

CITY OF NEWPORT

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No.

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2020 the Newport City Council virtual workshop was interrupted by hate speech and racist slurs written by anonymous participants, some of which was directly addressed to First Ward Councilor Angela McCalla; AND

WHEREAS, hate speech and racist slurs are heinous and completely unacceptable in all aspects of our society, and racism, both conscious and unconscious, reflects a fundamental lack of the empathy that is the true foundation of a just and equal society; AND

WHEREAS, the City of Newport IT Department has worked with the City Manager to try to prevent similar racist attacks from happening in future meetings; AND

WHEREAS, we the Newport City Council have a duty as civic leaders to speak out against hatred and violence and stand for human rights. We thank the Newport County NAACP for their work promoting civil rights and human rights, and condemning violence; AND

WHEREAS, we stand in solidarity with those protesting violence against Black Americans; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Newport City Council strongly condemns all hate speech and use of racist slurs; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, implicit bias training shall be provided to all employees of the City of Newport and to the City Council.

JAMIE BOVA
ANGELA MCCALLA
SUSAN TAYLOR

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Laura C. Swistak
City Clerk

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WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) provides an "adopt-an-access" program which preserves and promotes safe and unobstructed use by the public of CRMC designated rights-of-way to the shore; AND

WHEREAS, Local environmental group Clean Ocean Access have expressed a willingness to participate in the adopt-an-access program by performing the responsibilities listed in the memorandum of understanding of the following CRMC rights-of-way: Z-24 Marine Avenue Beach; AND

WHEREAS, Clean Ocean Access promotes stewardship of the Z-24 Marine Avenue Beach with weekly water samples to protect human health, monthly site inspections to protect public access, annual cliff walk cleanup to remove litter and marine debris; AND

WHEREAS, Under the adopt-an-access program a memorandum of understanding is required to be executed by each of the parties which sets for the specific responsibilities and tasks to be performed under this program; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the memorandum of understanding between the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council, the City of Newport, and Clean Ocean Access for the above referenced CRMC right-of-way is approved and the Mayor is authorized to sign said memorandum of understanding, upon review by the City Solicitor's office, on behalf of the City of Newport.

JAMIE BOVA
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