

RESOLUTION 20-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX
OPPOSING HATEFUL ACTS AND ALL MANIFESTATIONS
OF WHITE SUPREMACY, RACISM, AND BIGOTRY**

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, a 19-year-old white male resident of Livermore was recorded placing anti-Semitic stickers with a Swastika surrounded by the words “We are Everywhere” on public and private property around Fairfax; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax Town Council is deeply disturbed by this atrocity; and

WHEREAS, this was a blatant expression of hate and we condemn this antisemitic incident and all manifestations of white supremacy, racism, and bigotry; and

WHEREAS, the Nazi swastika remains the most potent symbol of deadly hatred towards Jews; and

WHEREAS, Nazi swastikas terrorize & do not belong in our communities; and

WHEREAS, throughout the incident, the offender repeatedly affirmed Nazi ideologies and expressed Holocaust denial; and

WHEREAS, this action, while very visible, is but one expression of the racism, prejudice and xenophobia that has terrorized marginalized communities since the conception of this nation; and

WHEREAS, during the incident, the offender also spoke disparagingly about Black Lives Matter; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the animus expressed towards African Americans even as the primary target in this case is Fairfax’s Jewish residents; and

WHEREAS, as Fairfax residents, we know the antidote to this hateful act is to come together, to bring awareness to these intolerable offenses, to educate our neighbors about injustice, and to heal; and

WHEREAS, this incident is a call to action and provides an opportunity for the community to make a long-term commitment to standing up to hate, and to reaffirm the town's core values of inclusion that Jews and all others are safe and welcome in Fairfax; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax Town Council formally expresses our gratitude and admiration to Fairfax resident, Noah Mohan, for courageously calling out these hateful actions; and

WHEREAS, Noah’s quick response and capture of the incident on video reminds us that we are always obligated to speak up and speak out against injustice, however uncomfortable it may be; and

WHEREAS, the case was forwarded from Fairfax Police Department to the District Attorney and is currently being reviewed to determine what if any charges will be filed; and

WHEREAS, Marin County District Attorney Frugoli states: Our office takes crimes of hate seriously as well as our ethical obligation to file criminal charges when we believe we are able to prove the charges beyond a reasonable doubt; and

WHEREAS, Town of Fairfax wishes to remain proactive in addressing the concerns of our fellow residents, particularly those of our Jewish community members; and

WHEREAS, the Town formed the Fairfax Racial Equity and Social Justice Committee to provide recommendations on actionable next steps concerning such incidents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax condemns this antisemitic incident and all manifestations of white supremacy, racism and bigotry;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we reaffirm the Town's core values of inclusion that Jews and all others are safe and welcome in Fairfax.

The foregoing Resolution was duly introduced and adopted at a special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax held in said Town on the 16th day of December 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

BRUCE ACKERMAN, Mayor

Attest: _____
Michele Gardner, Town Clerk