

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN JOSE CONDEMNING HATE CRIMES**

WHEREAS, the State of California describes “hate crime” as various crimes against a person, group or property motivated by the victim’s real or perceived race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender or sexual orientation, or because there is a perception the person has one or more of those characteristics; and

WHEREAS, hate crimes are dramatically increasing in the United States, and have increased in San José by 500% from 2016 to 2021, but many victims of hate crimes are reluctant to report these crimes for a variety of reasons including, but not limited to, fear of repercussion, frustration that the crime will not be investigated and feelings of isolation and danger in the targeted community; and

WHEREAS, racism and violence are the antithesis of the fundamental rights of Americans, and it is the responsibility of local, state and federal government to protect people and their property; and

WHEREAS, justice, tolerance, diversity, inclusivity and equity are values shared by the cities of Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, words alone condemning hate crimes are insufficient to competently and satisfactorily address the problem of hate crimes in San José;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN JOSE:**

Unequivocally condemns hate crimes and expressions of racism and hate against any and all groups, and encourages actionable steps towards:

1. Conducting vigorous and timely investigation and prosecution of hate crimes;
2. Improving the reporting of hate crimes by encouraging victims of hate crimes to come forward;
3. Holding perpetrators of hate crimes accountable and bringing them to justice;
and
4. Creating greater awareness of all forms of hate speech, threats and violence in both governmental agencies and the community.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

SAM LICCARDO
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk