

**RESOLUTION NO. 167-24**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCATA  
REAFFIRMING ARCATA'S COMMITMENT TO THE VALUES OF COMMUNITY,  
INCLUSIVITY, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESPECT**

**WHEREAS,** The City of Arcata values the richness and strength that diversity brings to our community and welcomes people of all social, racial, ethnic, religious and national backgrounds and beliefs. A diverse community is a strong and vibrant community; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Arcata has a proud history of supporting policies and practices that prohibit discrimination based on class, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation and disability, and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Arcata values the wonder of our natural environment, which is the basis for the health, recreation, beauty, economy, and high quality of life of our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCATA:**

- 1) **WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT** The creation of an inclusive and equitable community, where all people can feel that they belong and can contribute. We recognize that inclusivity is a moral imperative, is vital to our community and reflects our shared commitment to social justice; and
- 2) **WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT** Serving the entire community and recognizing the dignity of all persons, regardless of their immigration status. All individuals should know that they may safely seek and obtain the assistance of City Departments including the Police Department regardless of their personal immigration status; and
- 3) **WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT** The US Constitution and the Bill of Rights. We continue to believe in this nation's founding principles of religious freedom. We oppose special requirements for people based on their faith or national origin. We celebrate diversity in our community; and
- 4) **WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT** Women's rights and equal rights and public safety for all genders. We support the right of the people in our community to love and marry whom they choose. To all the LGBTQ people, all over the country who feel scared, bullied or alone: the people of Arcata support you; and
- 5) **WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT** Policies to slow climate change. The people of Arcata trust the strong scientific evidence that climate change is real and largely human caused. In this City, bordered by water and cushioned by the majestic redwoods, we will continue to work on clean power, alternative energy, public transit systems and alternative transportation, reducing our carbon footprint and achieving zero waste; and

- 6) **WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT** Sensible, science-based regulations that help to preserve our environment. We support our many organic farmers, the health of our bee population, our diverse wildlife, and the flourishing balance of our entire ecosystem. Clean air and water are essential resources we all need. We understand how important it is to protect nature for future generations; and
- 7) **WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT** Efforts to ensure and increase access to affordable healthcare, including mental healthcare for all our residents. We appreciate the valuable services that our health centers bring to our community and recognize the role that government plays to ensure healthcare for all; and
- 8) **WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT** Programs to aid and shelter the houseless community. We will continue to work with homeless services providers to achieve the goal of Housing for All; and
- 9) **WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT** Our arts community. Our creative arts community makes Arcata a vibrant and inspiring place to live. We are proud of our local artists and will promote public art, art festivals, and local theater, musicians and dancers; and
- 10) **WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT** Our entrepreneurs, small manufacturing companies, visionaries, intellectuals, trades people, artists and environmentalists, who all do their part, in Arcata, to make the State of California the sixth largest economy in the world.

**IN SUPPORTING THESE ENDEAVORS, WE WILL WORK TIRELESSLY TO CREATE AND BUILD A COMMUNITY THAT REFLECTS OUR VALUES.**

This resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

DATED: January 4, 2017

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk, City of Arcata

APPROVED:

  
Mayor, City of Arcata

## CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No.167-26, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcata, Humboldt County, California, on the 4th day of January, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: **ORNELAS, PEREIRA, PITINO, WHEETLEY, WINKLER**  
NOES: **NONE**  
ABSENT: **NONE**  
ABSTENTIONS: **NONE**

  
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ARCATA