marginalized communities?

Campaign Zero has some good information about various policies/reforms that reduce police brutality:

<https://www.joincampaignzero.org/solutions#solutionsoverview>

The status quo is no longer good enough.

Thank you for your leadership and for ensuring that black lives matter.

Sincerely,
Jennifer R. Smith
Goleta, CA
jrsmith98@gmail.com

From: [Amanda Bartos](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 11:45:06 AM

Public Comment Record:

I demand the Goleta City Council pass a resolution condemning police brutality and declaring racism a public health emergency.

Amanda Bartos
Goleta, CA

From: [Luz Reyes-Martin](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Public Comment
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 11:38:14 AM

Good Afternoon Mayor Perotte, Mayor Pro Tem Richards and Councilmembers,

I write with my full support for the action the Council is considering today - to adopt a resolution condemning police brutality and declaring racism a public health emergency and authorizing the Mayor to sign and send a letter to Santa Barbara Sheriff Bill Brown.

I am proud to be a resident of this City and to count on the moral courage of our elected leaders. This is a historic time for our community and our country.

Resolutions and letters are important steps that make clear to the community what your values are.

I urge the City to approve the measures before you today and not stop there. Continue engaging with community activists. We must declare and take action to show our community that Black Lives Matter in Goleta.

Thank you,

Luz Reyes-Martin
Goleta resident
Trustee, Goleta Union School District

June 8, 2020

Mayor Perotte and City Council members.

I am Gary Vandeman, a resident of Goleta for 49 years.

I just saw the new agenda for Monday. Are you serious? You are wasting staff time and resources to pass a "Duh" ordinance. How about adding opposition to forest fires and favoring puppies and kittens.

This laundry list of demands without attendant funding is a showboat. These demands for a feel-good memo to the Sheriff will suck time and resources from already underfunded law enforcement agencies.

The existence of this memo can be interpreted as an admission of guilt for events that never happened locally, and over which you would have had no control. Include local examples of each of the problems that the memo stipulates. What productive changes are you addressing for Goleta?

While some of the memo items are worth considering, the last one is pure case of racism. It divides one group of citizens from the others. I believe in equal rights and responsibility for all humans. The goal should be to lift the underserved to equal status. It should not be to create yet more divisions. Bear in mind that the word diversity has its root in division, not in unity. We need less diversity/division, not more.

Other memo items are specifically to protect the criminals from the public, in contrast to protecting the public.

Is this resolution a case of showing leadership by running to the front of the parade?

Or are you cowards bowing to a few noisy anarchists?

At the very least, add the Forest Fires, puppies and kittens to the list.

As for Solidarity - - - replace this stupid memo with a tangible show of solidarity. How about having all City Employees and Contractors forfeit a months pay to show solidarity with the thousands of Goleta business owners and employees that have lost Four Months of income. The negative impacts to the economy, the culture and families have yet to be fully appreciated. Why are we non-government employees required to make sacrifices not required of our ruling class. Who gave the governments the privilege of declaring themselves "essential"?

Call on your Grant's committee to immediately submit a list of those to receive the funds thus collected. I will add my \$2400.

Thank you for your consideration.

-Gary Vandeman

From: [Gail Gillies](mailto:gillies@cox.net)
To: goleta@public.govdelivery.com; [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: FW: P.S. Reply from Gail G. re: City Council to Consider Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 11:36:11 AM

To add to what I wrote below, having just read the Opinions article in the 6/4/20 issue of The Independent on p.17 entitled No More Hollow Statements, I hope you conferred with organizations such as the Santa Barbara Chapter of Black Lives Matter, etc. to make sure they as local black residents had input in your Resolution and are satisfied that it includes all of their demands and wishes. In my reading of that Independent article and your Resolution, it appears that it does cover all of their demands and wishes. If so, congratulations, and I hope your Resolution gets passed at your Goleta City Council meeting today at 1 PM.

