

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Mike Shawver <mikeshawver@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 11:28 PM
To: ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS; public communications
Subject: El Segundo should be an open, welcoming community for all

El Segundo is a wonderful community of diverse, intelligent, caring humans. I stand together in support of all people of diverse backgrounds. Hate has no place here and will not be tolerated.

I denounce Mass Resistance and the boiler plate response by the city. We need to establish the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion commission.

Mike Shawver
770 W. Imperial Ave., #28
El Segundo, CA 90245

"If you want peace, work for justice." Pope Paul VI

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Michelle Keldorf <keldorf@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 10:07 AM
To: public communications
Subject: August 18th Council Meeting public comments

Council Members,

As a resident of El Segundo, I am writing to ask that you speak out against those seeking to promote hate and division in our community. While all have a legal right to free speech, you have an obligation as city leaders to publicly set the tone for what is deemed acceptable in our town.

Nothing in the El Segundo for Black Lives Demands includes defunding the police. To suggest otherwise is to generate a false narrative with the intention of creating fear among residents. **Is it acceptable to say that supporting diversity, equity and inclusion in El Segundo will increase crime? Or that supporting the LGBTQ community promotes harmful sexual behaviors?**

Now is the time to be vocal about your stance on justice and your vision for our community.

"We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented." - Elie Wiesel

Thank you,
Michelle Keldorf

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Kyla Hunts <kylahunts@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 1:59 PM
To: public communications
Subject: El Segundo must denounce hate

My name is Kyla and I am an El Segundo resident. I am speaking up because I believe you, our City Council, must not abdicate your responsibility to lead by shunting all issues related to racism and discrimination to the as-yet-unformed Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission. You are our elected leaders; we need leadership now. Denounce hate groups. Issue a proclamation publicly affirming that El Segundo is committed to being an inclusive and safe place for all people, including our LGBTQ+ and other minority communities. You have been silent too long. Take this opportunity to chart a different course for our City.

Be on the right side of history. Please.

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Kyla Hunts
cell: 408-718-2605
email: kylahunts@gmail.com

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Lindsay Pinkham <lindsaypinkham@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 2:00 PM
To: public communications
Subject: Do not give in to hate groups

My name is Lindsay Pinkham. I have been a resident in El Segundo since 1987, and my husband and I have raised our two children here.

I have read the email addressed to the city council by Mass Resistance, a hate group out of Torrance. I was very unhappy with the City's lackluster response. Hate and intolerance has no place in this city. Everyone should be welcome here, including all races, religions, and sexual persuasions. Please show your leadership, stand up for your citizens and denounce hate groups and intolerance.

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Lindsay Pinkham

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: veronica bryce <veeseeb@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 2:04 PM
To: public communications
Subject: City Hall meeting / August 18

An email correspondence between the city of ES and a conservative group leader was recently shared on a community page. The city replied with neutral acknowledgment of this leader's concerns of ES fostering inclusion and acceptance of diverse groups, promoting equality and consideration for said groups. I understand the city's protocol to be universally fair. However, it was disappointing they did not firmly communicate while ES welcomes all, it will not perpetuate divisiveness and exclusion. I have lived in ES for 16 years. Please, let's strive to do better for the community and for our kids who are the future of this community. Thank you.

Veronica Bryce

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Jigisha Bouverat <jigisha@bouveratcollective.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 2:17 PM
To: public communications
Cc: ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS
Subject: City Inclusion Statement and DEI commission

Dear Mayor Boyles and Council Members,

My name is Jigisha Bouverat. I am an El Segundo resident and local business owner. I'm writing regarding the urgent need for El Segundo to publicly denounce hate. El Segundo must show inclusive support for its LGBTQ+ and BIPOC residents. This includes official communication from the city management.

As part of ensuring ongoing inclusion and representation the establishment of a DEI Commission must also be a priority. We need clear and transparent communication regarding the timeline or selection process. I look forward to seeing El Segundo City stand up for equality and anti-racism.

I'd like to commend the city on its ongoing efforts to keep us all COVID safe and support our local businesses. I appreciate the signs around town and the updates.

Sincerely,
Jigisha Bouverat

bouveratcollective.com | [310.991.2867](tel:310.991.2867)

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Jan Lebow <z2hebu@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 2:19 PM
To: public communications
Subject: Comment for tomorrow night's city council meeting

Greetings ---

I would like the following to be read during tomorrow night's City Council meeting.

Thank you!

Dear City Council:

The City Council must immediately and forcefully denounce any hate groups that seek to harass or attack any of our residents, students, or visitors on the basis of skin color, ethnicity, religion, gender or sexual orientation. A firm, unmistakable message must be sent --- hate groups are NOT welcome here!

To emphasize its rejection of bigotry and hatred, the City Council should also immediately draft a proclamation unambiguously affirming that El Segundo is a safe, welcoming place for ALL. Besides the declaration being posted around town, that declaration should also be included as a tagline at the bottom of any official written correspondence.

To allow the diseases of bigotry and hatred to go unchecked is to allow them to fester and grow. Protect El Segundo from those malignancies before they damage the souls of its residents and destroy the civic health and reputation of this town.

Jan Zoochie (Homeowner)

900 Cedar Street, Condo 302

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Jessica Leigh <jessica.ryan.leigh@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 2:24 PM
To: public communications
Subject: Demand City Commitment to Equality

I, Jessica Leigh, live, work and vote in El Segundo. I'm in full support of increasing diversity and representation of BIPOC and LGBTQ+ people in our city and demand that the City Council do the same. As leaders of this community, you must represent and defend the rights of all citizens, especially those who are marginalized and frequently experience hate from people in and out of our community. I demand that the City of El Segundo issues a proclamation stating we are welcoming and safe for all people, particularly those from the BIPOC and LGBTQ+ communities and demonstrate a commitment to policies and actions that support equality.

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Patrick Gibson <p.gib94@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 2:39 PM
To: public communications
Subject: City Council Call To Action

My name is Patrick Gibson and I am an El Segundo resident.

I write because El Segundo must denounce hate. El Segundo must support its LGBTQ+ and other minority residents and make sure El Segundo is an inclusive and safe place for all. The City Council must act now. Issue a proclamation publicly affirming this City's commitment to equality. Move forward swiftly with the creation and implementation of a DEI Commission. Ensure that individuals appointed to the DEI Commission are committed to the principles of DEI. Silence speaks volumes. I vote.

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Patrick Gibson
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Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Beverly Maloney <beverlymaloney@me.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 2:50 PM
To: public communications
Cc: Kevin Maloney
Subject: Stand Up Against Hate

Dear Council Members,

It has come to our attention that a representative of a known hate group, Mass Resistance, has sent you an email containing disturbing views. They also spread their hateful views in a flyer. Their claims are false and based in xenophobia.

We are concerned they are attempting to influence you and our citizens with hateful rhetoric. We respectfully request you take a stand against hate in our community. For too long the white, heterosexual, Christian "ideal" has been the standard of this country, but this leaves out a significant portion of our population. We were heartened by your decision to create the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee. But we cannot wait for the commission to do its work. If we are a truly inclusive community, you must speak up forcefully against hate in our community and in support of our marginalized citizens.

If we do not take a stand against hate and bigotry, we are condoning it.

Regards,
Beverly and Kevin Maloney
El Segundo homeowners since 1989

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: meighan langlois <megtad@pacbell.net>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 3:01 PM
To: public communications
Subject: Public Comment for 8-18-2020 Council Meeting

My name is Meighan Langlois and I am an El Segundo resident and homeowner. I write because I support full equality for all and I want my City to do the same. The City Council must act now! Denounce hate groups; Issue a proclamation publicly affirming that El Segundo is committed to being an inclusive and safe place for all people, including our LGBTQ+ and other minority communities; Move swiftly with the creation and implementation of the DEI Commission; Ensure that individuals appointed to the DEI Commission are committed to the principles of DEI. Silence speaks volumes, you have been silent too long. Take this opportunity to chart a different course for our City.

