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Agenda Report

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TO: City Council
FROM: Drew Corbett, City Manager
PREPARED BY: City Manager's Department
MEETING DATE: November 16, 2020

SUBJECT:
United Against Hate Week – Resolution of Support

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution to reaffirm the City of San Mateo's commitment to diversity and inclusivity by supporting and participating in Not in Our Town's United Against Hate Week.

BACKGROUND:

The United Against Hate Week was started by the Mayor of Berkeley in 2017 and is a call for seven days of action by people in all Bay Area communities to stop and prevent hate and implicit biases from occurring, as they may threaten the safety and civility of our communities. The City participated in United Against Hate Week and adopted a United Against Hate resolution in 2019 in solidarity with other Bay Area cities. The City also adopted two anti-hate resolutions in 2020 to address the rise in hate towards various racial groups.

- (1) A resolution to denounce stigmatization, hateful racism, and xenophobia during the COVID-19 pandemic
- (2) A resolution declaring that black lives matter and reaffirming the City of San Mateo's commitment to racial equity

This year's United Against Hate Week will be held November 30th through December 6th. Not in Our Town, a national anti-hate organization based in Oakland, is encouraging cities to adopt a model resolution stating their support for this effort.

By adopting this resolution, the City of San Mateo agrees to participate in the week-long initiative to increase civic engagement in support of standing up to hate. The City will do so by developing a social media campaign, encouraging residents to display the United Against Hate posters, and challenging residents to practice ways to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion. The City will work in collaboration with a non-profit organization, Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center, to develop a series of facilitated events and community discussions on matters addressing hate. Additionally, the City's Library department will provide a United Against Hate themed book list and film list for adults, teens, and children.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no budget impact to this action.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

This resolution is not a project subject to CEQA, because it can be seen with certainty that it will not cause a physical change in the environment. (Public Resources Code Section 21065.)

NOTICE PROVIDED

All meeting noticing requirements were met.

ATTACHMENTS

Att 1 - Proposed Resolution

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