



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Summary

Res 31724

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Title: A RESOLUTION reaffirming Seattle's values of inclusion, respect, and justice, and the City's commitment toward actions to reinforce these values; and calling on President-elect Donald Trump to condemn recent attacks and hate speech that perpetuate religious persecution, racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, and xenophobia.

Notes:	Filed with City Clerk:	<u>Date</u> 12/16/2016
	Mayor's Signature:	12/16/2016
Sponsors: Herbold, González	Vetoed by Mayor:	
	Veto Overridden:	
	Veto Sustained:	

Attachments:

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Filing Requirements/Dept Action:

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Version:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Clerk	12/07/2016	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office						
	Notes:						
1	Council President's Office	12/08/2016	sent for review	Full Council			
	Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Full Council						
	Notes:						
1	Full Council	12/12/2016	referred	Full Council			
	Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was referred. to the Full Council						
	Notes:						
1	Full Council	12/12/2016	adopted				Pass
	Action Text: The Motion carried, the Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution.						
	Notes: Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31724.						

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In Favor: 8 Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember Burgess, Council President Harrell, Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Sawant
Opposed: 0

1	City Clerk	12/14/2016	submitted for Mayor's signature	Mayor
1	Mayor	12/16/2016	Signed	
1	Mayor	12/16/2016	returned	City Clerk
1	City Clerk	12/16/2016	attested by City Clerk	

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was attested by City Clerk.
Notes:

CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION 31724

A RESOLUTION reaffirming Seattle's values of inclusion, respect, and justice, and the City's commitment toward actions to reinforce these values; and calling on President-elect Donald Trump to condemn recent attacks and hate speech that perpetuate religious persecution, racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, and xenophobia.

WHEREAS, accounts of incidents of hate targeted at Muslims, Sikhs, Arabs, Jews, Latinos, African-Americans, Asians, women, people with disabilities, immigrants, refugees, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community members have been reported to police, on social media, and to advocacy organizations across the nation; and

WHEREAS, local Seattle educators report children coming to school expressing grief that they believe that they will soon be separated from their families; and

WHEREAS, Trans Lifeline, a national hotline for transgender people in crisis, reports a significant increase in calls; and

WHEREAS, Ku Klux Klan members are reportedly engaged in ongoing recruitment activities and have recently held a public event celebrating President-elect Trump's victory in the recent election opposing LGBTQ rights, interracial relationships, immigration, and religious freedom; and

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, Arab and Muslim Americans, and those perceived as Muslim and Jewish, are increasingly the targets of discrimination and hatred; and

1 WHEREAS, Seattle is a diverse city: 34 percent of Seattle residents are persons of color, and 19
2 percent of Seattle residents are foreign-born, with 129 languages spoken in Seattle
3 schools, and the 14 languages most frequently spoken other than English are Spanish,
4 Vietnamese, Cantonese, Mandarin, Somali, Tagalog, Cambodian, Amharic, Oromo,
5 Tigrinya, Laotian, Thai, and Russian; and

6 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle created the Race and Social Justice Initiative in 2004 to address
7 institutional racism, and is working to achieve racial equity across the City; and

8 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle is uplifting important workers' rights, including secure
9 scheduling, wage theft, paid sick and safe time, and paid family leave and supporting
10 women in their workplaces so they can be treated fairly, free from threats and demeaning
11 treatment; and

12 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle is committed to 21st century policing, and will continue to
13 reform our police department and work toward rebuilding trust between police and
14 communities of color so all residents feel safe in their neighborhoods, and we support
15 community-based organizations already supporting the safety of marginalized
16 communities with community-led solutions around safety; and

17 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle's Gender Justice Project is committed to ending gender-based
18 wage gaps and promoting gender equity and diverse and inclusive family-friendly
19 policies; and

20 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle supports the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer
21 communities and is committed to upholding its ban on conversion therapy, supporting
22 marriage equality, protecting the rights of LGBTQ families, and supporting measures to
23 keep children safe; and

1 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle supports the elimination of violence and harassment against
2 women and is committed to providing direct services, education, culturally competent
3 policing practices, family law, and governance for the prevention of crimes against
4 women; and

5 WHEREAS, the Council supports the Mayor's creation of the Inclusive and Equitable City
6 Cabinet, established by Executive Order 2016-08; and

7 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle has passed groundbreaking legislation to support the rights of
8 people in this City to love whom they choose; to practice the religion of their choice; to
9 support their families; to be free from discrimination in housing, employment, and public
10 accommodations; and to be safe and secure in their homes and communities; and

11 WHEREAS, the results of the 2016 presidential election should not prompt or encourage any
12 notion that the Constitutions and laws of the United States and the State of Washington,
13 and the Charter and laws of The City of Seattle, would support in any way any acts of
14 bigotry, sexism, racism, xenophobia, transphobia, or homophobia; and

15 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle supports the peaceful exercise of free speech for all people,
16 NOW, THEREFORE,

17 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**
18 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

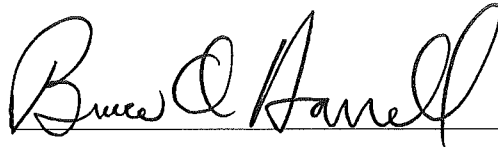
19 Section 1. The City Council and Mayor affirm that Seattle will continue to be an
20 inclusive, respectful and just city that is proud of its mosaic of people of diverse cultures, faiths,
21 beliefs, and identities, and to celebrate both our individuality and commonality.

1 Section 2. The City Council and Mayor condemn hateful speech and violent action, and
2 call upon President-elect Donald Trump to publicly denounce recent incidents of Islamophobia,
3 racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, xenophobia, and violence.

4 Section 3. The City Council and Mayor implore President-elect Trump to revoke any
5 potential Cabinet appointment of individuals connected to advancing hate or who have a record
6 of tolerating hate crime and hate speech; and petition the United States Senate, in its
7 confirmation process, to oppose the nomination of those candidates that the Senate finds to have
8 advanced racism, religious oppression, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, or bigotry.

9 Section 4. The City Council and Mayor resolve to implement measures to make it easier
10 for people to report incidents of bias-motivated threats, harassment, and violence, such as
11 dedicated hotlines, greater publicity for the Seattle Police Department's Malicious
12 Harassment/Bias Crimes website, and support to community-based organizations that support the
13 safety of marginalized communities.

1 Adopted by the City Council the 12th day of December, 2016,
2 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 12th day of
3 December, 2016.

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5 President _____ of the City Council

6 The Mayor concurred the 16th day of December, 2016.

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8 Edward B. Murray, Mayor

9 Filed by me this 16th day of December, 2016.

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11 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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