

Attachment 4

RESOLUTION NO. 111-17

UNITED AGAINST HATE RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARTINEZ

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2017, our nation witnessed the largest mass gathering of white supremacist groups in recent history in Charlottesville, Virginia where, during what has been called an “act of domestic terrorism,” 19 counter-protestors were seriously injured, in addition to the death of Heather Heyer; and

WHEREAS, any demonstration of white supremacy anywhere is unacceptable, especially when it results in the loss of human life, as the United States is a nation composed of peoples from all races, ethnic identities, faiths, abilities, sexual and gender identities; and

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2017, a “free speech rally” in Boston was met with the opposition of 40,000 counter-protesters and attempts to hold similar “free speech rallies” in San Francisco and Berkeley were met with opposition from local elected officials, social justice and faith based organizations, and thousands of citizens united against hateful and divisive rhetoric; and

WHEREAS, the City recently passed a resolution on March 15, 2017 “DECLARING THE CITY’S COMMITMENT TO BEING AN INCLUSIVE, TOLERANT, AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY FOR EVERYONE” supporting our most vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Poverty Law Center has noted an increase in hate crimes for the second year in a row in the United States and events such as Charlottesville evidence an escalation in the divisiveness of race and political relations in the United States, increasing fear of many members of the Martinez community; and

WHEREAS, the idea that one group or individual is supreme over another is not only wrong, but is in contradiction to principles stated in the Declaration of Independence that all individuals “are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council offers its deepest sympathy and condolences, to the families of those injured and killed in Charlottesville, and to those who stood up for justice that day and every day after across our nation; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council condemns racism, sexism, xenophobia, Islamophobia, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, intolerance of any individual or group and hate speech of any kind as we reaffirm our commitment to serving and protecting all of our residents, with a high value placed on diversity, equality, and inclusivity.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Martinez at a Regular Meeting of said Council held on the 4th day of October, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Lara Delaney, Noralea Gipner, Mark Ross, Vice Mayor Debbie M^cKillop, and Mayor Rob Schroder

NOES: None

ABSENT: None


RICHARD G. HERNANDEZ, CITY CLERK
CITY OF MARTINEZ

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