

RESOLUTION NO. 20-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN GABRIEL, CALIFORNIA, RESPONDING TO THE HOMICIDE OF GEORGE FLOYD AND SUPPORTING (A) FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS TO PEACEFULLY ASSEMBLE AND PROTEST AND (B) THE ONGOING REVIEW OF PRACTICES AND POLICIES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020, George Floyd, an African American, was brutally killed by former police officers in Minneapolis, Minnesota while in the custody of said former police officers; and

WHEREAS, widespread protests and calls for reform have arisen throughout the United States of America and around the world in the wake of George Floyd's homicide, the horrific manner in which George Floyd was detained and killed, and the homicides of many other African American men and women across the country over many decades at the hands of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, these protests and calls for reform have brought national and international focus to our country's continuing issues with respect to the differential use of force by police, institutional and systemic racism, differences in levels of privilege and structural inequalities in our society, particularly with respect to policing activities; and

WHEREAS, San Gabriel is a diverse community that stands firmly for the equal protection of all individuals under the law and the fair and equitable provision of services and enforcement of the laws, regardless of any individual's race, color, ethnicity, ancestry, national origin or other protected status; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Gabriel recognizes that institutional and systemic racism and oppression, differences in levels of privilege and inequalities and inequities in our society do exist and that we all have a responsibility to be engaged and informed on these issues and to address these issues where we can; and

WHEREAS, the San Gabriel Police Department has and will continue to stand with the community to provide equal protection under the law, hold itself accountable to the highest standards of equal protection under the law, and supports the public's right to peacefully and lawfully assemble and protest.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN GABRIEL, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of San Gabriel hereby condemns the excessive and unnecessary use of force by the former police officers of the Minneapolis Police Department that led to the homicide of George Floyd.

SECTION 2. The City of San Gabriel reaffirms its support of the public's right to peacefully and lawfully assemble and protest for the expression of political and social viewpoints, particularly on matters of paramount importance such as the personal safety of its diverse residents, and their legitimate and constitutionally guaranteed right to equal treatment under the laws.

SECTION 3. The City of San Gabriel reaffirms its commitment to the fair, even, and equal administration and enforcement of its laws, including in the front line enforcement of the laws by its police officers, and condemns any conduct that might lead to a differentiation in the safety, respect, courtesy, and confidence its residents and businesses are entitled to have in the provision of police services, based on race, color, ethnicity, ancestry, national origin or other protected status.

SECTION 4. The City of San Gabriel hereby commits to an ongoing process of self-reflection, examination, active listening and engagement with the community to review our current policies and practices, including policies and practices within the San Gabriel Police Department, to ensure the fair, even and equal administration and enforcement of its laws, to eliminate racism and discrimination based on race, color, ethnicity, ancestry, national origin or other protected status in the City of San Gabriel's policies and practices, to hold the entire organization accountable to these standards, and to adopt reforms necessary to do so.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and hereafter the same shall be in full force and effect.

APPROVED and **PASSED** this 9th day of June, 2020.

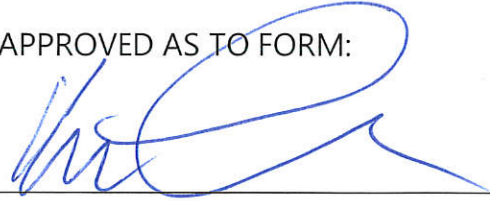
City of San Gabriel, California

BY: _____
DENISE MENCHACA, Mayor

ATTEST:

SHARON F. CLARK, Chief City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



KEITH LEMIEUX, City Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I, Sharon F. Clark, Chief City Clerk of the City of San Gabriel, do hereby certify that Resolution No. 20-31 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of San Gabriel at a special meeting held on the 9th day of June, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Dated:

SHARON F. CLARK, Chief City Clerk