## RESOLUTION 2017-024

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
REAFFIRMING THE TOWN'S COMMITMENT TO A DIVERSE, SUPPORTIVE, INCLUSIVE
COMMUNITY AND TO PROTECTING THE CONSTITUTIONAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS OF
ITS RESIDENTS, WORKERS, AND VISITORS

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Los Gatos values a community characterized by diversity, multiculturalism, and unity and acknowledges that the dignity, health, rights and privacy of all our residents, workers, and visitors must be respected; and

WHEREAS, the Town is committed to protecting the constitutional and human rights of all of our residents, workers, and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, each person is naturally and legally entitled to live a life without harassment, discrimination, persecution or assault, whether perpetrated by individuals, groups, businesses or governments; and

WHEREAS, there exists concern among our residents, workers, and visitors based upon recent national and regional incidents of hate crimes, intolerance of religious beliefs, discrimination, sexual harassment and assault, and the fear of a trend-toward more of these crimes in the future; and

WHEREAS, there also exists concern in our Town about the potential risks for discrimination, harassment, persecution, assault, and deportation; and

WHEREAS, the Town and its residents, workers, and visitors continually reject bigotry and affirm their commitment to a diverse, supportive, inclusive community; and

**WHEREAS**, all members of the Town are valued regardless of religion, immigration status, ethnicity, disability, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos hereby reaffirms its commitment to a diverse, supportive, equitable, and inclusive community and resolves as follows:

- 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.
- The Town of Los Gatos rejects bigotry in all its forms, including, but not limited to, Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, racism, nativism, misogyny and homophobia; and

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- The Town of Los Gatos does not tolerate discrimination based on race, national origin, ethnicity, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, color or disability; and
- The Town of Los Gatos does not tolerate hate crimes, harassment, or assault; 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 religion, country of birth, immigration
  status, disability, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity; and

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos, California, held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2017 by the following vote:

## COUNCIL MEMBERS:

AYES:

Marcia Jensen, Rob Rennie, Barbara Spector, Mayor Marico Sayoc

NAYS:

None.

ABSENT:

Steve Leonardis

ABSTAIN:

None.

SIGNED:

MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS

LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

DATE: 5.3.17

ATTEST:

Shelley new

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS

LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

DATE: 5-3-17