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Deborah Ryan <debryan@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 3:08 PM
To: public communications
Subject: Public comment for City Council meeting

I, Deborah Ryan, have lived and voted in El Segundo for 27 years. I am in full support of recent efforts to recognize and support the needs of our BIPOC and LGBTQ+ community members. It is your responsibility as leaders of this city to represent all citizens, of all backgrounds, equally. This means denouncing hate speech and hate groups whose goal is to oppress the rights of those citizens. I am calling for the City Council to publicly state that El Segundo is a safe place for all people and demonstrate dedication to improving Diversity, Equity and Inclusion with actionable steps as demanded by your community members.

Thank you.

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Victoria Axt <axt.victoria@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 3:36 PM
To: public communications
Subject: Comments for Tuesday's (8/18) El Segundo City Council Meeting

To whom it may concern,

I am a new resident to El Segundo. I had a natural fear for my health and safety moving across the country in such a volatile time, but when I reached out on El Segundo's social networking pages, I was greeted with an incredibly warm welcome.

The inclusion I felt made all the difference in helping me feel safe. Now, there are many people in the world that are loudly speaking out against LGBTQ+ individuals and large hate groups painting minority communities as lesser, violent, or inhuman. I've seen pamphlets circulating in this town promoting messages like these. I'm lucky my identity is not be targeted by these groups.

However, I'm adamant that any community I am a part of actively denounces hate groups such as these and actively includes LGBTQ+ and minority communities. It is especially important that El Segundo City Council takes the responsibility to denounce the hate groups that are trying to take a foothold in our city.

"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor." -Desmond Tutu.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.

All my best,
Victoria Axt

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Ben Davis <bdavs3000@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 4:18 PM
To: public communications
Subject: Comments for El Segundo City Council Meeting 8/18

My name is Ben, and I'm an El Segundo resident that is unsettled by the absence of a denunciation of hate groups by the city. El Segundo should be working hard to protect marginalized groups, and lack of response by the city only raises questions about its elected leaders' human rights ideals. We want to see you, as leaders, take a stance on this. Denounce hate groups. Issue a proclamation publicly affirming that El Segundo is committed to being an inclusive and safe place for all people, including our LGBTQ+ and other minority communities. El Segundo citizens are already been tirelessly working to stand up for the rights of your constituents. Now do the same.

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: The Real McCoy <thereal.mccoy@att.net>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 5:20 PM
To: ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS
Subject: Council meeting 8/18/20

As a long time resident of El Segundo (since 1952) I urge you to disregard all the requests/demands that the Black Life Matters delegation have presented to you

All lives matter, not just Black ones. You were elected to represent the residents of El Segundo. The requests they have made, if adopted, would NOT better the lives of El Segundo residents.

Please remember why you were elected to this office. Betterment and improvement of the City of El Segundo and its residents, not dissident groups bringing ridiculous items before the council

Regards,

Marilyn Mc Coy

Sent from my iPad

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: em co thu thach nhu sau Lee <paulalhasse@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 5:53 PM
To: public communications
Subject: 08-18-2020 City Council Meeting

My name is Paula Lee and I am an El Segundo resident. I am writing this because the El Segundo City Council must denounce hate and hate speech. El Segundo must support its LGBTQ+ and other minority residents and make sure El Segundo is an inclusive and safe place for all. The City Council must act now and:

-issue a proclamation publicly affirming this city's commitment to equality; -move forward swiftly with the creation and implementation of a DEI commission whose members are selected through an open selection procession; -ensure that individuals appointed to the DEI Commission are committed to further the principles of DEI.

Silence speaks volumes. I vote.

Respectfully,

Paula Lee

Sent from my iPhone

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Julie Fishman Holop <jmfishman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:16 PM
To: public communications
Subject: Building a hate-free El Segundo

City Council,

My name is Julie Holop. I'm a resident writing to urge you to publicly denounce the hate group attempting to gain footing in El Segundo. We must show our LGBTQ+ and BIPOC residents that we have their backs. While I applaud your creation of the Diversity and Inclusion Commission, I believe you must expedite the process so that groups preaching intolerance know that: 1) they are not welcome here; 2) we have a committee in place to deal with their misconduct.

Thank you,
Julie Holop

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Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Anya Goldstein <anyagoldstein@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:36 PM
To: public communications
Subject: Public Comment 8/28/20 City Council Meeting

Good evening Mayor Boyles, City Councilmembers, and staff,

My name is Anya Goldstein. I'm an El Segundo resident, a lawyer, a small business owner, and a member of El Segundo for Black Lives.

I am speaking up today because I believe that you, our City Council, must not abdicate your responsibility to lead. And that is what you will be doing if you continue to punt on all issues related to racism and discrimination, pushing them off on an as-yet-unformed Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission.

You are our elected leaders; we need leadership now. Denounce hate groups. Issue a proclamation publicly affirming that El Segundo is committed to being an inclusive and safe place for all people, including our LGBTQ+ and Black, Indigenous, People of Color communities.

You have been silent too long. Take this opportunity to chart a different course for our City.

Thank you,
Anya Goldstein

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Erin Workman <erworkman99@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:51 PM
To: public communications
Subject: Comment to be read 8/18

Hello City Council Members -

It is with a very heavy heart that I ask you to please take a bold stand against the infiltration of a known hate group in our city. Mass Resistance has been denounced as a hate group, as you well know. And yet an all too polite response was given to Arthur Schaper when he addressed the City Manager. I am disappointed and angered, as a member of the LGBTQ+ community here, that our City Council and Mayor have not yet delivered a statement denouncing hate and bigotry in our community. Action must be taken now and it feels like a poor excuse to say "when the DEI commission is formed we will discuss this". And please fast track the forming of the DEI commission. This is clearly needed NOW. Your silence speaks volumes and your city is waiting to hear your voices on these very important matters.

Thank you,
Erin

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: JOHN PITZER <johnmpitzer@me.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:54 PM
To: ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS
Cc: Theresa Pitzer
Subject: Black lives matters demands

Mayor and City Council,

I have been a resident of El Segundo for over 40 years and have never spoken out about any political agenda in my life time. I have always supported racial equality and been a supporter of holding people (police or citizen)accountable for wrong doings.

However, after seeing the wide spread nationwide turmoil that the BLM movement has been trying to force on communities through demonstration, violent rioting, and promoting defunding police I can no longer stay silent. I expect that as duly elected officials who are vested with fiduciary responsibilities of maintaining law and order, safety for its residents and promoting a city for its residents to live and thrive you will:

1. Maintain funding for the police department at its current level or better.
2. Denounce any group that tries to promote their political agenda through violence
3. Promote the nuclear family and
4. Promote programs that help manage the growing homeless population.

Anyone who supports defunding police has a "No Vote" from me come the next election!

Please do right by your residents and stop the defund police non-sense!

John M. Pitzer
El Segundo Resident

Sent from my iPhone

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Kate Quinones <kalavez@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 7:56 PM
To: public communications
Subject: Public comments

My name is Kate Alavez and I am an El Segundo resident and parent. I write because El Segundo must denounce hate. El Segundo must support its LGBTQ+ and other minority residents and make sure El Segundo is an inclusive and safe place for all. The City Council must act now. Issue a proclamation publicly affirming this City's commitment to equality. Move forward swiftly with the creation and implementation of a DEI Commission. Ensure that individuals appointed to the DEI Commission are committed to the principles of DEI. Silence speaks volumes. I vote.

Thank you.

