

Proclamation

United Against Hate Week

October 19 – 25, 2025

WHEREAS, the United States is a nation of immigrants, whose strength comes from its diversity; and

WHEREAS, Redwood City has a diverse community in which at least 34% of residents have immigrated to the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States enshrines equality for all individuals, regardless of race, gender, orientation, religion, or political beliefs; and

WHEREAS, hate crimes and other incidents of racism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, Islamophobia, and other forms of bias and discrimination continue to occur in our community and in our nation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City stands strongly in support of inclusivity for our diverse community, honoring and protecting every individual regardless of race, creed, color, gender, religion, ethnicity, nationality, orientation, or identity; and

WHEREAS, education, compassion, and cooperation are key to unlocking understanding and embracing differences between people; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City previously adopted Resolution Number 15561 on February 13, 2017, proclaiming the City of Redwood City a Welcoming City and joining the Welcoming Cities and Counties initiative; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City previously adopted Resolution Number 15877 on August 10, 2020, declaring that Black Lives Matter and reaffirming the City of Redwood City's commitment to racial equity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City previously added Equity as a Foundational Guiding Principle in the City's Strategic Plan on October 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City previously adopted an Equity Work Plan on October 25, 2021, highlighting the City's action steps to advance equity for all residents of the City of Redwood City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City and numerous community partners hold events and activities focused on equity and inclusion throughout the year, and during United Against Hate Week will provide special events including but not limited to Strike a Pose: An Introduction to Vogue and the Ballroom Scene where community can explore the roots of ballroom culture and learn the art of Vogue, a Community Conversation on Respective Dialogue, an Open Mic alongside Cañada College to share experiences, talk about identity, and celebrate acceptance, a United Against Hate Unity Walk, Kick it with the Cops where youth will have a chance to connect with our local officers in a relaxed setting; and Harvesting Dreams where we will come together to celebrate our local farm workers; and

WHEREAS, community members and local businesses are encouraged to display Redwood City Stands United Against Hate signs throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City seeks to join other communities around the State in recognizing United Against Hate Week as an important step in bridging divisions as well as strengthening our communities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, ELMER MARTINEZ SABALLOS, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Redwood City, do hereby proclaim October 19-25, 2025, as United Against Hate Week.

Date: October 13, 2025




Elmer Martinez Saballos, Mayor


Kaia Enkin, Vice Mayor


Isabella Chu, Council Member


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