

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Date: September 19, 2017

Agenda Item No.: 4

Council Action Date: September 25, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Mark D. Watkins, City Manager
Subject: Resolution Affirming Equity and Inclusion

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution affirming the City's commitment to values of equity, fairness, inclusion and justice.


PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

On September 11, 2017 Councilmember Heitmann asked that the City Council pass a resolution in response to the National League of Cities call on all cities to issue a statement or formal resolution affirming the City's commitment to the values of equity, fairness, inclusion and justice. The City Council unanimously voted to place the item on a future agenda for adoption.

DISCUSSION

In light of the tragedy this summer in Charlottesville, Virginia, the City of Ventura is adopting a resolution affirming equity and inclusion.

FORWARDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL



City Manager's Office

ATTACHMENT

A Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-___

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA , CALIFORNIA,
SUPPORTING INCLUSION AND OPPOSING
RACISM AND VIOLENCE**

WHEREAS, The City of San Buenaventura and its City Council support policies and practices that include all people without regard to race, sex, religion, political opinion, marital status, or gender; and,

WHEREAS, The City of San Buenaventura and its City Council condemn Islamophobia, racism, sexism, and xenophobia; and,

WHEREAS, The City Council is acutely aware of the recent tragic events in Charlottesville, Virginia where white supremacy and neo-Nazism and similar hate groups marched through the campus of the University of Virginia which resulted in violence and the death of a young person who was supporting equality and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Buenaventura joins with the National League of Cities in opposing and condemning racism, sexism, and xenophobia and supporting and encouraging understanding, equality, and inclusion.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of San Buenaventura does hereby resolve, find, determine and order as follows:

Section 1: The City Council of the City of San Buenaventura desires to make it known that the City and this City Council stands for the following principles:

- We believe in and stand for values of inclusion, equity and justice. We condemn Islamophobia, racism, sexism and xenophobia in rhetoric or action.

- We welcome all people and recognize the rights of individuals to live their lives with dignity, free of discrimination based on their faith, race, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or immigration status.
- We will continue our work in making our services and programs accessible and open to all individuals.
- We believe in the public sector for the public good. Advancing equity and inclusion is critical to the success of our communities and our nation.

Section 2: The City Council desires that these principles be reflected in how the City conducts its business and how our City officials, employees, and residents treat each other.

Section 3: The City Clerk shall certify as to the passage of this Resolution and cause it to be maintained in the official records of the City.

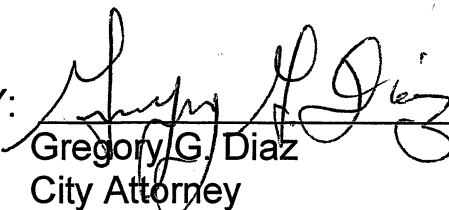
PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2017.

Erik Nasarenko, Mayor

ATTEST:

Antoinette M. Mann, MMC, CRM
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
GREGORY G. DIAZ, City Attorney

BY:  9/20/2017
Gregory G. Diaz Date
City Attorney