Be well! Kate Alavez (Quinones)

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Jose Alavez <jalavez32@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 7:57 PM
To: public communications
Subject: Public Comments

My name is Jose Alavez and I am an El Segundo resident and parent. I write because El Segundo must denounce hate. El Segundo must support its LGBTQ+ and other minority residents and make sure El Segundo is an inclusive and safe place for all. The City Council must act now. Issue a proclamation publicly affirming this City's commitment to equality. Move forward swiftly with the creation and implementation of a DEI Commission. Ensure that individuals appointed to the DEI Commission are committed to the principles of DEI. Silence speaks volumes. I vote.

Thank you.

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Laura Sorensen <poetry180@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 9:12 PM
To: public communications
Subject: public comment for 8/17/20 council meeting

I am a fifteen year resident of El Segundo. I also believe in equity and justice for every citizen, regardless of skin color, sexual orientation, ability, or monetary status.

I have been disheartened by the incursion of unpleasant people who have contacted the city council, protested outside city hall, and left flyers throughout town. These people don't live here or work here. They are paid agents of an East Coast hate group. One of them, a Torrance resident, comments many times in our public forums, because Torrance officials have denounced him and he needs to get attention somewhere. Council members: stop being neutral, stop fueling these bad actors' egos, and start leading by example! Step forward now and lead the way by proclaiming that El Segundo welcomes diversity and is committed to being a safe and inclusive place for all, and that hate groups are not welcome here. Thank you.

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Lindsay Hall <lindsaythall@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 8:17 AM
To: public communications
Subject: City Council Must Adopt a Proclamation Publicly Affirming that El Segundo Is Committed to Being a Safe Place for All People.

My name is Lindsay Hall and I am an El Segundo resident. I am speaking up because I believe you, our City Council, must denounce hate groups. Issue a proclamation publicly affirming this City's commitment to being a safe place for all people. Ensure that individuals appointed to the DEI Commission are committed to the principles of DEI. You are our elected leaders; we need leadership now. Thank you for the steps you have already taken, and keep moving forward to chart a different course for our City.

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Susie Miller <susiemiller2222@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:58 PM
To: Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk) 10:06 am
Cc: public communications; Stefan Miller; mermaid13000
Subject: Re: Public Comment re: Hate Groups to be read at Board meeting on 8/18

Hi Tracy! Thank you for responding and letting me know, I appreciate it.

Here is a shortened version just at 150 words - will this work:

My name is Susie Miller and I am a neighbor from Redondo Beach.

The El Segundo City Council must lead by shunting all issues related to racism and discrimination.

I am a white straight woman, and have been personally attacked by the hate group "Mass Resistance" while attending an ES4BL "Students for Change" rally in support of BIPOC and LGBTQ+ students, July 2020. While holding signs with my family I was accosted by several members NOT wearing masks during the height of the pandemic, claiming "we just want to have a conversation" - they took pictures of me and published them online without my consent. They showed up to the rally to create disruption and spoke disrespectfully over the students and accosted the leadership team of ES4BL, as the students gave their riveting speeches and personal stories of trauma they had endured.

Publicly denounce all hate groups now.

Susie Miller
Redondo Beach CA

On Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 12:17 PM Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk) <tweaver@elsegundo.org> wrote:

Hi,

Thank you for your email. The requirement to read communications during public comment is a limit of 150 words, due to the large volume of emails we receive, to be read aloud during Public Communications. Unfortunately, your letter has 286 words. I will however, forward the email onto Council to read prior to the meeting, or you can resend with fewer words and/or you are welcome to attend the meeting during public comments. We have set up the podium with a laptop for those who wish to make public comments in person. Socially distancing and masks must be worn and we only allow one commenter in Chamber at a time.

Regards,

Tracy Weaver

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: vansanlan <vansanlan@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:37 AM
To: public communications
Subject: I want to live in an inclusive city

City Council,

My name is Sandra Duplechin, I am a resident of El Segundo for several years. I would like to see El Segundo as an inclusive city for all. I am thinking of the high suicide rate among teens that are in the LGBTQ community and don't feel safe or accepted in their own homes. I would like the City Council to publicly state that El Segundo is a safe place for all. Thank you, again.

Sandra Duplechin

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Cathy Deppe <cathydeppela@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:37 AM
To: public communications
Subject: A call for accountability

To the El Segundo City Council
8/18/2020

Maple Street residents are raising concerns about recent police activity on their street. On Sunday evening around 9 pm, nine police cars surrounded a Black man and woman walking a dog near Washington St. According to police, someone called in suspicions of an “attempted burglary”. What followed was an example of the racial profiling, over policing, and harassment that we never want to see in El Segundo. The man was handcuffed and interrogated for half an hour on the spot, before being released.

This happened in contrast to the polite form letter sent by city officials to the hate group Mass Resistance from Massachusetts, in response to their demands for El Segundo to be disband the Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity committee now in formation, and deny our LGBTQ+ residents the basic human right to exist in the public space.

We demand that the city rectify this situation immediately, that the police involved be held accountable, and that the city not encourage hate groups to “stay in touch.”

Cathy Deppe
Grandparent of El Segundo School Students

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Sarah Townsend <sarah.sachi@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:51 AM
To: public communications
Subject: Comment for 8/18 meeting

My name is Sarah Townsend. As an El Segundo resident and parent, I am disturbed by the hesitance of the city council to actively and explicitly denounce expressions of hate. The polite response to the recent offensive letter is but an example. It is hard to stand up for inclusion and justice. The more comfortable path is to wait for change to happen, to presume that progress will unfold without concerted effort. That is not the way hate has ever been stopped and it is not how hate will be stopped now.

I have two requests.

Please demonstrate in word and action that El Segundo is a place where all groups and identities belong and have a place in the public domain, including LGBTQ+ and other minoritized communities.

Please provide transparency in the selection process for DEI commission and evidence that objective standards have been consistently applied.

Thank you.

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: cgtennis@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:28 AM
To: ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS
Subject: MassResistance

Please do not buy into Arthur Schaper's recent bulletin against "Radical Demands from Black Lives Matter."

His flyer is one of the most distorted presentations and interpretations of a decent movement ... maybe the worst claim is that BLM demands include destroying the nuclear family.

It's a bunch of hateful and divisive baloney.

I (and my family and neighbors) feel extremely proud of the El Segundo PD as an example of dedicated, community policing. We support what you continue to do.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Gore
601 Bungalow Drive
310 322-7659
cgtennis@aol.com

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Melissa Blaser <melissablaser@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:33 AM
To: cgtennis@aol.com
Cc: ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS
Subject: Re: MassResistance

Dear Elected Officials,

I agree with Cheryl 100%. We believe in a diverse community and are encouraged by the steps El Segundo is taking to create a Diversity and Inclusion Committee and a Police Department that is aligned with this mission.

Thank you for all you do. We are disheartened to know this hate group is in our community.

Keep doing what you are doing. You have our full support!

- Melissa and David Blaser
521 Standard Street

Sent from my iPhone

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Cheryl Gore
601 Bungalow Drive
310 322-7659
cgtennis@aol.com

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Mr Lee <leetonks70@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:40 PM
To: Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)
Cc: public communications
Subject: Re: Public Comment

12:06 PM

Hi there. I'm hoping that due to the importance of this subject that the previous email will be read in it's entirety but just in case, her is a truncated version.

To whom it may concern:

I would like to express my deep concern regarding the hateful flyer that was left on my doorstep this week by Mass Resistance/ Arthur Schaper. As I am sure you are aware, They have been designated as a hate group by the SPLC

Arthur Schaper's alt right religious belief system accuses all LGBTQ+ people as Being pedophiles and zoophilias. In addition to his homophobic claims he is also pedaling a great deal of misinformation

firstly, there is not a BLM chapter in El Segundo, the group that has organised in El Segundo to push for civil rights for all is the El Segundo for Black lives group, which does not have a set of demands which adhere strictly to the BLM global foundations doctrine, El Segundo for black lives does not have a Marxist ideology and with regards to the claim that El segundo for black lives has a desire to destroy the Nuclear family, this is completley Unfounded, all we are pushing for is the inclusion of the LBGTO community so that they are treated with equality, Schapers claims that the group are trying to destroy the American values are nothing more than scare tactics.

On Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 12:28 PM Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk) <tweaver@elsegundo.org> wrote:

Hi,

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Kristina McNeela <kmcneela@esud.k12.ca.us>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:04 PM
To: Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)
Subject: Re: Public Comments

12:15
Kris

Hi- thank you for letting me know. The following is my re-write that hopefully falls under the limit:

I am an El Segundo resident and high school teacher. I am gravely disappointed by the city's passive response to the hateful message sent to our City Council. I stand with our LGBTQ+ and minority community and want my City to do the same. When I think of my students and how they must feel after hearing the Council still has not publicly denounced hate groups, my heart sinks for how bereft of support they are, support which should be given freely and graciously by community leaders. The lack of accountability that the Council has demonstrated also disheartens me because if a teacher were to allow such hate spoken in the classroom and do nothing to prevent the safety and of his/her students, that teacher would most likely face disciplinary consequences and even risk job security. Why is the same accountability not linked to all our leaders? As elected spokespeople you must do more. Issue a proclamation affirming that El Segundo is a safe place for all people, move forward with the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, and ensure that all appointed have a demonstrated commitment to DEI.

Thank You,
Kris McNeela

On Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 12:15 PM Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk) <twaver@elsegundo.org> wrote:

Hi,

Thank you for your email. The requirement to read communications during public comment is a limit of 150 words, due to the large volume of emails we receive, to be read aloud during Public Communications. Unfortunately, your letter has 221 words. I will however, forward the email onto Council to read prior to the meeting, or you can resend with fewer words and/or you are welcome to attend the meeting during public comments. We have set up the podium with a laptop for those who wish to make public comments in person. Socially distancing and masks must be worn and we only allow one commenter in Chamber at a time.

Regards,

Tracy Weaver

City Clerk

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Natalie Dease <nataliejulia15@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:28 PM
To: public communications
Subject: Denounce Hate

Hello,

My name is Natalie and my hometown is El Segundo. I am speaking up because I believe you, the City Council, must not abdicate your responsibility to lead by shunting all issues related to racism and discrimination to the as-yet-unformed Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission. You are our elected leaders; we need leadership now. Denounce hate groups. Issue a proclamation publicly affirming that El Segundo is committed to being an inclusive and safe place for all people, including the LGBTQ+ and other minority communities. You have been silent too long.

My friends and I wished we had your support when we attended your schools and lived in your community. Every day, we battled against systemic prejudice aimed at us for being Muslim, queer, women, immigrants, and disabled. Take this opportunity to chart a different course for our City.

Thank you for your time.

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Bridget r <bridgerome@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:20 PM
To: public communications
Subject: City Council meeting statement

Mayor Boyle/ Esteemed Council Members: my name is Bridget Rome; 1427 E. Elm Avenue, and I support El Segundo for Black Lives.

I would like to response to Mr. Schaper's letter sent to the City Council dated August 10, 2020.

I do not think kindly of the gentleman discrediting my affiliation with El Segundo For Black Lives for the reason that I am not black or African-American. I am Caucasian, and I am a resident of El Segundo and I believe strongly that Black Lives Matter. I do not need to be black/African-American to be pro human rights.

Furthermore, I take issue with his statement that I have somehow have bullied the City Council. I would like to remind the gentlemen that we are the people of El Segundo, we are the residents who vote for a representational government and we are encouraged to express how that government should represent us.

Thank you for you time,
Bridget Rome

Sent from my iPhone

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Valerie Green <valeriefgreen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:22 PM
To: public communications
Subject: Written Comment - City Council Meeting

My name is Val and I am an El Segundo resident. Given recent events in the city, it is critical that El Segundo takes a stronger stance against hatred and discrimination. **The City Council Must Denounce Hate Groups and Attacks on our LGBTQ+ and Minority Communities.** We are a community that is inclusive of all, and we must make that known.

Thank you.

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Val Green



Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Jen Oloo <jenoloo@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:31 PM
To: public communications
Subject: For council meeting - thank you

My name is Jen Oloo, 40 year resident of El Segundo. My elderly mother was approached by a hate group representative last Saturday outside her home. This is the same hate group that has been in polite conversation with the city council via email and in person at council meetings. I'm disappointed that the council has chosen to politely engage this hateful rhetoric in our town. Please issue a public proclamation affirming that El Segundo is an inclusive community for LGBTQ, Black, and People of Color. Silence creates a safe place for hate and it is unacceptable. Looking forward to the DEI commission, but this action shouldn't wait. Thank you for your service.

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Natacha Lee <nlee_21@esusdstudents.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:48 PM
To: public communications

I, Natacha Lee, am an El Segundo student. I support full equality for all. I am outraged by the City's polite response to the hateful message sent to our City Council. I stand with our LGBTQ+ and minority community. I want my City to do the same. You, our elected leaders, must do more and you must do so now. Denounce hate. Issue a proclamation affirming that El Segundo is a safe place for all people, move forward swiftly with the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Commission, and ensure that all appointed to the Commission have a demonstrated commitment to DEI. Silence is complicity. I vote.

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Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Cascade Mittman <cascadeandrea@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:29 PM
To: public communications
Cc: christinecturekrials@gmail.com; elsegundoforblacklives@gmail.com
Subject: Comment for 8/18 City Council Meeting

"My name is Cascade DePierre and I am an El Segundo resident. As a member of this community, I was shocked and disheartened to receive a flyer on my front door that promoted hatred, discrimination, and racism with fear-mongering language. As a member of this community, I believe that the majority of those who live and work in this City do not support this way of thinking and would have felt as disgusted as I did receiving this flyer. As such, I expect our community-elected officials to take use their positions of authority to publicly denounce groups that promote fear and discrimination. I expect them to to stand on the right side of history and publicly support the City's commitment to taking action to create an inclusive, safe place for all. Move forward with the creation and implementation of a Diversity Equity and Inclusion Commission. Silence speaks volumes. I vote."

Thank you,

Cascade DePierre

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Carrie Schat <schatcarrie@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:49 PM
To: public communications
Subject: City Council Meeting

My name is Carrie Schat and I have been a resident of El Segundo for 48 years. As our elected officials, I call on the City Council to publicly denounce hate groups and attacks on our LGBTQ+ and minority communities by issuing a formal proclamation affirming this city's commitment to equality and the civil rights of all people. This proclamation must state that the City of El Segundo is a community that is inclusive and a safe place for ALL people. I personally stand with and support our LGBTQ+ and minority communities. I reject the hateful propaganda distributed by hate groups that do not have any business being in El Segundo. I want to live in a city that is known for diversity, equity, and the inclusion of LGBTQ+ people and minorities. All citizens and visitors to our beautiful city deserve to be treated with respect and kindness. Thank you

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Toni Michaels <toni@tonimichaelslaw.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 3:06 PM
To: public communications
Subject: Public Comment for 8/18 City Council Meeting

My name is Toni Michaels and I am an El Segundo business owner, homeowner and parent. The City Council must act now to denounce hate, in light of the campaign taken up by the hate group Mass Resistance. I implore the Council Members to immediately issue a proclamation publicly affirming this City's commitment to equality regardless of race, color, ethnicity, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, etc. This Council must also move forward swiftly to staff the DEI Commission, particularly since the Council has put off policy changes and other actions relating to DEI and instead referred these matters to the DEI Commission. Finally, the Council has a responsibility to ensure that individuals appointed to the DEI Commission are committed to the principles of DEI. Please do not let this Commission become a pulpit for those within our community who are intolerant or do not have a sincere commitment to DEI.

