

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-024

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CALIFORNIA, STATING ITS COMMITMENT TO UNIFIED GOVERNANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Rancho Cucamonga was incorporated in 1977 with the goal of uniting the three communities of Alta Loma, Cucamonga, and Etiwanda into a new community; and

WHEREAS, our City has always been, from the start, the “City with A Plan”, working as a collaborative City Council to have vision for the future and to work together toward that vision; and

WHEREAS, our City was forced by litigation to enact City Council Districts in 2016, which for the first time divided our City so that each Council Member is elected by District, instead of by the voters at large; and

WHEREAS, while this change was not actively pursued, ultimately the City Council is committed to representation for all and determined to continue the tradition of thoughtful, stable governance, working together in the best interests of the City of Rancho Cucamonga, regardless of how its members are elected;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CUCAMONGA DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council reaffirms that we are committed to work together respectfully, and to govern as a whole body, not as individuals, in accordance with the principles of good governance and out of respect for the Council-Manager form of government.

2. We recognize that a Council election district is not a political subdivision; the Mayor and each Council Member is obligated by the Municipal Code and the oath they take to represent the entire City and all its citizens. To that end, regardless of how we are each elected or where we reside in Rancho Cucamonga, we are committed to making best decisions with the interests of the entire community in mind, hearing from residents across the City, and giving equal consideration to issues and people inside and outside our districts.

3. As an important part of this commitment, we agree to have a healthy debate and discussion regarding issues before us, and once a decision is made by the City Council, we will all work to support that decision, regardless of whether or not we initially supported that decision, recognizing that we are all desirous of good outcomes for the City and its stakeholders and that disunity brings divisiveness.

4. Each Councilmember will engage fully with regard to each City issue before us, regardless of which district or districts might be most directly impacted by the issue, and provide assistance to any and all stakeholders, without regard to which District they might reside, but with respect and thoughtfulness to the Councilmembers and residents of that District.

5. We agree that City resources, both financial and personnel, will be allocated based on the City’s overall needs, and not simply divided by Districts; we will not work individually outside of the collective governance process to resolve these issues, but refer them to and discuss them with the City Manager

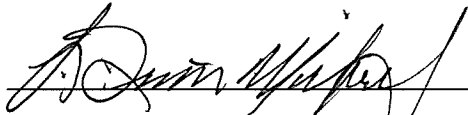
for appropriate follow-up. We will not use City resources to conduct meetings or similar activities for individual self-promotion only in our District, as that would serve to divide and not unite our community.

6. We will seek to raise issues and concerns with the Mayor and City Manager so that our team is informed and no one is surprised by an issue. When we have questions or need information, we will work through the City Manager or our Department Directors rather than consulting other staff.

7. We agree to represent the City at meetings as events in pairs or larger groups, whether we are invited to or are hosting the meeting or event. This is to reinforce our functioning as a team, rather than attending meetings or events alone.

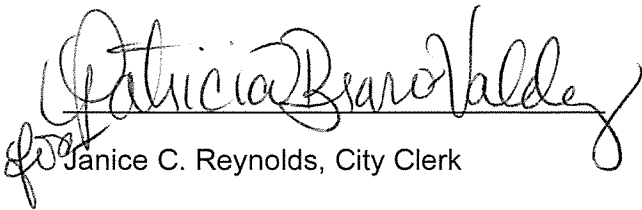
8. We are committed to superior customer service and excellence in governance, while paying attention to all neighborhoods and being mindful of our Districts. We will continue to move from “I” to “we”, working together for the greater good.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 15th day of April, 2020.



L. Dennis Michael, Mayor

ATTEST:



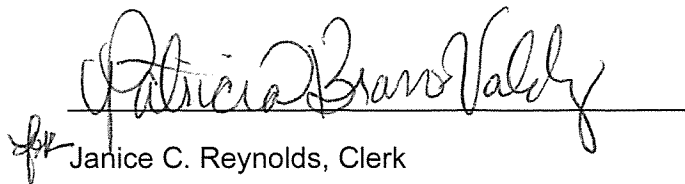
Janice C. Reynolds, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO) ss
CITY OF RANCHO CUCAMONGA)

I, **Janice C. Reynolds**, City Clerk of the City of Rancho Cucamonga, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Rancho Cucamonga, at a Regular Meeting of said Council held on the 15th day of April 2020.

AYES: Hutchison, Kennedy, Michael, Scott, Spagnolo
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

Executed this 16th day of April, 2020, at Rancho Cucamonga, California.



for Janice C. Reynolds, Clerk

