

RESOLUTION NO. 066-2020

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTEE, CALIFORNIA
AFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO EQUALITY, PROMOTING TOLERANCE
AND DENOUNCING HATE SPEECH AND RACISM**

WHEREAS, the City of Santee ("City") is committed to the fair treatment of all persons under the law, including, in the interactions between citizens and the City government and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, in recent months, certain acts of hate speech and racism toward peoples of color and religious faiths have occurred in the City, which we condemn; and

WHEREAS, these repugnant acts of hate speech and racism have demonstrated the need for the City to assess its past, identify and acknowledge past instances of racism and intolerance in the community, and to recommit to equality, the promotion of tolerance and the denouncing of hate speech and racism now and in the future of Santee; and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020, in Minnesota, Mr. George Floyd, a Black man, lost his life while in police custody due to excessive force and indifference, which we condemn; and

WHEREAS, in response to this and prior incidents, protests have occurred in cities throughout the country, including in Santee; and

WHEREAS, steps to address racism and create a more just and inclusive society begin with community commitment, expressed by policies enacted at the local level; and

WHEREAS, the City supports policies and efforts that reflect and uphold its commitment to public safety and to realizing a diverse, equal, and just community within our City, the County of San Diego, and the nation as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the City understands that listening and understanding are essential to developing actions to overcome disparities in our City; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to taking specific steps to address these issues, including, but not limited to, steps currently underway through the City's Community Oriented Policing Committee (COMPOC).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Santee, California, as follows:

SECTION 1. The City recognizes that as a community we have to actively work to be anti-racist, including educating ourselves, better supporting leaders and institutions who are working to combat injustice and racism, and working together toward the equitable distribution of resources and public services. We commit to continuing to learn about, reflect on, and incorporate anti-racist policies into City government, and strengthen a future incompatible with hatred or racism in our community and nation.

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SECTION 2. The City commits to continuing a public process through COMPOC to better understand inequities within the community, and reaffirms its commitment to equality for all people in the administration of its laws and provision of services.

SECTION 3. The City joins cities, counties and states across the country in affirming its commitment to the safety and well-being of all community members, including the Black community, and all peoples of color, faiths or other groups, and in combatting hate crimes targeting Black individuals or other protected classes.

SECTION 4. The City condemns White Nationalism, White Supremacy and denounces the use of symbols associated with these groups, including, but not limited to swastikas or hoods.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Santee, California, at a Regular Meeting thereof held this 24th day of June, 2020, by the following roll call vote to wit:

AYES: HALL, HOULAHAN, KOVAL, MCNELIS, MINTO

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

APPROVED:



JOHN W. MINTO, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ANNETTE ORTIZ, CMC, CITY CLERK