

## **DRAFT RESOLUTION 2023-**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS ESTABLISHING THE UNITY AND SOLIDARITY COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos does hereby formally establish the Unity and Solidarity Commission (TUSC).

**WHEREAS**, the Town is working to institutionalize Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in the Town's ethos, the role of TUSC is to support and foster new opportunities for marginalized groups in the Town.

**WHEREAS**, TUSC will be committed to Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion across all sectors within the Town of Los Gatos and the purpose of TUSC is to work to create more equitable opportunities and increase a sense of belonging for all Los Gatos community members and visitors through community engagement and collaborative activities.

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. The TUSC is hereby established as an advisory committee to the Los Gatos Town Council and shall operate in the manner hereinafter prescribed.
2. Membership/Organization
  - a. The Town is seeking a diversity of members that includes but is not limited to: youth; seniors; Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC); Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual (LGBTQIA+); those that are disabled; and religious diversity. The Commission shall consist of fifteen (15) members. Membership composition shall be:
    - i. Two (2) Youth Commissioners as voting members, whose term of office shall be for one (1) year with no limitations on reappointments, appointed by the Youth Commission;
    - ii. One (1) Arts and Culture Commissioner as a voting member, whose term of office shall be for one (1) year with no limitations on reappointments, appointed by the Arts and Culture Commission;
    - iii. One (1) General Plan Committee member as a voting member, whose term of office shall be for one (1) year with no limitations on reappointment, appointed by the General Plan Committee;
    - iv. One (1) Community Health and Senior Services Commissioner as a voting member, whose term of office shall be for one (1) year with no limitations on reappointments, appointed by the Community Health and Senior Services Commission;
    - v. One (1) Town of Los Gatos business owner and resident as a voting member, whose term of office shall be for three (3) years with a two-term limit, appointed by the Town Council;
    - vi. Two (2) Town of Los Gatos business owners or employees who may or may not reside in Los Gatos as voting members, whose term of office

shall be for three (3) years with a two-term limit, appointed by the Town Council;

- vii. One (1) Town of Los Gatos faith leader who leads a congregation in Los Gatos but does not reside in Los Gatos as a voting member, whose term of office shall be for three (3) years with a two-term limit, appointed by the Town Council;
  - viii. One (1) Town of Los Gatos non-profit employee who may or may not reside in Los Gatos whose term of office shall be for three (3) years with a two-term limit, appointed by the Town Council; and
  - ix. Five (5) Town of Los Gatos residents whose term of office shall be for three (3) years with a two-term limit, appointed by the Town Council.
- b. Commission members is expected to report back to the Board, Committee, Commission, or organization the Commissioner represents (i.e., Arts and Culture Commission, faith community, etc.).
  - c. The Commission shall appoint a Chair and Vice Chair.
  - d. Commission members shall serve without compensation.
  - e. The Commission shall hold regular monthly meetings.
  - f. The Commission shall establish a regular time and location for its meetings and shall otherwise call and conduct its meetings in compliance with the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act.
  - g. Meeting attendance requirements will conform with all current Town Resolutions and Policies.
  - h. A record of all meeting minutes and resolutions of the Commission shall be kept and shall be a public record.

### 3. Powers and Duties

- a. The duties of TUSC shall be to:
  - i. Act in an advisory capacity to the Town Council in matters pertaining to creating equitable opportunities and a sense of belonging within Town. The TUSC's scope of work may include the following items:

#### **1. Community Based Programming**

- a. Develop new and promote current programs/events that foster unity and diversity within the Town.
- b. Identify Equity Training opportunities for Town Council, staff, residents, business owners/employees, students, and/or Commission/community members.
- c. Incorporate community feedback into programming and training.

#### **2. Collaborative Efforts**

- a. Foster stronger collaborations between current Town Boards, Commissions, and Committees and community-based organizations to integrate equity practices and principles.
- b. Build relationships with local public and private school systems in order to provide support and resources for

Equity work.

- c. Build collaborative processes with other Town Boards, Committees, and Commissions to ensure integration of Equity practices into the Town community grant program.

**3. Policy Recommendations**

- a. Make policy recommendations to the Town Council regarding Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Unity issues.

**4. Communications**

- a. Create a communications campaign centered around equity education and promotion of Town events.
- ii. Not to affect powers of the Town Council. Nothing in this resolution shall be construed as restricting or curtailing any of the powers of the Town Council, or as a delegation to TUSC of any of the authority or discretionary powers vested and imposed by law in such Council.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos, California, held on the 19th day of September 2023 by the following vote:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

SIGNED:

MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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