



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

TO: THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: KIM CARR, MAYOR
NATALIE MOSER, COUNCIL MEMBER

DATE: JANUARY 19, 2021

SUBJECT: **CONSIDER 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*, which was designed to support a community-wide effort to promote human dignity as an important element in building a better Huntington Beach. The City Council reaffirmed its commitment to this *Declaration* in 2006, 2017, 2020, and I would like to propose that the City Council reaffirm it once again, especially given the divisions that the nation is currently experiencing.

In particular, the “*Declaration of Policy About Human Dignity*” states that:

- “Huntington Beach is a city whose residents represent every walk of life, come from many nations, share varied lifestyles, and hold different religious beliefs. This diversity brings to our city a rich and varied cultural heritage. Our citizens honor and respect the diversity that exists in Huntington Beach. When acts of hate are committed against any citizen, it is considered an act against the entire community.”
- “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.”
- “Together, the city of Huntington Beach and its citizens will succeed in their efforts to permanently eliminate all hate crimes. The Huntington Beach City Council declares that it will not tolerate any hate crimes in our community.”

RECOMMENDED ACTION

We recommend that the City Council take the following action:

- Reaffirm the City’s commitment to its *Declaration of Policy About Human Dignity*.
- Direct the Human Relations Task Force to develop and submit for City Council consideration an outreach plan through which the City can continuously share details regarding our commitment to the *Declaration of Policy About Human Dignity*.