Yours truly,

Toni Michaels

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Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Robert Koran <robert.koran@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 3:16 PM
To: public communications
Subject: Public Communication - August 18th, 2020

My name is Robert Koran. I'm a 30 year resident of El Segundo. It saddens me to see the increasing divide between residents, neighbors, and friends. The current climate of the world is chaotic and uncertain. As a community, it seems that we are failing in our efforts to strengthen and support each other. We instead are quick to judge, and too easily conflate a difference in ideology with "hate". Hate is a powerful word, and one that has been thrown around much too loosely in recent times.

As recent racial tensions throughout the world have shown, there is much work to be done to bridge the gap in understanding and empathy. As American's, as a community, and as individuals we must be able to express ourselves without being tagged as "hateful". Without being threatened, or acted out against.

I urge the City Council to do what is right, not what is easy. Knee-jerk and reactionary events to radical demands are not the solution to the deeper problem in this city.

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Robert Koran

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Stephanie Sauter <ssauter@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 3:41 PM
To: public communications
Subject: In support of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Dear City Council,

I'm writing to support the city's progress towards being a more accepting and inclusive community. One where every El Segundo resident and visitor feels safe & valued.

It's been a rough few months. We, as a community, have had to do some serious self-reflection to figure out how to do better. This is true on two critical fronts- that of public health and racial justice. We might not be quite where we want to be, but the mere fact that the city council is having this dialogue tells me that we headed in the right direction.

We cannot allow the hatefulness of a few to stand in the way of this city doing what is right. We cannot be distracted by fear and small-mindedness. My husband and I fully support El Segundo's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. More love, less hate, please.

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*Best,
Stephanie Sauter & Paul Kelly
El Segundo residents*

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Ashlyn Grace Sze <asze_24@esusdstudents.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 3:45 PM
To: public communications
Subject: I Vote To Protect LGBTQ+ And Minority Groups in El Segundo (For City Council)

My name is Ashlyn Grace Sze and I am an El Segundo student. I am speaking up because El Segundo must denounce hate. El Segundo must support its LGBTQ+ and other minority residents and make sure El Segundo is an inclusive and safe place for all. The city council must act now. Issue a proclamation publicly affirming this City's commitment to equality. Move forward swiftly with the creation and implementation of a DEI commission. Ensure that individuals appointed to the DEI commission are committed to the principles of the DEI. Silence speaks volumes. Take this opportunity to chart a different course for our City. I vote.

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Sean OBrien <smobrienla@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 3:58 PM
To: public communications
Subject: Public Comment

My name is Sean O'Brien. The City Council must prove its commitment to diversity, inclusivity, and fairness for all by taking a strong stand against hate. This City can and must do better. I am appalled by the lack of action against outside hate groups attempting to intimidate minority residents in our town. Further, the DEI Commission must only include voices that stand for diversity— and the commission must be enacted as swiftly as possible. We are voters that are committed to a brighter future for all walks of life. Make these changes now and prove to your residents which side of history El Segundo will stand.

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Chelsea <accounting@specialtydoorsofca.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:02 PM
To: public communications
Subject: FW: No to ES for Black lives ORG

August 18th, 2020

El Segundo City Council

My name is Chelsea Harkenrider and I have lived in ES for my whole 28 years of life. In all the years I have lived here and gone to school here I have never seen any racism and neither have my friends that are POC.

I denounce any hate group that tries to divide a town which is what ES 4 BL is doing and any other group which divides us.

I Support our PD which is now being harassed stalked and video taped on a daily basis by this group. I don't want to imagine the disaster that will cause in the long run.

I also oppose the BLM propaganda that the superintendent is pushing in our schools. Recently a 10 year old's school project was to come up with a social justice cause. At that age that is just not what they should be thinking about.

I will not be sending my child to any school in this district and I know a majority wont either if the school gives into these demands.

please listen to the real majority of this town. We beg you!!

Thank you,
Chelsea Harkenrider

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Elias Garcia <e1garcia@ucsd.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:08 PM
To: public communications
Subject: Public Comment Regarding Denouncement of Hate

Salutations,

While the creation of a DEI commission represents the potential for action in the future, I as an El Segundo resident, would like reassurance of your commitment to protecting minorities in this community. This could be accomplished, at least in part, by officially denouncing the hateful comments made towards the LGBTQ+ community. I have assumed that our city council could without hesitation stand in solidarity with their constituents which include LGBTQ+ individuals and their allies.

Please don't disappoint me.
Elias Garcia

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Chelsea Harkenrider <chls1buny6@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:08 PM
To: public communications
Subject: Fwd: No to ES for Black lives ORG

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Thank you,

Chelsea Harkenrider

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Kellie Sims <kelliebsims@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:11 PM
To: public communications
Subject: Inclusivity in El Segundo

To Who It May Concern:

My name is Kellie Sims and I am an El Segundo resident. I write as a black woman raising black children in El Segundo. We desire to feel welcomed.

I request that El Segundo officials explicitly denounce hate and racism. El Segundo must support its LGBTQ+ and other minority residents and make sure El Segundo is an inclusive and safe place for all.

City Council - please act now. Issue a proclamation publicly affirming this City's commitment to equality. Move forward swiftly with the creation and implementation of a DEI Commission. Ensure that individuals appointed to the DEI Commission are committed to the principles of DEI. Silence equates to being complicit.

I appreciate your time.

Best,

Kellie

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Michaels, Jon <MICHAELS@law.ucla.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:20 PM
To: public communications
Subject: Comment for City Council

I, Jon Michaels, an ES resident and parent of three ESUSD students, fully support equality for all. I am writing to urge you, the Council, not to abdicate your responsibilities by shunting all issues related to racism and discrimination to the as-yet-unformed Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission. You are our elected leaders. You ought to be denouncing intolerance and showing support for all, including our LGBTQ+ and other identity and affinity groups subject to historic or ongoing marginalization and discrimination. Your silence is, at best, callous and irresponsible.

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Edye <Edye@specialtydoorsofca.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:37 PM
To: public communications
Subject: Fwd: City Council Meeting 7/21/2020-Letter from Resident
Attachments: City Council Letter 7-20-2020.pdf

August 18, 2020

El Segundo City Council

publiccommunications@elsegundo.org

My name is Edye Harkenrider and I have been a resident of this great city since 1982. I raised my daughter and now my granddaughter.

However, like so many citizens, both longstanding and new, we are concerned about the attack taking place on "our" city by "The El Segundo Black Lives Matter" organization. This group has made many false accusations with no evidence to back them. Accusations such as racism, acts of police brutality, homophobia, white privilege just to name a few. In addition to these accusations they have made many unreasonable demands which do not align with the values of this community.

I plead with the leaders of this city to not be falsely led or persuaded by this hate group.

Most Sincerely,

Edye Harkenrider

July 20, 2020

El Segundo City Council

publiccommunications@elsegundo.org

My name is Edye Harkenrider and I have been a resident of this great city since 1982. I raised my daughter and now my granddaughter here and I am hoping my great grandchildren.

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I pled with the leaders of this city to not be falsely led or persuaded by this hate group.

Most Sincerely,



Edye Harkenrider

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Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: David Holop <dholop@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:41 PM
To: public communications
Subject: Public Comment

My name is David Holop and I am an El Segundo resident. I am aware that many have written in tonight to say that the City must do more to denounce hate and *actively affirm* El Segundo is an inclusive place for all, and I wholeheartedly agree with those sentiments. What does not have to be tolerated are hate and intolerance themselves, for unchecked intolerance will wipe out everything besides itself, leaving us with only intolerance in the end, and so all of us must do everything in our power to stop this in its tracks. While bigots have a First Amendment right to spout disgusting hate speech, there is no Constitutional or other legal obligation that requires the City to do nothing to push back against such abhorrent discrimination brought to our doorstep. We must unequivocally state once and for always that Hate Has No Home in El Segundo.

