

RESOLUTION 2020-XX

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CERRITO IN SUPPORT
OF BLACK LIVES MATTER

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of El Cerrito joins our residents and neighbors in affirming that Black Lives Matter. The City is appalled by the unjust death of George Floyd and other Black men, women, and children at the hands of law enforcement and recognize our duty to take action locally; and

WHEREAS, the killing of Black men and women, including queer and trans persons of color, is an unacceptable violation of the human rights due to all people; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the City of El Cerrito, through the Human Relations Commission, adopted the “Stop Hate. Together. Not In Our Town” campaign in response to a hate crime was committed against a family in our city; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2020, the El Cerrito Police Department held a town hall on policing and received several recommendations for improving policing in our city; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2020, the El Cerrito Environmental Quality Committee and Human Relations Commission met jointly to express their commitment to seek community input and develop an environmental, social, and racial framework to inform their work in the future; and

WHEREAS, Councilmembers have participated in, and fully support, all of the moving protest events that have taken place in our community over the last few weeks. The City appreciates the significance and impact of the large attendance at these peaceful events; and

WHEREAS, El Cerrito residents have historically supported working towards a diverse, inclusive, and welcoming community for people of all racial and socioeconomic backgrounds, including all those who live, work, attend school and visit El Cerrito. The City Council acknowledges and thanks community members for sharing their thoughts, input, and ideas to help develop both immediate and longer-term action plans to achieve this more inclusive vision. This resolution is only the first steps in our commitment to achieving this vision; and

WHEREAS, a youth organization, including students from El Cerrito High School, approached the City to honor the Black Lives Matter movement and the City Council desires to authorize the installation of a public mural on the Ohlone Greenway as an expression of the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of El Cerrito City Council that racism, discrimination, and police violence will never be tolerated in El Cerrito. The City Council commits to act and encourage community action towards eliminating racial

disparities, both inside government and in the community. The City recognizes that there is ongoing work to be done and are committed for the long-term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Human Relations Commission shall consider various community opportunities for listening and working with the community to further the Black Lives Matter movement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes the installation of a public mural message on the Ohlone Greenway as an expression of the City Council support to honor the Black Lives Matter movement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage and adoption.

I CERTIFY that at a regular meeting on July 21, 2020 the City Council of the City of El Cerrito passed this Resolution by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:

IN WITNESS of this action, I sign this document and affix the corporate seal of the City of El Cerrito on July _____, 2020.

Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Gregory B. Lyman, Mayor