

Resolution No.

2017-02-21-1503

STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING STOCKTON'S COMMITMENT TO THE SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS, INCLUSIVENESS, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE, RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, AND RESPECT

On December 10, 1948, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the first Universal Declaration of Human Rights recognizing "the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world" and proclaiming that "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights"; and

The City of Stockton ("Stockton") recognizes its diversity as a strength, and appreciates the culture and history of its various communities of people, including immigrant communities; and

Stockton welcomes individuals of diverse racial, ethnic, religious, and national backgrounds and we recognize that our diversity is critical to the economic, cultural, and social progression of our region; and

Stockton values the individuals from other countries who bring attributes to our city and make Stockton a strong and vibrant community; and

Stockton is proud of its history of supporting policies and practices that prohibit discrimination based on race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, age, and disability; and

Affordable healthcare including mental healthcare and housing should be a continuing priority for Stockton, the State of California, and the United States; and

We believe in the nation's founding principle of religious freedom and we do not ban people for their faith; and

The Stockton Police Department is committed to building trust between the police and communities of color so all citizens feel safe in their neighborhoods; and

Stockton values our natural environment including water quality and water supply in the surrounding Delta and the San Joaquin River that contributes to the health, wellness, recreation, and economy of the City; and

Stockton supports its many farmers and the agricultural sector that greatly contributes to the economy and recognizes that agriculture is crucial for the continued sustainability of the region; and

We will work to slow climate change, and support policies that will advance clean power, alternative energy, transit, and alternative transportation systems, reducing our carbon footprint and reducing waste; and

We continue to support our creative arts community which makes Stockton a vibrant place to live and has greatly enhanced the community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:

1. We will continue to work on creating an inclusive and equitable community where everyone feels like they belong and can contribute.

2. We are committed to serving the entire community and recognizing the dignity of all persons, regardless of their immigration status.

3. We are committed to promoting the utilization of City services by all residents and visitors to Stockton who are in need of them, including immigrants. All individuals should know they can seek and obtain assistance of City Departments including the Police Department regardless of their personal status.

4. We will continue to support and help to assist with access to affordable healthcare, mental healthcare and housing for all, including the disabled and seniors.

5. We will support women's rights including in healthcare, the workplace, or any other area. Stockton will ensure and encourage our youth to have positive role models to show them they can be or do anything they choose.

6. We will support the rights of all the LGBTQ people in our city who feel scared, bullied, or alone and we recognize that inclusivity is vital to our community, is a moral imperative and reflects our shared commitment to social justice.

7. We will support sensible, science based environmental regulations that help preserve our natural resources including regulations that impact the residents and communities in the Delta and protect our entire ecosystem. Clean air and water are essential resources and we plan to do our best to protect the environment for future generations.

8. The Stockton Police Department will treat all individuals fairly and in a manner consistent with the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California.

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9. We will work collaboratively with our elected officials and city leadership to create a safe, welcoming, equitable and inclusive city for everyone.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED February 21, 2017


MICHAEL D. TUBBS, Mayor
of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:



BONNIE PAIGE, City Clerk
of the City of Stockton

