

RESOLUTION NO. 401

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, DECLARING THE CITY OF SHORELINE TO BE AN INVITING, EQUITABLE AND SAFE COMMUNITY FOR ALL AND PROHIBITING INQUIRIES BY CITY OF SHORELINE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES INTO IMMIGRATION STATUS AND ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO ASCERTAIN SUCH STATUS

WHEREAS, the City believes that the strength and vitality of our community comes from our rich diversity of cultures, experiences and faiths; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes and upholds the rights of individuals to be treated fairly and to live their lives with dignity and respect and free from discrimination or targeting because of their immigration status, faith, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender or gender identity, age, ability, ethnicity, housing status, economic status, or other social status; and

WHEREAS, the City strongly condemns any act of harassment, bullying, intimidation, violence, or other acts of hate that are based on immigration status, faith, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender or gender identity, age, ability, ethnicity, housing status, economic status, or other social status; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to ensuring that Shoreline remains a welcoming, inclusive and safe community for all who live, work and visit here; and

WHEREAS, the City will continue to work, in cooperation with our community partners, to ensure our services and programs are accessible and open to all individuals; and

WHEREAS, the City affirms the King County Sheriff's Office policy, with whom the City contracts for police services, that prohibits Sheriff's Office personnel from inquiring about an individual's immigration status and from engaging in activities to ascertain such status; and

WHEREAS, the City's current practice prohibits City employees from inquiring about an individual's immigration status and from engaging in activities to ascertain such status; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to ensure that its officers and employees follow a policy of prohibiting the inquiring into a person's immigration status or from engaging in activities to ascertain such status; and

WHEREAS, as leaders in the community, we have a special responsibility not to stay silent in the face of discrimination, harassment or hate 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, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Council of the City of Shoreline is committed to making Shoreline an inviting, equitable and safe community for everyone; committed to standing together with the people of Shoreline in opposing hate, violence and acts of intolerance committed against our community members; and 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.

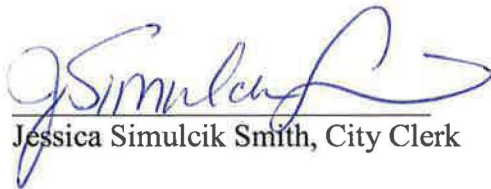
That the City Council of the City of Shoreline prohibits any inquiries, unless required by law or by court order, by Shoreline officers and employees into the immigration status or any person, or engage in activities designed to ascertain the immigration status of any person.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JANUARY 23, 2017.



Christopher Roberts
Mayor

ATTEST:


Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk