

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF THOUSAND OAKS REAFFIRMING FINDINGS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH CITY COUNCIL GOAL NO. 1,
AUTHORIZING AN OFFICIAL POSITION AGAINST
BIGOTRY, WHITE SUPREMACY, ANTI-SEMITISM,
HATE SPEECH IN THE CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS
AND ITS SUBORDINATE BODIES

WHEREAS, the City of Thousand Oaks is home to a broadly diverse community, ranging from a thriving biotech industry, to hundreds of non-profits and service organizations, to California Lutheran University, a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI); and

WHEREAS, the City of Thousand Oaks has always been one of the nation's safest communities; and

WHEREAS, on the 12th day of February 2022, a demonstration on a freeway overpass advocating White Supremacy occurred within the City of Thousand Oaks; and

WHEREAS, such sentiments, including anti-Semitism, are counter to our American constitutional system of equality for all people; and

WHEREAS, this falls squarely within a long and shameful history of intimidation and violence against people of color; and

WHEREAS, such intimidation threatens people of color, and a threat to one person of color is a threat to all people who value the foundation of our Country, and the social fabric that makes our community great; and

WHEREAS, city leaders must acknowledge that all people, regardless of color, religion, race, gender, or sexual orientation, are valued and equal members of society, as well as contributors to our economy; and

WHEREAS, the City denounces in the strongest terms any and all movements or events which threaten members of our diverse community; and

WHEREAS, the City respects and supports the First Amendment rights of all people, and will protect the rights of all to peaceably speak and assemble, the City will also vigorously protect the rights, equality, and safety of all.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Thousand Oaks does resolve as follows:

1. Condemns all acts of White Supremacy, and any actions which promote fear or hate within our community.

2. Continues to be guided by its No. 1 goal to "Create a more equitable, accessible, safe, welcoming, and inclusive government and community regardless of race, color, ethnicity, religion, sex, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, age, language, education, and/or socio-economic status."

3. Intends to provide - as part of its General Plan Update's Social Justice/Environmental element, and Arts and Culture element - vehicles designed to promote greater understanding and celebration of diversity and cultures within our community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 22nd day of February, 2022, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Bob Engler, Mayor
City of Thousand Oaks, California

The presence of electronic signature certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy as approved by the City of Thousand Oaks City Council on the date cited above.