Regards,
Gail G.
Resident of Goleta

From: Gail Gillies [mailto:ggillies3@cox.net]
Sent: Friday, June 05, 2020 10:41 PM
To: 'goleta@public.govdelivery.com' <goleta@public.govdelivery.com>
Subject: Reply from Gail G. re: City Council to Consider Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency

I think this is wonderful that you are doing this and hope very much that your Resolution will be voted in as a Yes with that action taken including the letter to Sheriff Brown. Police need to be reminded to be Guardians of all people and the peace and not Warriors. Police culture needs to be changed as does the criminal justice system.

Gail G.
Resident of Goleta

From: City of Goleta [mailto:goleta@public.govdelivery.com]
Sent: Friday, June 05, 2020 8:13 PM
To: ggillies3@cox.net
Subject: City Council to Consider Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency

City News



Goleta City Council to Consider Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency

On Monday, June 8, 2020 at 1:00 p.m., the Goleta City Council will hold a virtual special meeting to consider a resolution condemning police brutality and declaring racism a public health emergency. The resolution is being considered by the council following the recent tragedy against George Floyd and the ensuing activism, advocacy, and protests that have developed across the country.

Community members can participate by watching the virtual meeting and/or providing a comment. View the staff report here: <https://tinyurl.com/y97cysgn>.

Participation by E-mail

You can submit an e-mail comment to cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org by noon on Monday, June 8, 2020 to have it read into the record at the council meeting. Please make sure your e-mail comment does not exceed three minutes.

Participation by Phone For community members who want to participate in the meeting by phone:

1. Email cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org to be added to the speaker list. Please **state your name, your phone number**.
2. Dial-in 10 minutes prior to the start of the meeting (1:00 p.m.): Toll-Free Dial-in: (866) 580-6521
Participant passcode: 72295187 followed by #
3. PLEASE MUTE YOUR PHONE UNTIL YOU ARE CALLED TO SPEAK. If you do not have a mute button, you may mute by pressing the star key followed by the number six (* 6). You can unmute by pressing the same keys (* 6). Comments from the public are limited to 3 minutes per speaker.
4. Please be respectful and mindful while making your comment; children may be watching the broadcast of the meeting and appropriate language is expected.

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From: [Gabrielle Abraham](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Comment on Resolution 20-222
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 11:51:11 AM

I wish for this to be read into the record.

My name is Gabrielle Abraham. I am a voting resident of Goleta. I am in favor of Resolution 20-222, but only as a first step. I believe this Resolution does little to help the people of color in Goleta, but does begin the conversation in Goleta. Resolution 20-222 should be the first of many Resolutions:

Future Resolutions should demand that the city decreases the police budget and invests the money into our community, schools, and hospitals. Future Resolutions should mandate every point listed in the letter to the Sheriff Bill Brown. I support future resolutions that will actually make a difference.

Please consider passing Resolution 20-222 today, but also supporting a future Resolutions that take definitive action.

Gabrielle

From: [CS Silvers](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Comment for today's council meeting
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 11:18:00 AM

Dear Members of Goleta City Council.

I write today in support of Goleta's adoption of a resolution condemning police brutality and declaring racism a public health emergency. I also encourage Goleta to go beyond words and to make changes in their policing. Therefore, in light of Goleta's contract with Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office, I also support the demands of Black Lives Matter Santa Barbara for:

- Transparency and accountability from the SB County Sheriff.
- Updated use of force policy that centers de-escalation.
- No isolation or quarantine for inmates attending court or contacting their lawyers.
- Reduced jail admissions by redirecting people to community-based mental health and substance abuse treatment services.

Thank you,
Cressida Silvers

Phebe Mansur

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City of Goleta
130 Cremona Drive
Goleta CA 93117

RE: June 8, 2020 Agenda Item A1 Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency (please read aloud at council meeting)

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

My name is Phebe Mansur. I am a resident and business owner in Goleta Old Town.

