

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 316827

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUN 18 2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE SOMALI
COMMUNITY IN SAN DIEGO AND CONDEMNING RECENT
RACIST RHETORIC AND HARASSMENT DIRECTED AT
SOMALI AMERICANS.

RECITALS

The Council of the City of San Diego (Council) adopts this Resolution based on the following:

A. San Diego is a diverse and welcoming city that values its Native American, long-time resident, and immigrant communities. In San Diego Resolution R-313834 (Dec. 17, 2021), the Council declared the City of San Diego (City) as a Welcoming City that respects the dignity of all people and promotes programs and policies to foster inclusion for all. The City stands as a welcoming City and opposes all attacks on any of its communities.

B. President Trump has made vile, racist remarks against the Somali American community and made false allegations that have resulted in the weaponization of federal law enforcement and private attacks against Somali Americans. President Trump's rhetoric is inaccurate, stigmatizing, and incites xenophobic attacks against the Somali community. President Trump has threatened to permanently end immigration from "Third World Countries," employing bigoted rhetoric to justify denying lawful immigration pathways.

C. The federal administration's nationwide political rhetoric and policy proposals have targeted Somali American communities with discriminatory language, false allegations of fraud, travel bans, heightened surveillance, and threats of mass deportations, causing distress to San Diego residents.

D. Masked federal agents continue to instill fear in San Diego communities, separating families and putting them in harm's way.

E. Racist social media influencers have unfairly targeted, harassed, filmed, and stalked childcare providers who are Somali immigrants and who provide high-quality, affordable care to children of working parents of all backgrounds. Childcare is an essential service and attacks targeting the City's childcare providers are attacks on children and the heart of the community.

F. The Somali community has thrived in San Diego with an estimated 15,000 residents. The City recognizes the significant contributions of the Somali community, including its cultural and economic impact and its growing presence in the City. The House of Somalia was recently accepted as the first African country to join the House of Pacific Relations in Balboa Park.

G. Immigrants and refugees are our neighbors, co-workers, and teachers, and a vital part of San Diego and California's cultural and economic heartbeat.

H. The Office of the City Attorney prepared this Resolution based on the information provided by City staff with the understanding that this information is complete and accurate.

ACTION ITEMS

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of San Diego:


1. The Council expresses its full support for Somali residents and acknowledges their invaluable contributions to the cultural, economic, and civic life of our city.

2. The Council reaffirms its commitment to being a welcoming and inclusive city, where residents of all backgrounds can live safely and without fear of discrimination, harassment, or unjust treatment based on national origin or immigration status.

3. The Council unequivocally opposes discriminatory policies, rhetoric, or actions that target Somali and other immigrant and refugee communities.

4. The Council requests that the City work with childcare providers to increase security measures to protect them and the children in their care.

APPROVED: HEATHER FERBERT, City Attorney

By 
Kathy J. Steinman
Chief Deputy City Attorney

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March 15, 2026
Or.Dept: Council District 9
Doc. No. 4365612

I certify that the Council of the City of San Diego adopted this Resolution at a meeting held on JUN 15 2026.

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 6/18/26
(date)


TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on JUN 15 2026, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	<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"/>
Stephen Whitburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Henry L. Foster III	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marni von Wilpert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raul A. Campillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vivian Moreno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sean Elo-Rivera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of final passage JUN 18 2026

(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:

TODD GLORIA
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By Cennie Patterson, Deputy

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