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Lena Henry <henry_lena@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:44 PM
To: public communications
Subject: Diversity and Inclusion

Hi, my name is Lena Henry Davis. My family and I are some of the newest residents in El Segundo. Living in a place that is welcoming to all kinds of people including differing cultures, ethnicities, religions, and sexual orientations is important to us. I'm so happy to see the city is forming a Diversity Equity and Inclusion Commission. We need to ensure all people feel included and welcome. This seems like a great first step in trying to hear and understand underrepresented citizens and at the same time speaks volumes to the hate groups trying to take a greater hold of this area. Adapting August as Black Business Month is a wonderful idea. Thank you.

Your newest voter,
Lena

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Natalie Irons <irons@gseis.ucla.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:52 PM
To: communications; public communications
Subject: ES City Council

My name is Natalie Irons and I am a resident of El Segundo. I am writing to implore you to not abdicate your responsibility to our community by allowing registered hate groups like MassResistance, as researched by the Southern Poverty Law Center, to detour efforts within our community to create a much needed Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission. We need this commission for our students, our neighboring cities and very importantly our most underrepresented residents. Obscuring racist policies and hate ideologies by acknowledging or listening to two sides, undermines this very effort you have committed to address in our community. As Desmond Tutu states, "If you are neutral in situations of injustice you have chosen the side of the oppressor," please do not show your complicity.

Respectfully,
Natalie Irons

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Kristen Dorsey <kristenbdorsey@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:23 PM
To: public communications
Subject: Public Comment

Dear City Council members,

Thank you for your service and for listening to my comment. I was born and raised here and am now raising my own family here. As a resident, I want to see our community evolve into a place that is safe and welcoming of all of our members. I am very concerned about recent hate speech being distributed via fliers to our residents. I am also deeply concerned by hateful and racist comments and actions both online and in our streets that I have witnessed by some El Segundo residents and non-residents. I am fearful for my LGBTQ2S and BIPOC neighbors and friends.

El Segundo has a long history with these problems, and many actions need to be taken to evolve our community into a better place for all of our children. I would like to see a clear and direct statement from City leadership denouncing the hate group that emailed the city and distributed the fliers. I would also like to see an even deeper commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Every City department, Commission and Board should dedicate time to understanding how structural racism might affect their scope of work and future projects. Putting this research infrastructure in place right now will help the new DEI committee to work quickly and efficiently. The DEI committee is being tasked with difficult work and must also be empowered to facilitate change at the City budget level in order to be successful.

Thank you,
Kristen Dorsey

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Kristen Dorsey
(310) 489-3763

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Koby Pederson <pedersonkoby@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 5:59 PM
To: public communications
Subject: A Better City

My name is Koby Pederson and I am an El Segundo resident. I write because El Segundo must denounce hate. El Segundo must support its LGBTQ+ and other minority residents and make sure El Segundo is an inclusive and safe place for all. The City Council must act now. Issue a proclamation publicly affirming this City's commitment to equality. Move forward swiftly with the creation and implementation of a DEI Commission. Ensure that individuals appointed to the DEI Commission are committed to the principles of DEI. Silence speaks volumes. I vote.

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: El Segundo Conservatives <elsegundoconservatives@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 8:55 AM
To: public communications
Subject: City Council Meeting August 18, 2020 RESEND
Attachments: Letter for Council Meeting TONIGHT.eml; City Council Meeting 8/18/2020.eml; Letter to Council for Meeting 8/18.eml; (no subject).eml; Letter to Council Meeting TONIGHT.eml; Letter to Council 8/18 for meeting.eml; Meeting of council 8/18/20.eml; Tonight's council meeting .eml; City council meeting 8/18.eml; Letter to City Council 8/18 meeting.eml; City council mtg 8/18/20.eml; Council meeting tonight.eml; City council meeting tonight.eml; ES Council Mtg TODAY.eml; Council Meeting TODAY.eml; Council Meeting 8/18/20.eml

Dear City Council,

Our group felt unheard and very disappointed that our communications went unrecognized by the Council at last night's meeting. We are a large group of El Segundo resident Conservatives and felt it important to have our voices heard, most importantly to demonstrate common ground in our disdain for the anti LGBTQ propaganda that has been distributed by Mass Resistance, a group which we denounce and have absolutely no affiliation with. But as well to express our concerns about what is happening in our city. Apparently the fault lies with me as I communicated the wrong email to our group.

I am forwarding to you the emails that were sent from our group account, some to ensure the anonymity of the residents for obvious reasons, and some as a support mechanism for our members. I respectfully ask that you will honor their wish to be heard and upload these emails to the communications records of last night's Council meeting.

Please advise if there are any issues. There will be others that will be resending directly their emails as well and I ask the same courtesy for those residents.

Warmest regards,

The ESC

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: El Segundo Conservatives <elsegundoconservatives@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:26 PM
To: PUBLICCOMMENTS@elsegundo.org
Subject: Letter for Council Meeting TONIGHT

I am an El Segundo mom, wife, and Conservative.

We are a mixed family of Legal Immigrants and mixed race.

We denounce identity politics and hate groups of any kind.

This school district is promoting the concept of White privilege, a concept that is ignorant and racist.

My color does not define me, My children will not be defined by theirs!

We should all be judged by the content of our character. By our contributions and by our works. We are ALL Children of GOD and we should be taught nothing is a privilege; that a good work ethic and a good heart will be rewarded.

Stop allowing our schools, police and City to be run by racist infiltrators. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: El Segundo Conservatives <elsegundoconservatives@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:59 PM
To: PUBLICCOMMENTS@elsegundo.org
Subject: Letter to Council Meeting TONIGHT

I am an El Segundo Conservative.

I believe that all lives matter.

I believe that perpetuating the social justice narrative of the BLM Organization serves to foster oppression whilst increasing division, resentment, and unearned entitlements.

I SUPPORT and Back our Police and First Responders and will vehemently oppose any effort to defund, dismantle, or “demilitarize” ESPD.

I OPPOSE BLM propaganda promoted by the ESUSD Superintendent, which suggests white people address their fragility, and promotes donating to BLM (which directly funds Act Blue who primarily supports the DNC) amongst several other objectionable recommendations.

I OPPOSE the “demand” levied upon the School District by El Segundo for Black Lives - a BLM derived opportunistic group demanding bias under the guise of social justice.

I expect you, the ES City Council, to stop entertaining these fringe, unjustified demands and bring El Segundo to heal!

Respectfully,

Katie M.

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: El Segundo Conservatives <elsegundoconservatives@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:38 AM
To: PUBLICCOMMENTS@elsegundo.org
Subject: City council meeting 8/18

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Respectfully,
M. Pearson

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: El Segundo Conservatives <elsegundoconservatives@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:27 AM
To: PUBLICCOMMENTS@elsegundo.org
Subject: City council meeting tonight

I am an El Segundo Conservative.

I believe that all lives matter. That white people are NOT a one-dimensional, undifferentiated mass of privilege and wealth. That minorities are NOT powerless victims oppressed by a society ingrained in racial bigotry.

I believe that perpetuating these ideas serve only to foster oppression whilst increasing division, resentment, and unearned entitlements.

I WANT

Education, not indoctrination.

Unification, not Division.

Security, not endangerment.

Promotion, not repression

Relate, NO Hate.

STOP entertaining these fringe, unjustified demands and bring El Segundo to heal!

Respectfully,

Joseph H

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: El Segundo Conservatives <elsegundoconservatives@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 7:47 PM
To: truman.hedding@gmail.com
Subject: Fwd: City Council Meeting 8/18/2020
Attachments: ESC City Council 8-18-20 (Long).pdf; ESC City Council 8-18-20 (Short).pdf

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **El Segundo Conservatives** <elsegundoconservatives@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Aug 17, 2020 at 8:39 PM
Subject: City Council Meeting 8/18/2020
To: <PUBLICCOMMENTS@elsegundo.org>

Dear Mayor Boyles and El Segundo City Council Members,

Please find the attached statement for consideration for tomorrow's City Council Meeting to be read during the public communications.

