


RESOLUTION NO. 91 OF 2016

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A Resolution condemning violence, hate speech, and expressing solidarity for all those targeted for their gender, sexual identification/orientation, ethnicity, race or religion.

WHEREAS, the United States is a construct and society comprised of and enriched by its culturally diverse people; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid diversity is predicated upon the various distinctive spiritual, religious, material, intellectual and emotional features of our country's society, and encompasses art, literature, lifestyles, ways of living together, value systems, traditions and beliefs all of which are inextricably tied to gender, sexual identification/orientation, ethnicity, race, and religion; and


WHEREAS, there has been an uptick in the United States in acts of violence and incidents of hate speech motivated by gender, sexual identification/orientation, ethnicity, race and religion; and

WHEREAS, we are saddened and outraged at the recent escalation of hateful rhetoric which serves to embolden would-be perpetrators of aforesaid violence and hate speech, and we are particularly concerned to see political figures and elected government officials engaging and leading in this escalation and using it as a means to gain power and influence; and

WHEREAS, we, as elected representatives of the people, have a special responsibility not to stay silent in the face of hate, violence and discrimination against any of our constituents or countrymen:

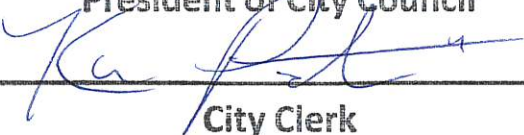
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that City Council condemns all hateful speech and violent actions, in particular such speech and actions premised on gender, sexual identification/orientation, ethnicity, race and religion; and City Council categorically rejects political tactics that use fear to manipulate voters or to gain power or influence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City Council commits to pursuing a policy agenda that affirms civil and human rights, and ensures that those targeted on the basis of gender, sexual identification/orientation, ethnicity, race and religion can turn to government without fear of recrimination. City Council also reaffirms the value of a pluralistic society, the beauty of a culture composed of diversity, and the inalienable right of every person to live and practice their faith without fear.

I Second this Resolution 

Passed by City Council December 13, 2016
Wanda R.D. Williams

President of City Council

Attest 
City Clerk

YEAS		NAYS
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MR. ALLATT	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MR. BALTIMORE	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MS. DANIELS	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MS. HODGES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MR. JOHNSON	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MR. MAJORS	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MS. WILLIAMS	
Yeas	<u>7</u>	
Nays	<u>0</u>	

- Approved
- Returned to City Council with objections

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