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Statement of Civility, Empathy and Compassion City of Rancho Cucamonga, City Council

The City of Rancho Cucamonga is an organization that has focused on health and equity as components of the Healthy RC Program for over 10 years. One of the founding Healthy RC Priorities, as determined by the community and adopted by the City Council in 2014, is Community Connections and Safety, which focuses on violence-free neighborhoods and families, coupled with a culture of health and community awareness. The City of Rancho Cucamonga has worked diligently to promote and realize this priority, and in 2017 the City was formally designated as a Compassionate Community. This designation makes Rancho Cucamonga a member of a global network of communities committed to effectively preserving healthy, equitable, and resilient communities through inclusion and collaboration.

As a Compassionate Community we will continue to work to bring together all the voices in our community and the communities around us to build trust and unity of purpose. To that end, the City Council hereby formally states its strong opposition to harming, killing or mistreating anyone in the name of race, religion, ethnic groups, physical or behavioral characteristics, or other stereotypes, including the use of symbols, images or written words associated with hate speech or related actions. Whatever the differences that may distinguish us, we have so much more in common as Americans and we need to build on that unity and commonality to create a better tomorrow for ourselves, our families, and our children.

It is our desire and belief that the legal system, which is fundamental to our democracy, should hold accountable any individuals who engage in any type of illegal or violent behavior based in or on the categories noted above. We urge local leaders at all levels to stand for the common causes of equity and justice in our nation. We stand united in support of their voices, reject any suggestions of violence and promote the fundamental freedoms embodied in the First Amendment. The principles upon which this Country was built are for all people no matter where they live, who they are, their gender or the color of their skin, ethnic group or religious beliefs. Equity and equality know no boundaries and must be accessible for all Americans regardless of any differences between individuals or groups.

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