



# City of Emeryville

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## Proclamation

### Proclaiming November 14-20, 2021 as United Against Hate Week In The City Of Emeryville

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

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

**WHEREAS**, political policies and rhetoric have generated a toxic environment that can encourage the propagation of racist, xenophobic, anti-Semitic, sexist, homophobic, Islamophobic, and other negative views by emboldened hate groups and individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, deep divisions within our country are the result of extreme ideology, further strengthening a cycle of distrust and suspicion fueled by fear, anxiety, and insecurity; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of hate crimes across the United States has increased dramatically over the past few years; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Emeryville stands strongly in support of 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**, in 2018, the City of Emeryville devoted a Peace Pole in City Hall as a way to celebrate United Against Hate Week, and to serve as a daily reminder of our commitment to being a welcoming community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Emeryville seeks to join other communities locally and 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 PROCLAIMED** that the City Council of the City of Emeryville hereby proclaims the week of November 14-20, 2021, as "United Against Hate Week" and recognizes that it is an important step in bridging divisions and healing communities.

**PROCLAIMED** this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2021, by the Mayor of Emeryville.

Dianne Martinez, Mayor