

Item # 4

AGENDA DATE: 12/14/16
SUPPLEMENTAL # 1

From: [Steve Rymer](#)
To: [Michelle Wilson](#)
Subject: FW: Follow Up on Public Comment Request SFBOS
Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 1:19:09 PM
Attachments: [RedLinedMorgan Hill Statement to Residents.pdf](#)

Please provide email and attachment...thanks

From: Ann Horner [<mailto:anhorner@verizon.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 1:10 PM
To: Steve Tate; Larry Carr; Rich Constantine; Rene Spring
Subject: Re: Follow Up on Public Comment Request SFBOS

Hello again Mayor Tate, Rich Constantine, Larry Carr and Rene Spring,

I am now attaching my first comments ([at the bottom of this page](#)) as I begin to redline the document that is on the consent calendar this week.

[I request that you pull this item No 4 from the consent calendar \(16839\) for this Wednesday, December 14, 2016 in order that there is time to be more inclusive in the document itself and by including the input and discussion from the public.](#)

I strongly believe that this will strengthen the community and such a document is worthy of the time and consideration necessary to choose the best words to be used to demonstrate commitment and inclusion of all those who may fear treatment and actions that aren't consistent with our constitution or with the dignified, respectful promise of what kind of a city we are.

I appreciate your hard work and thank you for reading my comments.

As always, feel free to call me at 408-206-7921 or email me if you have any concerns or comments.

Sincerely,
Ann

On Dec 12, 2016, at 12:07 PM, Ann Horner <anhorner@verizon.net> wrote:

The attachment of the SFBOS is included here.

On Dec 12, 2016, at 11:45 AM, Ann Horner
<anhorner@verizon.net> wrote:

Dear Mayor Tate, Rich Constantine, Larry Carr and Rene Spring,

RE: December 7, 2016 speaker card request for Morgan Hill to adopt a Resolution in the spirit of SF Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 484-16

I am writing to follow up on the request that Cynthia Lim and I made at the December 7th council meeting last Wednesday.

I am attaching copies here of the request that we distributed Wednesday for your convenience.

At the Community Inclusivity meeting that was sponsored by Anne Rosenweig and Amy McElroy yesterday at the Morgan Hill library, Mayor Tate read a statement that will be presented at council for a vote this Wednesday. He communicated that it wouldn't be a resolution because people don't read things with lots of "whereas" in them.

I am optimistic that our council is considering passing a "Statement of Support and Assurance" and I have read the draft of this statement that is on the agenda for the council meeting this Wednesday.

I have concerns.

It appears to be a response to a statement made by Sam Licardo, Mayor of San Jose and I am not sure whether it is also intended to address the request we made last week or not, but if it is, it misses some very important points.

First of all a resolution serves a purpose that a blanket statement does not and it is worth noting that the word "Whereas" allows us to acknowledge specifically what is that requires this action by you, our community leaders. These are unprecedented times in our history. Never before has a presidential nominee or President-Elect made promises that threaten the well being of our citizens like what we are currently experiencing, nor has the fallout ever emboldened other citizens to respond by bullying LGBTQ people, people of color, residents who are not citizens and also those protected by the Obama dream act, not to mention children in our own schools that we heard about at the meeting Saturday. The talk of a Muslim registry must be terrifying to our good citizens of Muslim faith who are being treated as terrorists. Never before have millions of people been promised that they will lose their health care as soon as the president-Elect takes office.

The notice "To Morgan Hill Residents" that is before you all this Wednesday refers to Licardo's statement giving reassurance that it will stand up for all it's residents and then states that "Morgan Hill City Council and our staff are providing '*many of the same assurances to our residents*' ", which begs the question: which ones aren't included?

Our purpose in reading you the San Francisco Resolution was that it is an example of bold leadership and a promise far above the status quo in which that board took the risk of standing up in the face of what is wrong and boldly promised to do the right thing, no matter what, because it is the right thing to do. They took this bold stand and made clear that they will not be bullied by Washington policies or the threat of withdrawal of Federal funding.

The statement before us for this Wednesday states, “in accordance with best practices of local law enforcement professionals nationally, we will stay out of immigration enforcement.” San Francisco is standing up for not being part of a registry period. Words matter and the words used in the San Francisco document are very powerful and actually create safety and partnership that the right thing will be done, not as a matter of best practices but as a matter of leadership standing up for what is right.

There is also a lot verbiage that refers concerned citizens to make police reports when laws are broken which is the way things work but it gives me pause as to how this will create a sense of feeling included or safe for some folks who may feel scared.

Other words used in the San Francisco document provide the missing inclusion and experience of safety that I request be included by Morgan Hill. I feel strongly that the word “LGBTQ” be used because it is specific in it’s inclusion of those who identify with this as their community and also because the bullying and hate crimes aren’t directed at “people of alternative orientation”, they are directed at LGBTQ people. I see that you have specifically used the term Muslim and you have made it more likely than they will experience inclusion and support in doing so which works well. Please do the same with LGBTQ people.

I hope that you will all consider spending time altering this statement or at a minimum be willing to address a future resolution. Your words are important and like the people they intend to serve, they matter, they are powerful and they are worthy of thoughtful, extensive consideration and input.