This statement is beyond the 150-word limit and we are requesting an exception for good reason - Several members of the El Segundo Parents Network & El Segundo for Black Lives Facebook groups have relentlessly bullied, erroneously misidentified, and threatened to ruin anyone who doesn't agree with their views.

Instead of multiple people sending in pieces of this letter (and therefore revealing their identity), we are asking that you read this single statement titled "ES Conservatives Statement - Under 150 Words.pdf."

If you are unable to compromise in this unique instance, we have also attached a short version under 150 words titled "ES Conservatives Statement.pdf."

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

The El Segundo Conservatives

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: El Segundo Conservatives <elsegundoconservatives@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:48 PM
To: PUBLICCOMMENTS@elsegundo.org
Subject: Letter to Council 8/18 for meeting

I am a mother of school age children and an El Segundo Conservative.

I feel it is important that the community understand that our group is composed of patriots who love our Country and all the people in it, regardless of color, gender, class or sexual orientation.

I denounce the anti-LGBTQ agenda of Mass Resistance.

It has come to my attention that our School District Superintendent is promoting BLM propaganda. This is a group that wants to defund and dismantle police, and is against the nuclear family. They're led by admitted trained Marxists!

A few of the recommended readings include:

Why Teaching Black Lives Matter Matters &
75 Things White People Can Do For Social Justice

You think Covid has emptied our schools? This is going to create an exodus you cannot imagine!

MAKE IT STOP

Signed: Michelle

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: El Segundo Conservatives <elsegundoconservatives@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:34 PM
To: PUBLICCOMMENTS@elsegundo.org
Subject: Letter to City Council 8/18 meeting

We are El Segundo Conservatives.

IWe believe that all lives matter. That white people are NOT a one-dimensional, undifferentiated mass of privilege and wealth. That minorities are NOT powerless victims oppressed by a society ingrained in racial bigotry.

We believe that perpetuating these ideas serve only to foster oppression whilst increasing division, resentment, and unearned entitlements.

We wholly OPPOSE the “demand” levied upon the School District by El Segundo for Black Lives - a BLM derived opportunistic group demanding bias under the guise of social justice.

Education, not indoctrination.

Unify, not divide.

Secure, not endanger.

Promote, not repress.

Relate, not Hate.

We expect you, the ES City Council, to stop entertaining these fringe, unjustified demands and bring El Segundo to heal!

Respectfully,

Jose & Eloise Mendez

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: El Segundo Conservatives <elsegundoconservatives@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:21 AM
To: PUBLICCOMMENTS@elsegundo.org
Subject: ES Council Mtg TODAY

I am an El Segundo Conservative and parent of school age children.

I OPPOSE BLM propaganda promoted by the ESUSD Superintendent, which suggests white people address their fragility, and promotes donating to BLM (which directly funds Act Blue who primarily supports the DNC) amongst several other objectionable recommendations.

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We expect you, the ES City Council, and ESUSD, to stop entertaining these fringe, unjustified demands and bring El Segundo to heal!

Respectfully,

Karen

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: El Segundo Conservatives <elsegundoconservatives@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 3:27 PM
To: PUBLICCOMMENTS@elsegundo.org
Subject: Letter to Council for Meeting 8/18

I am an El Segundo Conservative, homeowner with a family concerned about what we are seeing happen to this great city.

We are watching as a small group, fighting hate with hate, racism with racism, and law and order with aggressive disobedience.

We live in a town that is peaceful and inclusive. We live here because we felt safe!

A small group is calling to defund our police. They are calling on community members to videotape encounters and entrap them for doing their job. They are trying to create more problems so that they can support their baseless claims of racism against our LEO's and our city.

We BACK THE BLUE. So SHOULD YOU!!

Signed, Concerned ES Home and Business Owner

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: El Segundo Conservatives <elsegundoconservatives@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:32 PM
To: PUBLICCOMMENTS@elsegundo.org
Subject: Meeting of council 8/18/20

My name is V. Jakob and I am an El Segundo Conservative.

Our group and I soundly denounce the anti-LGBTQ agenda of Mass Resistance.

Our group and I wholly reject any demands made by the El Segundo for Black Lives or other groups upon our City, Police and School District.

El Segundo is a diverse and inclusive town. El Segundo is NOT racist.

If we defund our Police, we are ALL less safe.

If we promote or demean based on color, gender, or class, we are ALL less harmonious.

If we cannot stand up against the demands of a few, we ALL fall.

We are interested in debating these issues and would appreciate a town hall or similar forum. We hope we can help to bring the community to heal and stop the insanity!

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: El Segundo Conservatives <elsegundoconservatives@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:35 AM
To: PUBLICCOMMENTS@elsegundo.org
Subject: City council mtg 8/18/20

I am a long time resident and an El Segundo Conservative.

We love our city and want to bring it to heal!

Our police are GREAT, fair and diverse! They should be SUPPORTED and well FUNDED!

Our Schools are GREAT and INCLUSIVE. They should not actively support a racist agenda or demonstrate political bias!

We are an inclusive group but have been attacked for simply being patriotic. We have been doxxed, our businesses have suffered, our children have been bullied. This cannot stand.

Please support our cause by denying the demands of ES for Black Lives. They are unjustified and nothing but divisive.

Thank you,

Sarah J

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: El Segundo Conservatives <elsegundoconservatives@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:18 AM
To: PUBLICCOMMENTS@elsegundo.org
Subject: Council Meeting TODAY

I am an El Segundo Conservative.

I believe that all lives matter. That white people are NOT a one-dimensional, undifferentiated mass of privilege and wealth. That minorities are NOT powerless victims oppressed by a society ingrained in racial bigotry.

I believe that perpetuating these ideas serve only to foster oppression whilst increasing division, resentment, and unearned entitlements.

I SUPPORT and Back our Police and First Responders and will vehemently oppose any effort to defund, dismantle, or “demilitarize” ESPD.

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Relate, not Hate.

We expect you, the ES City Council, to stop entertaining these fringe, unjustified demands and bring El Segundo to heal!

Respectfully,
Mindy P

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: El Segundo Conservatives <elsegundoconservatives@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:50 PM
To: PUBLICCOMMENTS@elsegundo.org

I am an El Segundo Conservative and 11-year resident. I wish my name to not be read for fear of my children being targeted for their parent's political beliefs. I want to ensure that the community we love understands who we are. Therefore I believe it is important to state the following: I wish to DENOUNCE any Hate Groups that seek to divide communities down racial lines, or espouse hate against any ethnic or social group. I oppose and reject the anti-LGBTQ agenda of Mass Resistance. I oppose and reject the anti-family, anti-police, and divisive agenda of the BLM Organization. I would like to hear from my black neighbors directly what we as a town can do to make them feel safe, respected, and equal as citizens. El Segundo is a diverse community with many good people regardless of who they support politically.

El Segundo for Black lives does not represent the voices of our black community members. They are perpetuating hate and division among our community members with their anti-white, anti-family agenda. Some of their recent tactics of filming our police officers is very concerning. Their claims of excessive force and racism are baseless. These instigators have targeted our town based on behaviors that existed in the 40s and 50's. It's 2020 and most people believe that all of us are in fact created equal. I urge our council members not to listen to their demands.

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: El Segundo Conservatives <elsegundoconservatives@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:19 PM
To: PUBLICCOMMENTS@elsegundo.org
Subject: Tonight's council meeting

I am an El Segundo Conservative.

I believe that all lives matter. That racism and hate have no place in our society.

I expect this city council to serve the greater good. Not be an enabler of social justice dogma that perpetuates division.

