

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 312561

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUL 19 2019

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO IN OPPOSITION TO EXCLUSION OF
TRANSGENDER PERSONS FROM MILITARY SERVICE.

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2019, the Council of the City of San Diego (City) approved the 2019 State and Federal Legislative Platform (Platform) which defines the City's guiding principles and policy priorities, and provides a means to advance and protect the City's interests on issues at the federal and state levels; and

WHEREAS, the first policy priority of the Platform states that the City opposes "any Congressional or administration action which could detrimentally impact our diverse community, particularly our immigrant and LGBT populations, or impede the City's ability to provide public safety services to our citizens"; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2018, the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, issued a Presidential Memorandum (Presidential Memorandum) for the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Security regarding military service by transgender individuals, excluding transgender persons from military service based on their gender identity, except under certain limited circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the American Medical Association stated that there "is no medically valid reason — including a diagnosis of gender dysphoria — to exclude transgender individuals from military service"; and

WHEREAS, the American Psychological Association finds "substantial psychological research shows that gender dysphoria is a treatable condition, and does not, by itself, limit the ability of individuals to function well and excel in their work, including in military service"; and

WHEREAS, no scientific research has shown that transgender servicemembers adversely impact readiness or unit cohesion, but research does show that discrimination and stigma harms morale and readiness by creating stress for transgender persons that harms their well-being; and

WHEREAS, the American Psychiatric Association has voiced strong opposition to banning transgender persons from military service; and

WHEREAS, according to research from a think tank at UCLA Law School dedicated to conducting independent research on sexual orientation and gender identity law and public policy, more than 21% of the total transgender population in the United States is estimated to have served in the U.S. military, and approximately 9,000 US military service members identify themselves as transgender individuals, according to the United States Department of Defense, and could be potentially excluded from service under the Presidential Memorandum; and

WHEREAS, San Diego is home to the nation's largest concentration of military personnel, with approximately 143,000 Active Duty personnel; and

WHEREAS, San Diego County is estimated to have the third-highest number of veteran residents in the country, estimated at more than 240,500 veterans making up 13% of the County's total population; and

WHEREAS, transgender individuals, including those from San Diego, have served, and continue to serve, our country with honor, and should be allowed to continue doing so; and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2019, the San Diego LGBT Community Leadership Council adopted a resolution opposing the United States Department of Defense exclusion of transgender persons from military service; NOW, THEREFORE,

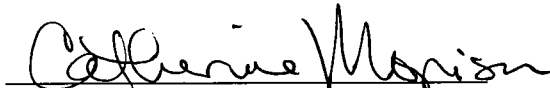
BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of San Diego finds the exclusion of transgender persons from United States military service unfair, discriminatory, and harmful to our national security by harming military service personnel morale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of San Diego finds the exclusion of transgender persons from United States military service will necessarily result in the loss of potential and current fully trained and deployable military personnel based solely on their gender identity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the President of the United States and the Honorable Members of the 116th Congress of the United States who represent the San Diego region, urging support of ending exclusion of transgender persons from United States military service.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By



Catherine C. Morrison
Deputy City Attorney

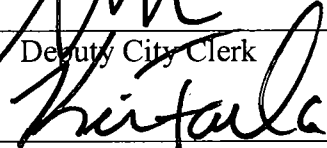
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May 28, 2019
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I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of JUL 10 9 2019.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 7/19/19
(date)


KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on JUL 09 2019, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Barbara Bry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris Ward	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monica Montgomery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mark Kersey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris Cate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Sherman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vivian Moreno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Georgette Gómez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of final passage JUL 19 2019.

(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY:

KEVIN L. FAULCONER
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By , Deputy

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

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