



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS REPORT

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: KIM CARR, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

DATE: JUNE 15, 2020

SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION OF REAFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO THE *DECLARATION OF POLICY ABOUT HUMAN DIGNITY***

In 1996, the City Council adopted *A Declaration of Policy About Human Dignity* (Declaration), which was developed in response to hate crime incidents that occurred in Huntington Beach. The Declaration was intended to coalesce the community around the concept of human dignity and equal-rights-for-all as primary building blocks in the effort to build a better, more inclusive City.

The City Council unanimously reaffirmed its commitment to the Declaration in 2006 and again in 2017. Today, in light of the divisions that are being exposed across the country in the aftermath of the George Floyd tragedy, I would like to recommend that the City Council once again reaffirm its commitment to the Declaration.

In particular, the Declaration states the following:

- *"The Huntington Beach City Council declares that everyone should be treated with courtesy and respect, regardless of their racial background, their nation of origin, the religion they practice, their sexual orientation, gender or disability status."*
- *"The Huntington Beach City Council states in the strongest terms that it will vigorously fight criminal activity known as 'hate crime' with all of the resources at its disposal."*
- *"The City Council warns those who advocate or perpetrate hate not to test the community's resolve to oppose them."*
- *"Remember that silence and apathy are the greatest allies of those committing hate crime."*

RECOMMENDED ACTION

In an effort to unify our Huntington Beach community, I am requesting that the City Council vote to reaffirm the City's commitment to its *Declaration of Policy About Human Dignity*.