

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-8859**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA  
AFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO STAND IN  
SOLIDARITY WITH THE BLACK COMMUNITY**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:**

**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;

**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;

**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;

**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. While these are only a few of the lives lost, amongst many more, these lives mattered and Black lives matter;

**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;

**WHEREAS**, Santa Clara is a proud 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 to stand in solidarity with Black communities across the country.

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS  
FOLLOWS:**

1. That the City of Santa Clara condemns racial inequity in all forms and violence against the Black community by law enforcement in particular.
2. That the City of Santa Clara does not tolerate discrimination, racial injustice, or police brutality.
3. That the City of Santa Clara demands that Black lives matter.
4. That the City of Santa Clara commits to actively listen and learn from the Black community.
5. That the City of Santa Clara 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 City—regardless of race.
6. That the City of Santa Clara will promote safety, a sense of security, and equal protection of constitutional and human rights, leading by example through equitable treatment of all by City officials and departments.

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7. That the City of Santa Clara 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 the City of Santa Clara, the State of California, and our country.

8. Effective date. This resolution shall become effective immediately.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF HELD ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2020, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:


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| AYES: | COUNCILORS: | Chahal, Davis, O'Neill, and Watanabe,<br>and Mayor Gillmor |
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| NOES: | COUNCILORS: | None |
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| ABSENT: | COUNCILORS: | Hardy |
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| ABSTAINED: | COUNCILORS: | None |
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ATTEST:

  
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NORA PIMENTEL, MMC  
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK  
CITY OF SANTA CLARA

Attachments incorporated by reference: None