

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

TO: THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: DAN KALMICK, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

DATE: MARCH 31, 2021

SUBJECT: THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH DENOUNCES ANY MOVEMENTS PROMOTING

WHITE SUPREMACY WITHIN ITS COMMUNITY

Whereas, the City of Huntington Beach recognizes the values of a diverse community and the strengths each resident and business contributes towards supporting and enriching the values and missions of the City for generations to come; and

Whereas, the City of Huntington Beach has become aware of a forthcoming event titled "White Lives Matter" to march and rally at all major city centers including the Huntington Beach Pier; and

Whereas, the City denounces any and all movements or events that threatens the diverse fabric of our great community through the use of inflammatory rhetoric and veiled threats against minority communities; and

Whereas, while the City respects and values the First Amendment rights of all Americans, it unequivocally denounces hate speech and the promotion of any false narratives that White Americans are unduly subject to "anti-White racism and violence" in our community; and

Whereas, the City continues to promote equity in every respect, yet its steady inclusion on all levels should not be construed as an attack upon any group's freedoms and inherent privileges.

Resolved that the Huntington Beach City Council, on behalf of the City and all residents:

- 1. Denounce any and all acts of White Supremacy, which promote fear and division within our community.
- 2. The City of Huntington Beach will remain vigilant against future movements the promote white supremacist sentiments in our community.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

I recommend that the City Council:

• Adopt this Declaration of the City Council to denounce any movements promoting or supporting White Supremacy within our community.