

CITY OF LYNDEN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Meeting Date:	September 21, 2020	
Name of Agenda Item:	Statement Supporting Equality	
Section of Agenda:	New Business	
Department:	Administration	
Council Committee Review:		Legal Review:
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Reviewed
<input type="checkbox"/> Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Works	<input type="checkbox"/> No - Not Reviewed
<input type="checkbox"/> Parks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review Not Required
Attachments:		
None		
Summary Statement:		
<p>Draft Statement:</p> <p>Lynden's elected officials take seriously their oath to uphold the laws and Constitution of United States, the State of Washington, and the City of Lynden. We believe we are all created in God's image and have equal worth and value; as such, every life should be protected and deserves dignity. We affirm that everyone should be allowed to live, learn, worship, raise families and prosper, without regard to race, gender, color or creed. No one should be harassed, intimidated, hurt or hindered in their pursuit of happiness so long as it does not infringe on the happiness or freedom of others. We uphold the personal freedoms and rights guaranteed in the Bill of Rights which allows citizens to express themselves without fear of retribution. As elected officials we desire that all who share these ideals should find Lynden to be a safe and positive place to live and flourish. <i>As we have steadfastly done in the past</i> (added revision) we will remain vigilant to support and undergird the goal of equality in the public square and also encourage each community member to affirm and cultivate harmony in diversity.</p>		
Recommended Action:		
Discussion with possible action.		