



Meeting Date: May 12, 2020

STAFF REPORT

Agency: City of Belmont
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Agenda Title: Affirming Belmont's Commitment to Safeguard the Civil Rights, Safety and Dignity of All Community Members
Agenda Action: Resolution

Recommendation

Adopt a Resolution affirming Belmont's commitment to values of equity, fairness, and justice, and denouncing stigmatization, racism, and xenophobia in responding to COVID-19.

Background

At the City Council Meeting on March 28th, 2017, the Council adopted a resolution expressing Belmont's support for Civil Rights. The resolution expressed a level of community support that is consistent with the City of Belmont's Vision Statement and General Plan. In fact, the Council as part of the 2017 Priority Setting process modified the City's Vision Statement to include a commitment to diversity and inclusion, which the adoption of the Resolution 2017-027 represented.

At the City Council Meeting on April 28th, the Council considered a request from Mayor Lieberman and Councilmember Mates to bring an update to Resolution No. 2017-027 affirming the City of Belmont's commitment to values of equity, fairness, and justice, and denouncing stigmatization, racism, and xenophobia in responding to COVID 19. We believe that our community members will benefit from this show of support especially those who are feeling concern over recent responses to COVID-19 across the region and its commitment to local action.

Analysis

The draft resolution will affirm and demonstrate Belmont's commitment to safeguarding the civil rights, safety and dignity of all community members, and denouncing stigmatization, racism, and xenophobia in responding to COVID-19.

Alternatives

1. Provide direction and postpone for future discussion.

Attachments

- A. Redlined Draft Resolution

Fiscal Impact

- No Impact/Not Applicable
 Funding Source Confirmed:

Source:

- Council
- Staff
- Citizen Initiated
- Other*

Purpose:

- Statutory/Contractual Requirement
- Council Vision/Priority
- Discretionary Action
- Plan Implementation*

Public Outreach:

- Posting of Agenda
- Other*