

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 7-16

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND IN OPPOSITION TO ISLAMOPHOBIA

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond strives to empower all of its residents with lives free of violence, hate crimes, or any type of discrimination; and

WHEREAS, due to the recent events of the Charlie Hebdo Attack, the Paris Terror Attacks, the San Bernardino shooting, the inflammatory rhetoric used by 2016 presidential candidates, and the ongoing violence of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant in Syria and Iraq, Islamophobia is a growing challenge in the United States and in the world; and,

WHEREAS, Islamophobia was first defined in a 1991 Runnymede Trust Report as general unfounded hostility towards Muslims, and therefore fear or dislike of all or most Muslims; and,

WHEREAS, the recent hate crime toward members of a mosque within our own city is another urgent example of the dangers of Islamophobia; and,

WHEREAS, the Richmond Police Department acted swiftly in investigating the threat, ensuring the well-being of our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police is committed to working with the appropriate federal law enforcement authorities and the Contra Costa District Attorney's Office to file charges against suspects of hate crimes and terrorist threats or attacks; and

WHEREAS, City Council members, including the mayor, have denounced the acts brought about as a result of Islamophobia; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond embodies a community that values the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Richmond states support for its Muslim neighbors and respect for the world religions which make up our city.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Richmond calls on all municipalities of the United States to show support for their Muslim neighbors and state opposition to Islamophobia.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held January 19, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, McLaughlin, Myrick, Pimplé, Vice Mayor Martinez, and Mayor Butt.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

TOM BUTT
Mayor

Approved as to form:

BRUCE GOODMILLER
City Attorney

Certified as a True Copy
PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA
BY *[Signature]*
ASSISTANT

State of California }
County of Contra Costa } : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 7-16**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on January 19, 2016.