



RESOLUTION NO. 2022-001

Resolution of The Cities Association of Santa Clara County Condemning Hate Crimes

Whereas, the State of California describes “hate crime” as various crimes against a person, group or property motivated by the victim’s real or perceived race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender or sexual orientation, or because there is a perception the person has one or more of those characteristics; and

Whereas, hate crimes are dramatically increasing in the United States and in the Bay Area specifically, but many victims of hate crimes are reluctant to report these crimes for a variety of reasons including but not limited to fear of repercussion, frustration that the crime will not be investigated and feelings of isolation and danger in the targeted community; and

Whereas, racism and violence are the antithesis of the fundamental rights of Americans, and it is the responsibility of local, state and federal government to protect people and their property; and

Whereas, justice, tolerance, diversity, inclusivity and equity are values shared by the cities of Santa Clara County; and

Whereas, words alone condemning hate crimes are insufficient to competently and satisfactorily address the problem of hate crimes in the Bay Area.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Cities Association of Santa Clara County unequivocally condemns hate crimes and expressions of racism and hate against any and all groups, and encourages all cities to stand together to take actionable steps towards:

1. Conducting vigorous and timely investigation and prosecution of hate crimes;
2. Improving the reporting of hate crimes by encouraging victims of hate crimes to come forward;
3. Holding perpetrators of hate crimes accountable and bringing them to justice;
4. Creating greater awareness of all forms of hate speech, threats and violence in both governmental agencies and the community.

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NAYES (0)

ABSTENSIONS (0)

ABSENCES (2): Bybee (Campbell), Montano (Milpitas)