I devoted 10 years to working with homeless in my neighborhood. Former Community Resource Officer Deputy Dave Valadez was the officer whom I interacted with the most. It is my opinion that he represents the best of the best of law enforcement. I witnessed first-hand his quiet strength, kindness, and patience while dealing with recalcitrant individuals.

There are acts of brutality documented against all ethnicities. We currently have a Goleta resident who is a Caucasian male who was subjected to police brutality. He was: 1) injured by the officer which resulted in permanently disabling him, 2) wrongfully arrested, imprisoned, and later fully acquitted, and 3) subjected to on-going harassment by Goleta police - - This Goleta resident is worthy of the same attention, regardless of his skin color.

Brutality acted upon any sentient being, human or otherwise, is inexcusable. But when brutality is wielded unjustly and with disregard by trusted public servants (law enforcement), the act is not only inexcusable, but it is a betrayal. In order for law enforcement to be effective, there must be trust. Action needs to be taken to eliminate or at least reduce future incidences.

The proposed resolution as it is currently written excludes by omission all other ethnicities by calling out a specific ethnic group. Calling a single ethnic group when all groups are abused gives priority to this specific ethnicity and is demeaning to those groups which are not called out - - either identify the laundry list of all groups or none.

We live in a good land where community members treat each other most of the time with kindness and respect. In 2018 Goleta ranked #53 of the safest cities in California to live and out ranked Santa Barbara which came in at #283. During the CCP virus pandemic, our community came together and supported each other – making and donating masks to those in need, offering to run errands, and other unheralded acts of kindness. We should be proud that we are active participants in creating one of the safest, most accepting, and least racist communities in our nation.

We may be listed as one of the safest California cities, but we have at least one case of police brutality, and that is one too many. We need to encourage ongoing law enforcement training programs to

Phebe Mansur

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continue to produce many more officers with the attitude and skill set of former Deputy Dave Valadez who was loved by all who knew him.

There is another side to this issue that has yet to be mentioned: the community also has a responsibility to having a safe community: abiding the rule of law is a responsibility for which the community is accountable; and trusting law enforcement is another. That trust has been called into question by those in other California counties and other states. It is incumbent upon the City to ensure adequate training of law enforcement and providing opportunities for the community to establish positive relationships with law enforcement, such as participating in National Night Out or other public relation events.

It is my opinion that the City of Goleta might consider issuing a proclamation in honor of residents and businesses who sacrificed of themselves some of whom suffered financially, mentally, and in ways we cannot understand at this time, to comply with the lockdown measures to 'flatten the curve'. We should also recognize fire, law enforcement and medical staff who continued to work to keep our community operational and safe.

Should the City feel the need to issue a proclamation, it should be on behalf of all community members regardless of ethnicity, religious persuasion, or sexual orientation.

As always I appreciate my First Amendment Right to free speech and the opportunity to express my views.

Sincerely,



Phebe Mansur

From: [Jack Weber](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: City Council Meeting
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 11:58:25 AM

Comments for today's resolution meeting.

As we consider a resolution about police brutality and racism, we need to also consider a resolution to help police as we have failed them completely by passing on to them all the responsibility for societal problems no one wants and mostly giving them only crude militarized equipment to solve them.

Who are we kidding to think that passing another “resolution” is going to change anything? All a resolution does is to make us feel good by turning police into scapegoats and clear our conscious. Yes, police are out of control but we have not only allow for this, we have encouraged it. To a large extent we say to our police to just take care of our problems (the poor, the sick, the minorities and those who question authority). And, if that takes military like force to do this, we will look the other way.

Providing the police with all kinds of weapons to clean up our community should not be their job. The job of police is to serve and protect communities, not to throw people in jail. In a caring community, throwing people in jail (whether they do it humanly or brutally) should be seen as a failure, not the goal of any department!

So let's throw way our current perception of police and ask them to achieve the goal they are meant to provide: to serve and protect. Let's train them properly and then send them out into the community as our eyes - not looking for people to throw in jail but looking for people who need help and working with other community agencies to get them that help. Putting people in jail, punishing them and destroying lives should not be the goal of police – getting people needed help and support should be their goal.

