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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Matt Smith <kg7vfy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 6:09 PM
To: Moore-Love, Karla
Subject: Request to Consider Resolution

Dear Council Clerk Karla Moore-Love:

I am writing to request an agenda item for the next City Council meeting: Declare Support for Portland's Muslim Community and censure Donald Trump (Resolution).

It is my understanding Mayor Hales planned to present the Resolution on December 16, 2015 but was unable to proceed after the Secretary of State pointed out state election law prohibits public employee time from being used to support or oppose a candidate. Now that the presidential election is over Mr. Trump is no longer a candidate and the Resolution should face no legal obstacles.

I am including the exact language of the original Resolution below for your consideration. The text may be found online at <https://s3.amazonaws.com/wapopartners.com/wweek-wp/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/10233147/Resolution-in-support-of-Muslim-community.pdf>

Declare support for Portland's Muslim community and censure Donald Trump (Resolution) WHEREAS, Portlanders pride themselves on their warm and welcoming nature; and

WHEREAS, our city has greatly benefitted from the addition of the many immigrants and refugees, from all religious backgrounds, who moved here in the past decades and have become valued and contributing citizens significantly benefitting our community; and

WHEREAS, the Muslim population in the Portland Metro area is estimated to be around 10,000; and

WHEREAS, our Muslim community is an important part of Portland's diversity, and of our growing multicultural identity; and

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in anti-Muslim and anti-immigration rhetoric in the national media, with the intended outcome of increasing patriotism and loyalty through inciting fear and hatred; and

WHEREAS, this country was founded on principles of freedom of religion and freedom from religious persecution; and

WHEREAS, Donald Trump has recently used the media as a means of spouting vitriolic and divisive comments that have crossed the line into fearmongering and racism; and

WHEREAS, his most recent comment calling for a ban on Muslims entering this country is unconscionable, and if implemented as proposed would constitute violations of the 1st and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, as well as violating Article 1, Sections 2 and 3 of the Oregon Constitution, and further would not be in keeping with Portland's value of nondiscrimination as evidenced by the City's Title 23; and

WHEREAS, Portland is a city that does not tolerate this type of hate speech;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Portland and its Council members stand in support of our Muslim community and call for an end to the continued use of anti-Muslim and anti-immigration hate speech; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Portland City Council officially censures Donald Trump and strongly encourages him to acknowledge having engaged in divisive, hateful and hurtful speech and to refrain from doing so in the future.

Thank you for your time and attention. I hope the item can be discussed, the Resolution adopted, and the values that make our city and country great can be reinforced.

Best Regards,
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Request of Matt Smith to address Council regarding declare support for
Portland's Muslim community and censure Donald Trump
(Communication)

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