

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-R 099

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA, CONDEMNING VIOLENCE AND HATE SPEECH, EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH MUSLIMS AND ALL THOSE TARGETED FOR THEIR ETHNICITY, RACE, RELIGION OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION.

WHEREAS the United States was founded by immigrants, many fleeing religious persecution, who enshrined freedom of religion as one of our nation's fundamental legal and ethical principles; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 3 million Muslims living in the United States today, and a thriving Muslim community in Culver City, making invaluable contributions to our economy, our social and political life, and our culture; and

WHEREAS, there has been an unprecedented backlash since 9/11 in the form of hate crimes and employment discrimination toward Arab and Muslim Americans and those perceived as Muslims; and

WHEREAS, we are saddened and outraged at the recent escalation of hateful rhetoric against Muslims, those perceived to be Muslims, immigrants, and all people of color, and we are particularly concerned to see political figures leading this escalation and using it in order to gain power; and

WHEREAS, in the face of extreme bigotry and violence, Muslim communities and their leaders are using the language and teachings of Islam to promote peace and justice and service, and their institutions are continuing to play an essential societal role providing charitable and humanitarian services to those in need; and

WHEREAS, the City Council condemns bias, intimidation, harassment, and other acts of violent behavior based on race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, and we, as elected representatives of the people, have a special responsibility not to stay silent in the face of hate violence and discrimination against any of our constituents.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Culver City DOES
2 HEREBY RESOLVE:

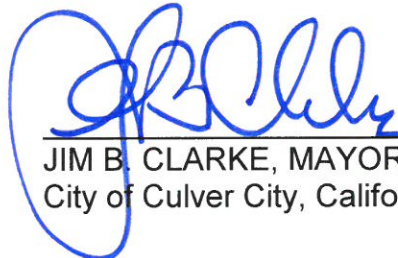
3 1. Condemns all hateful speech and violent action directed at people who
4 are Muslims, those perceived to be Muslims, or people based on their religious beliefs,
5 their immigration status, their race, their ethnicity, or their sexual orientation;

6 2. Categorically rejects political tactics that use fear to manipulate voters or
7 to gain power or influence;

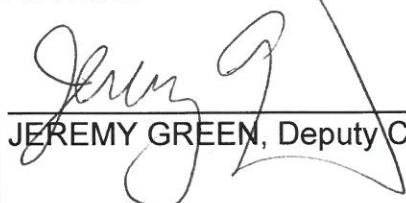
8 3. Commits to pursuing a policy agenda that affirms civil and human rights,
9 and ensures that those targeted on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation, or
10 immigration status can turn to government without fear of recrimination; and

11 4. Reaffirms the value of a pluralistic society, the beauty of a society
12 composed of multiple cultures, and the inalienable right of every person to live and practice
13 their faith without fear.

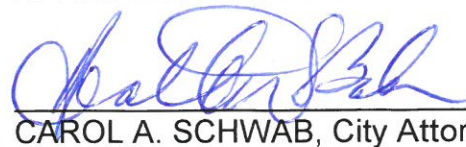
14 APPROVED and ADOPTED this 24 day of October 2016.

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17 JIM B. CLARKE, MAYOR
18 City of Culver City, California

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20 ATTEST:

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22 JEREMY GREEN, Deputy City Clerk
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24 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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26 CAROL A. SCHWAB, City Attorney
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