In a good society, threatening citizens and putting them in jail should be looked upon as a failure of that society, not the police. The police are only the tool which represents what a community wants or is willing to accept. And, unless we are blind or uncaring, we have to admit that police, as they are now directed and outfitted represent a failing society. They have been given the wrong goal and they are draining precious funds from more positive and constructive community programs. If we reduce the cost of trials, jails, prisons and lawsuits against the police for inappropriate action, there would be more than enough money to fund public health services to do their jobs properly.

Yes, if it makes you feel better, pass your resolution about police brutality and racism but don't stop there. If you really want to help, if you really want to make a difference, make a resolution to reconsider our entire public health system with the police serving its appropriate part of that system. If you really want to make a difference, pass a resolution to have the issue of public health (working proactively with the police) be an important part of every one of your meetings. **Don't let this meeting be a one time (feel good) effort! Don't throw away this opportunity to make some real change.** Where possible, defund the police from being the cleanup crew for our society's “problems.” Instead, turn the police into a positive and

productive part of our community effort to make us a better community for everyone. Turn policing into a positive part of our public health program reflecting a good, compassionate and healthy community in which one person going to jail or the building of one more prison is seen as a failure. Why should we strive for anything less?

Jack Weber

805 685-3875

From: [Jenny Selvidge](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: comment for meeting on 6/8/20
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 11:59:32 AM

Dear council members,

I urge you to adopt this resolution acknowledging that racism is a public health emergency and asking for a more collaborative approach with the sheriff's department. However, I am concerned by the implication made in the letter that the mayor and city council are currently unaware of which, if any, policies have been implemented by the sheriff's department to prevent police brutality and racial profiling. I hope that the city council will work with the sheriff to ensure all of the department's policies are easily accessible to the public. I additionally hope the city council and mayor will work with the sheriff's department and the county government to create a civilian review board not only to investigate instances of police misconduct, but also to review the department's policies and practices at large.

Thank you,
Jennifer Selvidge

-----Original Message-----

From: Emma Parker [<mailto:emmaparker116@gmail.com>]

Sent: Saturday, June 06, 2020 5:36 PM

To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>

Subject: Comment on Resolution regarding Police Brutality/Racism as a Public Health Emergency

Dear City Council Members and Mayor Perotte,

Thank you for proposing the resolution regarding Police Brutality and Racism as a Public Health Emergency. These are critical issues facing our nation and, since we have so far failed to take a stand, it is vitally important that we do so now. I fully support the spirit behind this resolution, but I don't think it goes far enough. I would submit the following suggestions and questions to consider:

- * Please edit this document to capitalize the word "Black." In the words of Lori L. Tharps, "Black with a capital B refers to people of the African diaspora. Lowercase black is simply a color." More on why this is an important distinction can be found here <<https://cssp.org/2020/03/recognizing-race-in-language-why-we-capitalize-black-and-white/>> .
- * Can you confirm how much of our local budget is allocated to police? How does that compare to budget allocations for mental health resources, education, and the arts? If I'm reading the "Budget in Brief" correctly, the annual planned expenditures for the city are on the order of \$40-50M and the police force is slated to get \$8M of that. This seems disproportionate to the policing needs for a city the size of Goleta with the crime footprint of Goleta.
- * Finally, I urge you to be more specific in your language around "updating use of force policies." The 8cantwait organization seems to have experts making clear recommendations on use of force by police (<https://8cantwait.org/>).

Again, I want to praise and support the impulse behind this resolution, but I also know that Goleta the Goodland can and should do better and go further in our mission to disband the systematic White Supremacy that has formed the underpinning of our nation for over 200 years.