Yes, I am asking that you go above and beyond the status quo of supporting existing laws and take a stand for the LGBTQ people, People of color, Immigrant residents, whether citizens or not whose health, well being and family relationships are at stake and also our local Muslim community, as well as all women, young and old and all children whose dignity and respect have been compromised by the promises of our President-Elect. I ask you to boldly stand up for us all as WE ARE ALL Morgan Hill!

Please include Women, LGBTQ people, all People of Color, all residents, all Muslims, all those threatened with deportation, and all

children, and all residents. Let these groups know specifically that we will respect them and treat them with dignity, not just enforce laws.

I am available and would like to hear any thoughts or concerns you may have.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ann Horner

<San Francisco Board of Supervisors 11 point resolution.docx>

~~To Morgan Hill Residents~~ Morgan Hill City Council Declaration of support and inclusivity in response to the election of Donald Trump

~~Sam Licardo, Mayor of San Jose, recently sent out a newsletter with an article addressing the impact that recent national events are having on his city and giving reassurance that the city will stand up for all its residents. On behalf of the Morgan Hill City Council and our staff, we are providing many of the same reassurances to our residents.~~

Like San Jose, a large percentage of our residents are foreign-born and many fear that changes in immigration rules or enforcement could separate their families. There are also concerns about proposed federal "registries" of community members of the Muslim faith. And the recent nationwide spike in "hate crimes" is causing even more fear. ~~Here in Morgan Hill, we cannot control the events in Washington, D.C., but we can do much to care for each other here at home.~~ We want to assure you that:

"Hate Crimes" will not be tolerated in Morgan Hill

Our Police Department is committed to enforcing laws against commitment of hate crimes without regard to the immigration status of the victim or reporting party. Please report all incidents to the Police Department at 408-779-2101.

Our Police will not be used for federal immigration enforcement

Changes to immigration laws and enforcement are the responsibility of federal policy makers. Local police should not be involved in federal immigration enforcement and our Police Officers will continue to focus their time on high priority crimes. In accordance with best practices of local law enforcement professionals nationally, we will stay out of immigration enforcement. Our priority is to maintain the trusting relationship Morgan Hill Police Officers have with our community.

Anyone who witnesses or is a victim of any crime can contact the Police Department without fear of inquiry regarding their immigration status.

Your Constitutional rights will be protected

We cannot know if assertions made during national campaigning -- like Muslim "registries" -- will come to fruition. We will monitor any proposed legislation or executive actions from Washington and work closely with our national, state and local representatives, other cities, and if necessary, the courts, to protect the Constitutional rights of our residents.

~~Discrimination~~ based on race, national origin, ethnicity, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, color or disability is prohibited under federal and/or state law. We will protect the rights of all our residents, regardless of background or sexual orientation.

Morgan Hill residents are highly ethical; we have a set of ethical values that are fundamental to the character of our community. Foremost among the ethical values is respect. Because we respect those we interact with, we treat them honestly, fairly and responsibly. In this time of uncertainty and fear, we encourage all our residents to maintain a high level of respect in all their interactions. Thank you for making Morgan Hill a well respected and inclusive community

Ann Homer 12/13/2016 9:36 AM

Comment [1]: This should be a statement/declaration from the MH City Council and not a letter just to residents. It should be for all people, those who live here, those who may visit and those who may never step foot in Morgan Hill but who, as a result know what MH stands for.

Ann Homer 12/13/2016 9:48 AM

Inserted: In the wake of threats and promises made by President Elect Donald Trump, the cities of San Francisco and San Jose have passed resolutions and made statements of reassurance, inclusivity, respect and dignity.

Ann Homer 12/13/2016 10:39 AM

Inserted: including many families from Mexico who have been specifically targeted by and even called rapists by Donald Trump. Latinos are an integral part of our community. They are our neighbors, friends, teachers, police, doctors, builders and much more. They every bit the fiber of our community as all of us and we will treat them with dignity and respect.

Ann Homer 12/13/2016 11:25 AM

Comment [2]: Crimes and bullying of LGBTQ people, people of color, Muslims, undocumented immigrants, women, people with disabilities.

Ann Homer 12/13/2016 10:44 AM

Inserted: may not

Ann Homer 12/13/2016 10:45 AM

Inserted: will stand up for every person in Morgan Hill.

Ann Homer 12/13/2016 9:56 AM

Comment [3]: The use of quotations in modern times denotes a sarcasm that is derogatory and that surely is not meant here.

Ann Homer 12/13/2016 10:49 AM

Comment [4]: It is important that we include our stand for women, young and old, that we provide role models and do not tolerate objectifying women. We must also include those with disabilities who are often treated with less dignity and respect. Let's not forget Mr Trump's mocking of people with disabilities and we cannot tolerate that ... [1]

Ann Homer 12/13/2016 10:49 AM

Inserted: We will treat all people with dignity and respect. This includes women, LGBTQ people, People of Color, Mexicans, Muslims, Latinos and other foreign born people, People with disabilities, and pe ... [2]