

RESOLUTION 21-10*

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO DECLARING WEST SACRAMENTO A “COMPASSIONATE CITY”

WHEREAS, the principle of compassion lies at the heart of all ethical and spiritual traditions, calling us to treat all others with respect and an understanding of their struggles and strengths; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to both public and private life to seek ways to alleviate the cause of pain in others, foster a community of inclusion, and recognize the contributions of our diverse cultures; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Sacramento is committed to building an inclusive and caring community, encouraging positive appreciation of diversity, and cultivating an informed empathy for others; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Sacramento works to take compassionate action in areas such as social justice, community building, equity, city-wide innovation, social entrepreneurship, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, compassion is reflected in the City’s community programs and public policies; and

WHEREAS, West Sacramento City Hall has and will continue to open its doors during times of need to be a resource and distribute essentials to residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Sacramento has housed more than 100 homeless individuals in West Sacramento hotels during the COVID-19 pandemic, and will continue to consider the unhoused during times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Sacramento has grown its Downtown Streets Team which has served many unhoused individuals in providing an opportunity to recover from homelessness, gain lasting employment, and reintegrate into the community; and

WHEREAS, West Sacramento has a commitment to policies and practices that will create long-term environmental and economic resilience; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 crisis has underlined the need for local government departments to consider the health and health equity impacts of their policies related to food, housing, transportation, and environmental stewardship, among others; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Sacramento works to promote inclusive economic development and be an organization that reflects our diversity and commitments to justice; and

WHEREAS, the City encourages all public and private organizations and the residents of West Sacramento to affirm their care and compassion for each other and their commitment to work together to achieve economic and social wellbeing and good physical and mental health for all irrespective of age, race, gender identity, or income.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of West Sacramento, that we do hereby declare West Sacramento to be a Compassionate City, affirm its commitment to the Charter for Compassion, and encourage all public and private organizations to embrace its ideals of compassion, empathy, equity, diversity, and justice.

PROCLAIMED THIS 17th day of February 2021.

AYES: Alcalá, Ledesma, Orozco, Guerrero.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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sig. Martha Guerrero, Mayor
ATTEST: *sig.* Yashin Abbas, City Clerk