Thank you for your consideration,

Emma Parker, PhD

-----Original Message-----

From: Liz Zok [<mailto:elazok@gmail.com>]

Sent: Saturday, June 06, 2020 7:44 PM

To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>; Liz Zok <elazok@gmail.com>

Subject: To be read into public record at June 8, 2020 Goleta City Council Meeting please

Dear City Clerk:

I would like to have this statement read into the record at the June 8th Goleta City Council meeting:

I have made our beautiful city of Goleta my home for the past 31 years. I'm grateful for the opportunity to respectfully use my white privilege to urge you, Mayor Perotte and Goleta City Council Members, to pass a resolution condemning police brutality and declaring racism a public health emergency. I also urge you to commit resources for training in de-escalation procedures.

I further urge you to adopt all 8 of the following policies researched and advocated by the organization 8 can't Wait, an arm of Campaign Zero. (8cantwait.org <<http://8cantwait.org>>)

1. Ban Chokeholds and Strangleholds
2. Require de-escalation
3. Require warning before shooting
4. Require exhausting all alternatives before shooting
5. Duty to intervene
6. Ban shooting at moving vehicles
7. Require use of force continuum
8. Require comprehensive reporting.

Thank you for holding this emergency meeting on this vital topic.

Respectfully,

Liz Zok

Goleta resident since 1988

-----Original Message-----

From: Ken and Pat [<mailto:patjson@sbceo.org>]

Sent: Monday, June 08, 2020 11:05 AM

To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>

Subject: Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency

Dear Mayor Perotte and City Council Members,

I have lived in the area for 40 years and am grateful for the opportunity to write to you requesting that you pass the resolution condemning police brutality and declaring racism a public health emergency.

I am a reading teacher and I have had the joy to teach a variety of local students from different backgrounds, but recently I have become aware of my “white privilege” and that of my white students. The kids I teach who are not white have so many extra burdens that weight them down on a daily basis and I can see the difficulties that this causes for these little kids and their families.

According to the CDC, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) including discrimination, police brutality, having a parent incarcerated etc. are now being identified as real public health challenges impacting on future violence, victimization, perpetration and lifelong health problems.

I also urge you to commit resources for training in de-escalation procedures.

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8. Require comprehensive reporting.

Thank you for the opportunity to write to you about this emergency meeting on such a vital topic.

Patricia Johnson
805-683-1809

-----Original Message-----

From: Kristin Otte [<mailto:okko@cox.net>]

Sent: Monday, June 08, 2020 8:37 AM

To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>

Subject: Goleta City Council to Consider Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency

June 8, 2020

Mayor Perotte and Goleta City Council Members,

I'm writing to you as a white person of privilege to urge you to pass a resolution condemning police brutality and declaring racism a Public Health Emergency. The time to be pro-active is now. The time to change history and take positive steps towards healing divisions that divide our black, brown and white communities is now.

I urge you to commit resources for training in de-escalation procedures.

I also urge you to adopt the following eight policies for policing, researched and advocated by the organization 8 Can't Wait (8cantwait.org <<http://8cantwait.org>>)

1. Ban chokeholds and strangleholds
2. Require de-escalation
3. Require warning before shooting
4. Require exhausting all alternatives before shooting
5. Duty to intervene
6. Ban shooting at moving vehicles
7. Require use of force continuum
8. Require comprehensive reporting

Thank you for holding this emergency meeting on this vital topic and being open to input and change.

Kristin Otte

5724 Armitos Ave

Goleta CA 93117

From: [Diana Puente](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Re: Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 12:20:00 PM

Dear City Clerk,

Please use this amended statement for the record:

My name is Diana Collins Puente. I am a voter and a Goleta resident. I join Black Lives Matter Santa Barbara, Juneteenth SB and Healing Justice Santa Barbara in all the demands they have made to our elected officials. It is way past time for our communities to act.

I am in favor of the adoption of "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency" as a first step and believe much more must be done. I also support a letter from the Goleta Mayor to Santa Barbara County Sheriff Bill Brown demanding action on police brutality and racism on behalf of the City Council.

These are but small steps in the long term, sustained effort that must be taken to dismantle anti-Blackness in our institutions, structures and systems. The time to act is now.

