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**To:** [City Clerk Group](#)  
**Subject:** LWVSB Comments for October 6 City Council Meeting  
**Date:** Monday, October 05, 2020 10:43:44 AM

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Mayor Perotte and Councilmembers:

The League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara (LWVSB) provides these comments for your consideration on October 20.

**1) Re: termination or amendment to residential and commercial evictions and foreclosures moratoria.**

*The League supports protection of the rights of both tenants and landlords. LWVSB recommends that the City end its residential eviction moratorium and allow AB 3088 to apply so that the equities between landlords and tenants would be more balanced.*

**2) Re: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

*The League is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in principle and in practice. LWVSB supports the formation of a DEI Team to advise the City Manager on operationalizing the commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion in all dimensions of City government. We urge you to expand your anti-racism activities and use the DEI lens in all aspects of your governance and dealings with the community.*

**3) Re: Mayor's letter to Santa Barbara County Sheriff Bill Brown regarding police brutality and racism.**

*We applaud the City Council for condemning police brutality and declaring racism a public health emergency and for working with all stakeholders. We recommend that the City Council send the Mayor's revised letter to the SBSO in order to document and re-iterate the important points made in the letter.*

Sincerely,

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October 6, 2020

To: Mayor Paula Perotte and Goleta City Council Members

Fr: Anna Everett, PhD, and Candidate for SBCC Board of Trustees-Area 4

Re: Letter of Support for City of Goleta's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Efforts

It is with great enthusiasm that I offer my unqualified support of the City of Goleta's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Plan that includes adopting several timely Resolutions that commit to addressing structural racism and eliminating barriers to success and achievement across Goleta City government's programs and activities that include, employment, public contracting and leasing, Library programming, voting and holding elected and appointed public office, communications and language interactions, and more. What I appreciate about this forward leaning move to position the City of Goleta at the forefront of real and meaningful change to address criminal justice reform, to develop a zero-tolerance standard for police brutality and racism, to terminate the moratoria on residential and commercial evictions and foreclosures, and bringing it all together to support the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to direct this timely and needed Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Plan consisting of two City Councilmembers.

I am a proud resident of Santa Barbara County, living in "Noleta" for more than 18 years. I moved to Santa Barbara more than 22 years ago when I was hired as a professor at UC Santa Barbara. I am also very active as a volunteer in many respected civic organizations and groups in this area. For years I've proudly served and continue to serve as a Commissioner and former chair of the Santa Barbara County Commission for Women, as a board member of the non-partisan Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee, and as a board member of the Democratic Women of Santa Barbara, among other volunteer activities and opportunities I enjoy and engage with. I retired from UC Santa Barbara last July 2019, and delight in having the time to spend more time with these groups that help channel my commitment to improving my community especially now in this COVID pandemic moment. I am running for the open SBCC Board of Trustees-Area 4 seat, and bringing a strong background in diversity, equity, and inclusion, and my academic background are parts of my reasons for running. This is also why I am qualified to speak on this crucial matter.

The City of Goleta is making the right move with this new DEI plan. And along with my support for this effort, I am happy to offer my own expertise as a Diversity and Inclusion expert to assist with this important work. During my 22+ years at UCSB, I was an Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Academic Policy, the Director of the UCSB Center for Black Studies, and Department Chair. My own research and teaching specialty is in Race and Media, so I am fully aware of what Goleta's brave decision to engage with this DEI Effort entails, particularly given the City's public commitment to this effort emanating from the top of the City's highest leadership and administration. Goleta is making the right choice at the right time. Please count of me to help bring this project to fruition in any way I possibly can.

Sincerely,  
Anna Everett, PhD

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anna Everett", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.