

Resolution No. _____

A resolution affirming the City of Arlington's commitment to equity for its residents of all racial, ethnic and national origins in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and acknowledging the devastating impact on seniors and members of the African-American and Hispanic communities

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 global pandemic has significantly impacted the health, social and economic fabric of the community within the City of Arlington; and

WHEREAS, the disproportionate impact of the novel Coronavirus has been on those over age 65 and the African-American and Hispanic communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arlington is committed to equity, fairness, justice, and protecting its most vulnerable residents; and

WHEREAS, the City's commitment to equity in the community is demonstrated by the City's COVID-19 testing approach, communication strategies and housing assistance programs related to the pandemic and the health and economic damages it has caused; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS:

I.

That the City of Arlington is committed to equity for its residents of all racial, ethnic and national origins in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and acknowledges the pandemic's devastating impact on those over age 65 and members of the African-American and Hispanic communities.

II.

That the City of Arlington is committed to centering our community's responses to the COVID-19 global pandemic in racial equity and will dedicate resources, platforms, political will and authority to identifying and addressing the ways that the novel Coronavirus may exacerbate existing inequities in our community.

III.

Further, the City of Arlington is committed to not using fear, a common tactic throughout history to scapegoat communities perceived to be "other", and setting a tone

that will reject these tendencies. The City of Arlington will lift up the medical and social needs of the most marginalized and demonstrate how centering their needs ensures the safety and health of all.

IV.

This resolution confirms the City Council's commitment to local actions that promote equity and reflecting these values in all local government institutions.

PRESENTED AND PASSED on this the _____ day of _____, 2020, by a vote of _____ ayes and _____ nays at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas.

W. JEFF WILLIAMS, Mayor

ATTEST:

ALEX BUSKEN, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
TERIS SOLIS, City Attorney

BY *Teris Solis* _____