

A PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS AFFIRMING THE TOWN'S COMMITMENT TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE BLACK COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, our country is mourning the senseless killing of George Floyd that occurred in Minneapolis on May 25, 2020. The actions and inactions of the police officers involved were deplorable; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, police brutality and racism against the black community has been persistent in both our past and our present. Systemic injustices, racism, and dehumanization are deeply rooted in our society; and

WHEREAS, it was unquestionably unfair and unacceptable when the lives of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Freddie Gray, Walter Scott, Tamir Rice, Michael Brown, Oscar Grant, and many others were taken as a result of discrimination and inequity. These lives mattered and black lives matter; and

WHEREAS, the unrest regarding racial injustice, particularly towards the black community, has been building for decades. Thoughtless violence by our own government only serves to incite more violence; and

WHEREAS, Los Gatos is blessed to be a multiracial community, and we decided long ago that mutual understanding and respect develops a much healthier, safer, and caring community; and

WHEREAS, it is important for the community as a whole to stand in solidarity with black communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the Town Council reaffirmed their commitment to a diverse, supportive, equitable, and inclusive community

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council does hereby affirm its commitment to stand in solidarity with the black community and resolves as follows:

The Town of Los Gatos condemns racial inequity in general and violence against the black community by law enforcement in particular; and

The Town of Los Gatos does not tolerate discrimination, racial injustice, or police brutality; and

The Town of Los Gatos demands that black lives matter; and

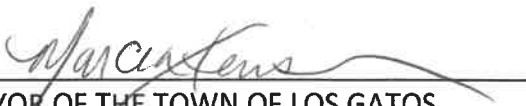
The Town of Los Gatos will oppose any attempts to undermine the safety, security, and rights of members of our community and will work proactively to ensure the rights and privileges of everyone in the Town—regardless of race; and

The Town of Los Gatos will promote safety, a sense of security, and equal protection of constitutional and human rights, leading by example through equitable treatment of all by Town officials and departments; and

The Town of Los Gatos 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 Los Gatos, California, and our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Marcia Jensen, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Los Gatos, do deem it appropriate and do hereby proclaim that the Town of Los Gatos condemns racial inequity

Proclaimed this 5th day of June in
the Town of Los Gatos, County of Santa Clara, State
of California


MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS