

. Minority Report

The intent of the content of the Human Rights Commission (HRC) resolution on Diversity and Immigration Status is spot on and very important. However, Human Rights should not be dependent on the holder of any political office, no matter how far-sighted the office holder may be. The principles of human rights are permanent and eternal. They should not be subject to reinterpretation of a new office holder in 2018, for example. Indeed, human rights must transcend the term of any individual office holder, such as the Sheriff.

Hopefully, the HRC will revisit the resolution that we passed unanimously on April 6, 2017 in order for it to become timeless and have the chance to stand for all time.

The clarification in said resolution calling for non-capricious due process is very useful. Nonetheless, as a parent of Hispanic children, I hope that eventually the HRC position will state explicitly that our intent is that non-violent undocumented parents of US citizen children shall not be subject to efforts by Humboldt County Law Enforcement or other social service or other personnel to cause such parents of American children to be deported or equivalent wording. American children need their parents at home and not be fearful for their security and safety!

When undocumented people have doubts about the motivations of local authorities, they do not tend to report crimes or be in contact with any authorities and the standards of living of all residents of Humboldt County may be negatively impacted. Humboldt County must be safe for all of our children and their families!

Sincerely,

Chris Weston
District 2 Commissioner,
Humboldt County Human Rights Commission

April 11, 2017

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
Rex Bohn, Estelle Fennell, Mike Wilson, Virginia Bass, Ryan Sundberg
825 Fifth Street, Room 111
Eureka, CA 95501

RE: Human Rights Commission Recommendations Related to the Development of a Civil Rights Diversity Resolution

Dear Supervisors: We wish to express our gratitude to Virginia Bass for initiating a conversation within the Board re: the civil rights of our diverse community at this time in our nation's history. Due to our current national political climate, many of us perceive the potential for grave and negative impacts on undocumented individuals and families residing in our County. We also wish to express our gratitude to the Human Rights Commission for welcoming community input in its process of developing recommendations for you. As representatives of Whitethorn Indivisible, a southern Humboldt group of citizens committed to advocating for liberty and justice for all, we urge you to accept all recommendations included in the HRC Draft under consideration before you today. Having a sense of collective safety and trust is vital to our wellbeing as a community. It is essential, if we are to thrive amidst diversity, living side by side with mutual respect. As your constituents, we will be most grateful for the courage and foresight required of you to adopt this resolution.

Sincerely,

Signed: Marylou Scavarda for Whitethorn Indivisible

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and

Signed: Virginia Jaramillo for Whitethorn Indivisible

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