

City of Bainbridge Island City Council Agenda Bill



PROCESS INFORMATION

Subject: 7:30 PM Resolution No. 2017-09, Affirming that Bainbridge Island is a Welcoming and Inclusive City, AB 17-023 - Councilmember Scott (Pg. 18)	Date: 2/7/2017
Agenda Item: NEW BUSINESS	Bill No.: 17-023
Proposed By: Councilmember Scott	Referrals(s):

BUDGET INFORMATION

Department: Council	Fund:	
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REFERRALS/REVIEW

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City Manager:	Legal:	Finance:

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND

The current political climate has raised concerns about violations of civil and human rights across the country. There have been news reports of incidents of hate and bias occurring across the country, including in our own City of Bainbridge Island. Members of vulnerable communities are frightened and concerned for their safety.

The City of Bainbridge Island has a long history of supporting civil and human rights, and protecting targeted communities and vulnerable individuals. The proposed Inclusive and Welcoming City Resolution would affirm our values and strengthen our resolve to work together for a welcoming, inclusive, and safe community.

RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION

I move that the City Council forward Resolution No. 2017-09, Affirming that the City of Bainbridge Island is a Welcoming and Inclusive City, to the February 14, 2017, Consent Agenda.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
▢ Resolution No. 2017-09	Backup Material

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-09

Bainbridge Island Welcoming and Inclusive City Resolution

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Bainbridge Island, Washington, affirming that Bainbridge Island is a Welcoming and Inclusive City that respects the fundamental human dignity of all people.

WHEREAS, all people — including persons of all races, creeds, colors, national origins, sexes, sexual orientations, sexual identities, sexual expressions, mental abilities, and physical abilities — are respected and valued members of our community, and are vital to our shared health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Bainbridge Island has long been recognized as a hospitable and welcoming community where diverse people, families, and institutions thrive; and the contributions of all are celebrated and valued; and

WHEREAS, Bainbridge Island’s inclusive culture and values enhance our cultural fabric, economic growth, and overall wellbeing for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, we remember our history, including the oppression of indigenous peoples and the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II, and we vow as a community: Nidoto Nai Yoni — Let It Not Happen Again; and

WHEREAS, Bainbridge Island was the first community in the United States during World War II where, under a dark cloud of racial prejudice, fear, and uncertainty, and a shameful lack of political leadership, Japanese Americans were wrongly exiled from the West Coast; yet the majority of the members of our community believed in fundamental constitutional rights and protections, stood by their friends and neighbors, and refused to succumb to bigotry and hatred; and

WHEREAS, Bainbridge Island is committed to continuing to build an inclusive and safe community, where all persons are fully accepted, integrated, and protected; and

WHEREAS, community efforts that promote understanding and collaboration between our native-born and foreign-born community members are crucial in encouraging and preserving Bainbridge Island’s welcoming environment; and

WHEREAS, Bainbridge Island encourages our businesses, civic groups, schools, government agencies, and other community institutions to undertake their own initiatives, beyond this resolution, to make Bainbridge Island a welcoming place for new residents from other countries, and an inclusive community for all people;

WHEREAS, Bainbridge Island is a place of sanctuary for targeted communities and persecuted peoples; a City that opposes hate and bias and acts of intolerance committed against our

neighbors; and a City that vows to cultivate and support a culture of compassion, kindness, and protection; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

The City of Bainbridge Island is a Welcoming and Inclusive City that embraces all residents and visitors regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, sexual identity, sexual expression, mental ability, and physical ability; a City that strives for unity and harmony in our community; and a City that respects the essential human dignity of all people.

PASSED by the City Council this ____ day of February, 2017.

APPROVED by the Mayor this ____ day of February, 2017.

By: _____
Val Tollefson, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATE:

By: _____
Christine Brown, City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: February 3, 2017
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: February ____, 2017
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-09

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PROCESS INFORMATION

Subject: 7:40 PM Ordinance No. 2017-06, Relating to Community Policing, AB 17-024 - Councilmember Scott (Pg. 21)	Date: 2/7/2017
Agenda Item: NEW BUSINESS	Bill No.: 17-024
Proposed By: Councilmember Scott	Referrals(s):

BUDGET INFORMATION

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DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND

The term “sanctuary city” is often used incorrectly to describe trust acts or community policing policies that limit entanglement between local police and federal immigration authorities. These policies make communities safer and increase communication between police and their residents without imposing any restrictions on federal law enforcement activities.

Currently there are over 326 counties, 32 cities, and four states that limit local law enforcement's involvement in federal immigration enforcement.

Community policing policies encourage all members of the community, including immigrants, to work with the police to prevent and solve crime. As Tom Manger, Chief of Police for Montgomery County and President of the Major Cities Chiefs Association, said, "To do our job we must have the trust and respect of the communities we serve. We fail if the public fears their police and will not come forward when we need them. Whether we seek to stop child predators, drug dealers, rapists or robbers—we need the full cooperation of victims and witness. Cooperation is not forthcoming from persons who see their police as immigration agents. When immigrants come to view their local police and sheriffs with distrust because they fear deportation, it creates conditions that encourage criminals to prey upon victims and witnesses alike."

Law enforcement agencies and associations from across the country have echoed this sentiment by supporting community policing policies and opposing attempts by the federal government to mandate immigration enforcement cooperation.

- The Law Enforcement Immigration Task Force, comprised of more than 30 police chiefs, sheriffs, commissioners, and lieutenants from across the country, explained, “Immigration enforcement at the

state and local levels diverts limited resources from public safety. State and local law enforcement agencies face tight budgets and should not be charged with the federal government's role in enforcing federal immigration laws.”

- According to Dayton Police Chief Richard Biehl, Dayton's community policing policies “have been successful in building trust and making our city safer,” and have led to a nearly 22 percent reduction in serious violent crime and a 15 percent reduction in serious property crime in Dayton since the adoption of those policies.

Immigration enforcement is a federal responsibility:

- There is no local or state community policing policy that prevents the federal department of the federal Department of Homeland Security's division of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) from enforcing federal immigration laws.

When a law enforcement agency takes a suspect into custody and books him or her, the person's fingerprints are sent automatically to ICE, which has ample resources to investigate and initiate enforcement actions against noncitizens who fit within the agency's enforcement priorities.

See also article in The Olympian: <http://www.theolympian.com/news/politics-government/article129947119.html>

RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION

I move that City Council forward Ordinance No. 2017-06, Relating to Community Policing, to the February 14, 2017 Consent Agenda.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
▣ Ordinance No. 2017-06	Backup Material

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-06

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Bainbridge Island, Washington, relating to Community Policing.

WHEREAS, on February ___, 2017, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2017-09, affirming that the City of Bainbridge Island is a Welcoming and Inclusive City that respects the fundamental human dignity of all people; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Immigrant Status Information.

A. Unless required by law or court order, no City of Bainbridge Island officer or employee shall inquire into the immigration status or nationality of any person, or engage in activities designed to ascertain the immigration status or nationality of any person.

B. The Bainbridge Island Police Department shall not investigate, arrest, or detain any person based solely on immigration status or nationality.

C. The Bainbridge Island Police Department shall maintain policies consistent with this section.

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days from its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of February, 2017.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this _____ day of February, 2017.

Val Tollefson, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATE:

Christine Brown, City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: February 3, 2017