

**EVERETT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Resolution declaring the City of Everett to be an inviting, equitable and safe community

- Briefing
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- Action
- First Reading
- Second Reading
- Third Reading
- Public Hearing
- Budget Advisory

COUNCIL BILL # \_\_\_\_\_

Originating Department \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

FOR AGENDA OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL

C. Franklin

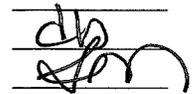
Dec.7 2016

Initialed by:

Department Head

CAA

Council President



**Location**

Citywide

**Preceding Action**

**Attachments**

**Department(s) Approval**

Amount Budgeted	-0-	
Expenditure Required	-0-	Account Number(s):
Budget Remaining	-0-	
Additional Required	-0-	

**DETAILED SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The City Council and Mayor are committed to making Everett an inviting, equitable and safe community for everyone who lives in, works in, or visits our city.

The City Council and Mayor are committed to standing together with the people of Everett in opposing hate, violence and acts of intolerance committed against our community members.

The City Council and Mayor are committed to continuing our work to reach out to and connect with all members of our community to ensure that our programs are accessible and open to all individuals.

**RECOMMENDATION** (Exact action requested of Council): Adopt Resolution declaring the City of Everett to be an inviting, equitable and safe community for everyone who lives in, works in and visits Everett.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION** declaring the City of Everett to be an inviting, equitable and safe community for everyone who lives in, works in and visits Everett

**WHEREAS**, as City Council and Mayor of the City of Everett, it as an honor and privilege to serve our community, and it is our utmost responsibility to uphold the rights and freedoms of the families and individuals we represent. We have heard from community members who have concerns about their safety and the safety of their family members, friends and neighbors. With this Resolution, we affirm the following commitments to our residents:

- We believe that the strength and vitality of our community comes from our rich diversity of cultures, experiences and faiths, and we celebrate that diversity.
- We recognize and uphold the rights of individuals to be treated fairly and to live their lives with dignity, free from discrimination or targeting because of their faith, race, national origin or immigration status.
- We are committed to ensuring that Everett remains a welcoming, inclusive and safe community for all who live, work and visit here.
- We strongly condemn bullying, intimidation, violence, harassment and other acts of hate that are based on age, faith, race, national origin, immigration status, gender identity, ability, ethnicity, housing status, sexual orientation, economic status or other social status.
- We will continue our work, in cooperation with our community partners, to ensure our services and programs are accessible and open to all individuals.
- We believe that, as elected representatives of the people, we have a special responsibility not to stay silent in the face of hate and discrimination against any of our residents, and we choose to be a leader in protecting human rights, equity, public safety and social well-being;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR as follows:**

**Section 1.** The City Council and Mayor are committed to making Everett an inviting, equitable and safe community for everyone who lives in, works in, or visits our city.

**Section 2.** The City Council and Mayor are committed to standing together with the people of Everett in opposing hate, violence and acts of intolerance committed against our community members.

**Section 3.** The City Council and Mayor are committed to continuing our work to reach out to and connect with all members of our community to ensure that our programs are accessible and open to all individuals.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2016.**

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**Mayor Ray Stephanson**

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**Scott D. Murphy, Council President**

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**Judy Tuohy, Council Vice President**

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**Paul Roberts, Council member**

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**Jeff Moore, Council member**

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**Cassie Franklin, Council member**

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**Scott Bader Council member**

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**Brenda Stonecipher, Council member**