Sincerely,
Diana Collins Puente

On Mon, Jun 8, 2020 at 10:53 AM Diana Puente <puedediana@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear City Clerk,

I would like to have this statement read into the record at the council meeting.

My name is Diana Collins Puente. I am a Goleta resident and I join Black Lives Matter Santa Barbara, Juneteenth SB and Healing Justice Santa Barbara in all the demands they have made to our elected officials. It is way past time for our communities to act.

I strongly support the adoption of "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency." I also support the proposed letter from the Goleta Mayor to Santa Barbara County Sheriff Bill Brown regarding police brutality and racism on behalf of the City Council.

These are but small steps in the long term, sustained effort that must be taken to dismantle anti-Blackness in our institutions, structures and systems. The time to act is now.

Sincerely,
Diana Collins Puente

From: [Linda](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 12:20:41 PM

Dear Councilmembers,

Thank you for scheduling a hearing on a **Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency**. I support the resolution and urge you to adopt it **unanimously**.

**Linda Krop
Goleta**

From: [Jeanne Northsinger](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: please read for the record today
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 1:32:16 PM

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jeanne Northsinger <jnorthsinger@gmail.com>
Subject: comment on resolution on racism
Date: June 8, 2020 at 9:42:10 AM PDT
To: cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org

Honorable City Council Members,
I support adopting the "Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency" by unanimous decision.

Beyond that gesture, I urge the council to develop an agenda to address the disparities that promote this public health emergency. One step might be to assess the demographics of the employees of the city of Goleta to identify whether it is representative of the community's ethnic diversity at all levels from top down, and not just as a total percentage. After that determination, make a commitment to improve the numbers, if indicated, and measure them again each year until the numbers are a true reflection of the people of our community.

Seek out ideas and proposals to address and remedy the root of race issues at the local level. Commit to the sustained effort that is required to make our society and culture more equitable.

Thank you for introducing this resolution and for considering action steps to strengthen our community.

**Sincerely,
Jeanne Northsinger
Goleta resident**

From: [Fermina Murray](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Please "Read email into the record"
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 12:55:41 PM

Dear Mayor Paula Perotte and City Council Members,

Thank you very much for your swift response to address police brutality and racism.

Adoption of **Resolution Condemning Police Brutality and Declaring Racism a Health Emergency** is a milestone decision that sends a clear message to the police and public that police brutality and racism will not be tolerated in our community.

We urge you to implement, as part of this resolution, the following principles:

1. Reform the Police Force in Goleta to include Latinos and Women.
2. Reform the Police Force to include officers who speak Spanish.
3. Ban the use of chokeholds and strangleholds.
4. Require de-escalation during arrests instead of using deadly force immediately.
5. Require Officers to intervene when excessive force is being used.
6. Ban "No knock" warrants.

As you know, the highest expense in the City's budget is the Police Department. We have to honestly review this big expense and challenge its assumptions. Could some of the funds be better spent on other needs in the City?

Thank you for your consideration,

Fermina and Steve Murray
442 Danbury Court
Goleta, CA 93117

From: [Aby Garibay](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: public comment
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 1:18:03 PM

I request that my comment be read to the community. My name is Aby Garibay. I am a voting goleta resident. Black people have been under attack in this country for 400 years. First with slavery, then with Jim crow laws, then with mass incarceration. White men have a 1 in 17 chance of ending in prisons while black men have a 1 in 3 chance. The prison industrial complex makes billions of dollars off of modern day slavery. We will no longer accept this and we will not stay silent. Please defund the police department and use that money towards health care, mental health, education, healthcare, social workers, and therapists for our lower socioeconomic residents. We want community preventative programs not more officers. Please declare police brutality a public emergency and act now. Add the 8 cant wait now. Thank you.

Aby Garibay

From: [PATRICIA OLSON](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: PEC Youth Commissioner
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 5:27:51 PM

Do not defund the police!!!

Sent from my iPhone