



TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Kristy Schmidt, Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT: Resolution Condemning White Nationalism and White Supremacy

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider adoption of Resolution No. 19-__, entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Condemning White Nationalism and White Supremacy."

BACKGROUND:

The City of Goleta has a proud record of proclaiming its commitment to inclusivity, diversity and equity. However, with the recent national incidents, some of which have impacted the Goleta Community, Councilmember Kyriaco requested that staff bring a resolution that states the City's position on the issues of white supremacy and hate crimes to the City Council for consideration. Mayor Perotte supported the request.

The recent mass shootings in Dayton, El Paso, Gilroy, Thousand Oaks, and Pittsburgh are a continuation of a long line of other race, gender, religious and ethnic-based hate shootings. According to FBI statistics, hate crimes nationwide increased in 2015, 2016, and 2017, the three most recent years for which data is available.

DISCUSSION:

The City Council has expressed a commitment to making Goleta a welcoming, inclusive, and safe community for everyone, promoting free thought and speech, while condemning hate speech, bigotry, violence and prejudice.

The proposed resolution for Council's consideration (Attachment 1) makes a commitment to standing in solidarity with the people of Goleta in opposing white supremacy and creating a community where all people can safely, freely, and fully engage in our democracy.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this action.

ALTERNATIVES:


The City Council can choose not to adopt the proposed resolution.

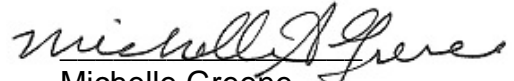
Reviewed By:

Legal Review By:

Approved By:


Kristine Schmidt
Assistant City Manager


Michael Jenkins
City Attorney


Michelle Greene
City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution Condemning White Nationalism and White Supremacy

ATTACHMENT 1:

Resolution Condemning White Nationalism and White Supremacy

RESOLUTION NO. 19-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, CONDEMNING WHITE NATIONALISM
AND WHITE SUPREMACY**

WHEREAS, City Council of the City of Goleta is proud to support policies and efforts that uphold our commitment to protect an individual's ability to experience a safe, welcoming and inclusive community in the City of Goleta; and

WHEREAS, in alignment with the goal of creating a safe and welcoming community, we value human rights, peace, respect, inclusivity and equity, and recognize that we derive strength from our diversity; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that there has been a rise of white nationalist and white supremacist groups in the United States and that the national political dialogue reflects this racial tension; and

WHEREAS, the recent mass shootings in Dayton, El Paso, Gilroy, Thousand Oaks, and Pittsburgh are a continuation of a long line of other race, gender, religious and ethnic-based hate shootings; and

WHEREAS, according to FBI statistics, hate crimes nationwide increased in 2015, 2016, and 2017, the three most recent years for which data is available; and

WHEREAS, Goleta welcomes immigrants, visitors and residents of all national origins, ethnicities, religious beliefs, gender and racial identities, sexual orientations and creeds; and

WHEREAS, the tenets of White Supremacy and White Nationalism are contrary to the values of the City of Goleta, and the ideals of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the people of the City of Goleta reject perpetrators of hate crimes and White Nationalism and White Supremacy, and their threat to public discourse and safety.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF GOLETA, AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1.

The City Council is committed to making Goleta a welcoming, inclusive, and safe community for everyone. While we promote free thought and speech, we condemn hate speech, bigotry, violence and prejudice.

SECTION 2.

The City Council is committed to standing in solidarity with the people of Goleta and is dedicated to creating a community where all people can safely, freely and fully engage in our democracy.

SECTION 3.

The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ___ day of _____ 2019.

PAULA PEROTTE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

MICHAEL JENKINS
CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA) ss.
CITY OF GOLETA)

I, DEBORAH S. LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO
HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 19-__ was duly adopted by
the City Council of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the __ day of
_____, 2019 by the following vote of the Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

(SEAL)

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK