

Social Equity Committee

RESOLUTION IN PROGRESS

9/13/21

1b. Whereas, the City of Sonora affirms its wish to be known not only for the beauty of its place in the Sierra Nevada foothills and its vibrant Gold Country history, the city wishes to also be known for being a champion of racial equity, justice and acceptance.

1c,e. Whereas, the City of Sonora is proud of its Gold Rush history, which crated opportunities for many people, this period also has shown a lack of morals and values, demonstrated by racial profiling, exclusion and mistreatment of Indigenous, Chinese, Mexican, Chilean, and other minorities.

2a,c. Whereas, the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians and the Chicken Rancheria Band of Me-Wuk Indians were the original stewards of this land for 10,000 years, and continue to be generous supporters (*strong leaders and important members*) of our community.

3e,c. Whereas, the City of Sonora is committed to seeking a thoughtful way to heal the wounds of racism and inequities of the past, to reconcile the divide of the present, and taking steps to make sure that racial profiling and acts of aggression against Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) will no longer have a place in this community.

4a. Whereas, the City of Sonora condemns any form of racially motivated hate, intolerance and (*the system of*) White Supremacy Culture.

4d. Therefore, the City of Sonora is committed to not using fear, a common tactic throughout history to scapegoat (*POC, different classes, ethnicities, all?*) communities perceived to be "other," and setting a tone that will reject those tendencies.

4i. Therefore, the City of Sonora, to fulfill its obligation to protect public safety, and to promote human rights and racial justice, hereby proclaims to denounce all acts and forms of hate, racism, intolerance and violence.

4j. Whereas, the City of Sonora Proclaims that it's committed to diversity and equity and an atmosphere of inclusiveness, and it respects the dignity of every person without regard to race, color, sex (*gender*), (*class*), religion, ancestry, national origin, immigration status, marital status, age, disability, sexual orientation and political affiliation. The city denounces all hate and discrimination in any form.

5b,c. Whereas, the city of Sonora pledges to work towards engaging residents (*individuals*) who are more impacted by social inequities and fostering a community where all ethnicities, cultural backgrounds, sexual orientation, and religion can feel safe to participate and feel represented and included within the community.