I have been unable to substantiate, through significant research, any justification or reason that our city has been targeted by a group espousing BLM propaganda and making demands on our City, Police and Schools.

We will not stand by and watch as you promote, support or enable this garbage! You have a duty to serve the community as a whole! Do your jobs! Don't bow to the mob!

Respectfully,

Mike J.

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: El Segundo Conservatives <elsegundoconservatives@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:24 AM
To: PUBLICCOMMENTS@elsegundo.org
Subject: Council meeting tonight

I am an El Segundo Conservative.

I want to ensure that the community we love understands who we are. Therefore I believe it is important to state the following:

I wish to DENOUNCE any Hate Groups that seek to divide communities down racial lines, or espouse hate against any ethnic or social group.

I oppose and reject the anti-LGBTQ agenda of Mass Resistance.

I oppose and reject the anti-family, anti-police, and divisive agenda of the BLM Organization.

ALL LIVES MATTER. Let's Unify our great City! Stop the HATE!

Respectfully,

Ronald S

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: El Segundo Conservatives <elsegundoconservatives@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:17 AM
To: PUBLICCOMMENTS@elsegundo.org
Subject: Council Meeting 8/18/20

I am an El Segundo Conservative Parent with a middle school child.

I want to ensure that the community we love understands who we are. Therefore I believe it is important to state the following:

I wish to DENOUNCE any Hate Groups that seek to divide communities down racial lines, or espouse hate against any ethnic or social group.

I oppose and reject the anti-LGBTQ agenda of Mass Resistance.

I oppose and reject the anti-family, anti-police, and divisive agenda of the BLM Organization.

I reject the racially charged propaganda our own school district is promoting! There is no cause nor justification for any of this in our great city!

Respectfully,
RH

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Jd laster <jlaster424@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 9:45 AM
To: public communications
Subject: El Segundo conservative

I am an El Segundo Conservative who has had generations Grow up and currently live in El Segundo!

I want to ensure that the community we love understands who we are. Therefore I believe it is important to state the following:

I wish to DENOUNCE any Hate Groups that seek to divide communities down racial lines, or espouse hate against any ethnic or social group.

I oppose and reject the anti-LGBTQ agenda of Mass Resistance.

I oppose and reject the anti-family, anti-police, and divisive agenda of the BLM Organization.

I believe that all lives matter. That white people are NOT a one-dimensional, undifferentiated mass of privilege and wealth. That minorities are NOT powerless victims oppressed by a society ingrained in racial bigotry.

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: BJHayes50 <bjhayes50@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 9:53 AM
To: public communications
Subject: Re: Resident's Support of El Segundo

On Wed, Aug 19, 2020 at 9:51 AM BJHayes50 <bjhayes50@gmail.com> wrote:
Resending letter

On Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 4:38 PM BJHayes50 <bjhayes50@gmail.com> wrote:
I am an El Segundo Resident and have been for over 50 years. I grew up in this town and saved for a down payment to buy a house here. I chose El Segundo, as it is a nice safe place to raise a family.

On behalf of myself and many other residents of our great town, we Back our Police and First Responders and will vehemently oppose any effort to defund, dismantle, or "demilitarize" ESPD.

I also understand there have been outrageous demands by BLM To the city and oppose them in their entirety.

I Respectfully ask you, the ES City Council, to keep that up the high moral standards of our community and not compromise our safety by defunding our police and fire departments.

Regards,

Brian Hayes
El Segundo resident

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Kacie Jones <carriebradshaw74@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 10:04 AM
To: public communications
Subject: Concerned citizen

Dear Mayor Boyles and El Segundo city Council members,

I am deeply concerned about groups that have been making demands of our city and school districts, and that these demands are even being considered.

I chose to raise my family in El Segundo, and still have some of my children and grandchildren here, because it is a great, safe town to live in.

I reject racism and bigotry, and am an immigrant myself. But I believe that catering to groups like BLM or ES4BL only seek to divide us. It's setting up a politicized solution to a problem that doesn't exist here...therefore creating a division.

I have heard it said that they do not want to defund the police, yet fliers posted around town and on social media express the opposite. Please let us know that our voices are being heard.

(Sending this letter on behalf of my family who worry about retribution from these fringe groups.)

Sent from my iPhone

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: John Doe <gundoconcernedcitizen@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 10:30 AM
To: public communications

Dear El Segundo City Council,

I would like to ask that the city council publicly and openly denounce the many incidents of "doxxing" that has taken place within our city, primarily by those which are members of El Segundo For Black Lives. There have been multiple incidents where ES4BL members have been caught and screenshotted on social media posting contact information of many of our community members, one of which is a slanderous website that labels many El Segundo residents as racists, solely for attending a Pro-ESPD rally that took place last month, in a clear act of defamation. My vehicle was vandalized as a result of my attendance in this rally, and several others had their workplaces targeted by ES4BL supporters in an attempt to have them fired, after they were identified at the rally. These actions are already reportedly being investigated by ESPD as well as other law enforcement agencies.

Regards,
A Concerned Citizen

P.S. Since I have already been a victim of doxxing, I had to create an entirely new email account to avoid being targeted again.

Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk)

From: Barnhart144 <barnhart144@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 10:35 AM
To: public communications
Subject: To Mayor Boyles and El Segundo City Council
Attachments: FB_IMG_1597858274808.jpg

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Mayor Boyles and El Segundo City Council Members,

We are a large group of conservative residents in El Segundo with genuine concerns about the direction of our City and education system.

Our Facebook group has 280 members - and many more voices that do not join our Facebook group out of fear for being called racists or being doxed by other Facebook group members in town - some of which are residents (yes, this IS happening).

First and foremost, we'd like to substantiate erroneous claims made by people in several Facebook groups.

Several weeks ago, an event promoted by a third-party was marketed as "Pro-police & Anti-BLM." While we are absolutely pro-Police, we are NOT "Anti-BLM." As you are aware, there is the organization BLM (which we do NOT support) and the "idea" that black lives matter (which we do).

Collectively, we wish to DENOUNCE ANY hate groups that seek to divide communities down racial lines or espouse hate against any ethnic or social group.

1. We oppose and reject the anti-LGBTQ agenda of Mass Resistance.
2. We oppose and reject the anti-family, anti-police, and divisive agenda of the BLM Organization.

We believe that ALL lives matter. We believe that white people are NOT a one-dimensional, undifferentiated mass of privilege and wealth. That minorities are NOT powerless victims oppressed by a society ingrained in racial bigotry. We do, however, recognize that racism does exist and that a small percentage of cops (like in the instance of George Floyd) have made mistakes

- We believe that perpetuating these ideas serve only to foster oppression whilst increasing division, resentment, and unearned entitlements.
- We SUPPORT and back our police and first responders and will vehemently oppose any effort to defund, dismantle, or "demilitarize" ESPD.
- We OPPOSE to BLM propaganda promoted by the ESUSD Superintendent, which suggests white people address the fragility, and promotes donating to the BLM Organization amongst several other objectionable recommendations.
- We wholly OPPOSE the "demands" levied upon ESUSD by the group El Segundo for Black Lives - a BLM Organization derived opportunistic group demanding bias under the guise of social justice.

We are all races, ages, and orientations - we believe in equality and welcome open & honest dialogue with our neighbors. We are parents, grandparents, students, business owners, neighbors, employees, and employers. We love our city and will do everything in our power to keep El Segundo great!

We seek to educate, NOT indoctrinate.

Unify, NOT divide.

Secure, NOT endanger.

Promote, NOT repress.

Explain, NOT hate.

With all due respect, you were elected to serve the community based on the views you shared prior to being chosen. We ask that you honor your promise, represent those who put you in a position to lead, and remember why you chose to call El Segundo home (albeit to live or work).

Respectfully,

For El Segundo Conservatives
