

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-33  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF COLMA**

**A RESOLUTION  
AFFIRMING THE TOWN'S COMMITMENT TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE  
BLACK COMMUNITY AND CONDEMN RACISM**

**1. Background and Findings.**

- (a) As America contends with the consequences of 400 years of systemic violence and abuse towards Black people and Black communities.
- (b) The City Council acknowledges that Black Lives Matter.
- (c) The City Council is committed to the health, safety and equitable treatment of Town residents, and strives to bolster the overall wellbeing of the Town by fostering the rights of people of color who have been historically disadvantaged by structural racism.
- (d) The City Council acknowledges that over the course of the past few weeks, we have been again reminded that police brutality and general disregard for Black people's lives is prevalent within the United States as evidenced by the horrific video depicting the murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer and Rayshard Brooks by an Atlanta police officer.
- (e) The murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor are only the most recent evidence of a long and ongoing history of racial violence against Black people and Black communities.
- (f) Police brutality and racism against the Black community has been persistent in our larger society, with the unrest regarding racial injustice, particularly towards the Black community, building up for decades.
- (g) The most basic form of injustice and inequity occurs when a group of people feels their safety is placed into jeopardy by the very people entrusted with ensuring their safety.
- (h) It is important that the Town take the lead, speak out against racial injustices, and stand in solidarity with Black communities across the country.
- (i) The Town of Colma is a diverse and multiracial community that supports positive relationships and mutual respect in order to build healthy and safe neighborhoods.

**2. Order.**

- (a) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the Town of Colma does hereby affirm its commitment to stand in solidarity with the Black community, and resolves as follows:
  - i. The Town of Colma condemns racism in all forms and violence against the Black community by law enforcement in particular; and

- ii. The Town of Colma does not tolerate discrimination, racial injustice, or police brutality; and
- iii. The Town of Colma will oppose any attempts to undermine the safety, security, and rights of members of our community and will work proactively to ensure the rights and privileges of everyone in the City—regardless of race; and
- iv. The Town of Colma will promote safety, a sense of security, and equal protection of constitutional and human rights, leading by example through equitable treatment of all by City officials and departments; and
- v. The Town of Colma encourages the community to stand together through peaceful exchange and discourse to enact change and move forward towards a future with more equity and inclusion in Colma, California, and our country.

***Certification of Adoption***

I certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2020-\_\_ was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the Town of Colma held on July 8, 2020, by the following vote:

Name	Voting		Present, Not Voting		Absent
	Aye	No	Abstain	Not Participating	
John Irish Goodwin, Mayor	X				
Diana Colvin	X				
Helen Fisicaro	X				
Raquel "Rae" Gonzalez	X				
Joanne F. del Rosario	X				
<i>Voting Tally</i>	5	0			

Dated 07/16/2020

  
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 John Irish Goodwin, Mayor

Attest:   
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 Caitlin Corley, City Clerk