



City of Tukwila

Washington

Resolution No. 2140

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, RESTATING TUKWILA'S COMMITMENT TO BEING A SAFE, WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE CITY, AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 1970.

WHEREAS, one of the City of Tukwila's greatest assets is being a beautifully diverse community of neighborhoods, residents, businesses, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, all of Tukwila's community members deserve to live in a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment free of hate, discrimination and fear; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 1921, adopting a city equity policy in 2017, we believe in the public sector for the public good, and advancing equity and inclusion is critical to the success of our communities and our nation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 1614 in 2006, reaffirming its commitment to being an inclusive community as a fundamental value; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 1900 in 2016 and Resolution No. 1970 in 2019, reaffirming its commitment to being a diverse, tolerant and inclusive community; and

WHEREAS, we, as elected representatives of the people, have a responsibility to support the constitutional and civil rights of all and not stay silent in the face of violence and discrimination against any person; and

WHEREAS, the people of Tukwila recognize that people of all cultures, ethnicities, abilities, and backgrounds all do better when we work together; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tukwila promotes principles of non-violence, civility and strives for a culture where compassion and solidarity overcome fear and division; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tukwila does not tolerate bias, harassment, discrimination, or retaliation based on race, religion, ancestry, national origin, immigration status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, age, housing status, economic status, or other legally-protected class status; and

WHEREAS, because hate crimes and incidences of intimidation are on the rise locally, regionally, and nationally, the City Council desires to reiterate our position that all elected officials, whether local, state, or federal, should be leaders in opposing hate;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Tukwila has historically been, and remains to this day, a welcoming community to people from all over the world, and therefore the City Council reaffirms its commitment to being safe, welcoming and inclusive for all residents and visitors to our City. We reject the politics and language of division, bigotry, violence, hate and discrimination. We will fight for the rights, freedoms and interests of all the members of our community no matter what the color of our skin, our gender, the way we worship, where we were born, our sexual orientation, our disabilities, or any other identity. Furthermore, we resolve to:

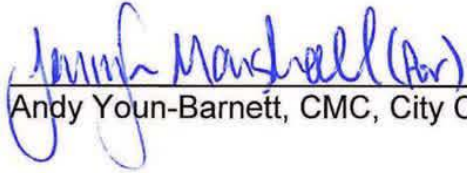
1. Prioritize the City's Equity Policy goals and promote a welcoming environment for all in our community and recognize the rights of individuals to live their lives with dignity and free of discrimination.
2. Commit to pursuing a policy agenda informed by our community that affirms civil and human rights.
3. Engage with individuals and community groups to build trust, promote education and encourage dialogue among all community members.
4. Publicly support those in our community affected by hate, denounce the use of language expressing hate and be especially careful to never use such language in spoken, written, or social media.

Section 2. Resolution No. 1970 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

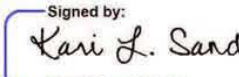
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, at a Special Meeting thereof this 23rd day of March, 2026.

[signatures to follow]

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:


Andy Youn-Barnett, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:

Signed by:

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City Attorney

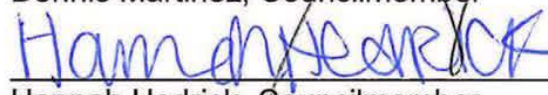
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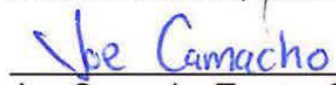

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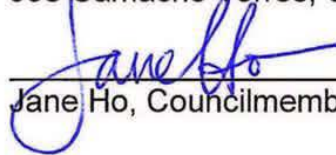

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