



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

For the meeting of: April 25, 2017

Date: April 11, 2017
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Virginia Bass
Subject: Human Rights Commission Recommendations Related to the Development of a Civil Rights Diversity Resolution

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors hear the presentation and take appropriate action, if necessary.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: On March 21, 2017, the Board of Supervisors discussed the potential for developing a civil rights and diversity resolution in Humboldt County. At the time, Jim Glover, Chair of the Human Rights Commission addressed the Board and stated that the Human Rights Commission has been working on a similar recommendation in response to citizen concerns. He indicated that the Commission would be meeting again on April 6, 2017 to finalize a formal recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

The Board then voted unanimously to have the Human Rights Commission bring back their recommendation to the April 11, 2017 Board Meeting for consideration. However, on April 11, 2017 the Board voted to extend the time for the Human Rights Commission to bring back their recommendations to the April 25th Board of Supervisors meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

Prepared by Kathy Hayes Signature Virginia Bass
REVIEW: Auditor County Counsel Personnel Risk Manager Other
TYPE OF ITEM: Consent Departmental Public Hearing XX Other Board Initiated (20 min)
PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL: Board Order No. Meeting of:
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor Seconded by Supervisor
Ayes Nays Abstain Absent
and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.
Dated: By: Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Draft Resolution

**DRAFT**

Humboldt County  
State of California  
Civil Rights and Diversity Resolution  
Resolution of The Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, State of California.

Whereas the County of Humboldt is home to persons of diverse racial, ethnic and national backgrounds, including a large immigrant population, with varied cultures, religions, orientations, abilities and viewpoints; and

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors of Humboldt County believes that diversity of backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences of the American people makes our nation, our communities, and our economy richer and stronger; and

Whereas, recent events have spurred a sense of uncertainty and fear among many communities in Humboldt County, throughout our State and across the Nation; and

Whereas, the County respects, upholds, and values equal protection and equal treatment for all of our residents; and

Whereas, the County assures its many diverse communities, including the most vulnerable, that the County supports them, will strive to maintain and improve their quality of life, and will not tolerate acts of hate discrimination, bullying, or harassment; and

Whereas the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors directed the Humboldt County Human Rights Commission to prepare a draft resolution in light of the above noted expressed concerns from the general public and in concert with the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Resolution n. 04-70 (2004, amended, 2007);

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors shall:

1. Provide essential and necessary services to all County residents regardless of immigration status in compliance with all state and federal laws; and
2. Develop solutions to ensure respect for the rights of all residents; and
3. Take actions to ensure the family unity, community security, dignity and due process for all residents of Humboldt County; and
4. Encourage and support local law enforcement agencies, including the Sheriff's office, to not use staff resources to investigate, interrogate, detain, detect, or arrest persons for immigration enforcement purposes, except as directed by State and Federal laws, and as stated in the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office declaration of March 14, 2017: "Enforcement of immigration laws is not the job of the Sheriff and my office does not and will not conduct proactive or reactive immigration enforcement duties in this community"; and
5. Encourage and support the Sheriff's office in accomplishing its mission which states, "We, the members of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, are committed to providing competent, effective and responsive public safety services to the citizens of Humboldt County and visitors to our community, recognizing our responsibility to maintain order, while affording dignity and respect to all persons and holding ourselves to the highest standards of professional and ethical conduct."; and
6. The Board of Supervisors acknowledge and appreciate the input of various community groups and individuals, including the work of the Humboldt County Human Rights Commission, in developing this resolution.