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# CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF LATHRUP VILLAGE  
27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076

## STUDY SESSION AGENDA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019  
Conference Room – Second Floor  
5:30 p.m.

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### AGENDA ITEMS

- A. **Call to Order** by Mayor Garrett
- B. **Discussion Items**
  - A. Discussion – Ferndale Resolution Denouncing White Supremacy
  - B. Discussion – General Items
- C. **Mayor and Council Comments**
- D. **Public Comments**
- E. **Adjourn**

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:**

**TO:** Mayor Garrett and Council Members  
**FR:** Sheryl Mitchell  
**DA:** July 22, 2019  
**RE:** **City Administrator – Follow Ups**

The following are updates on previous inquiries from Council Members

- Sidewalks
- Bike Lanes
- Dog Park
- Sign Ordinance
- Discussion – House in the Woods
- Right-of-Way near George’s Soccer
- Lathrup Village Town Homes – Alley and Landscaping
- Chase Bank – Brick Wall Replacement
- Decorative Street Sign – Lathrup Blvd and San Quentin; and Catalpa Sign

**CITY OF FERNDALE  
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**FROM:** Barb Miller

**SUBJECT:** Approval of the 2019 Resolution Denouncing White Supremacy as submitted by City Manager

**INTRODUCTION**

The City of Ferndale's vision statement adopted by City Council in 2016 affirms that Ferndale seeks to be "The benchmark for a modern community that embraces the richness of diversity and brings inclusive hospitality to life."

**SUMMARY & BACKGROUND**

Over the past year, several xenophobic pamphlets have been discovered throughout our community and across the metro Detroit region. Invasive rhetorical messaging from white nationalist hate groups is in direct opposition with the City's adopted vision statement and core values (inclusiveness, integrity, inspiration, and innovation). Given the proliferation of xenophobic and hateful messaging throughout the community and region over the past year, City Council and City Administration believe that a reaffirmation of the City's vision statement and core values demonstrate our commitment toward being a welcoming community that seeks to live its vision and values in direct opposition of this hateful rhetoric.

**BUDGETARY CONTEXT**

NA

**CIP#**

NA

**ATTACHMENTS**

[2019\\_Resolution\\_Denouncing\\_White\\_Supremacy.docx](#)

**STRATEGIC PLANNING CONTEXT**

Strong Regional Partnerships

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the Resolution Denouncing White Supremacy as submitted by City Manager

## City of Ferndale Resolution

### Rejecting White Supremacy and Reaffirming Ferndale As A Welcoming City

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Ferndale, Oakland County, Michigan, held in the Council Chambers at 300 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale MI 48220 on the 26th day of August 2019, the following resolution was moved, and supported:

Ferndale has discovered pamphlets in several areas of the City over the past year; and

Underscoring that our community values of inclusiveness, integrity, inspiration, and innovation oppose racism and white supremacy requires continual effort and vigilance; and

The ideals of our vision as a benchmark for a modern community that embraces the richness of diversity and brings inclusive hospitality to life stand in direct opposition with the hateful and divisive rhetoric espoused by white nationalist hate groups, and

Civic leaders are encouraged to unite in strength to stand against hateful and divisive rhetoric to ensure it does not become common and accepted in our region; and

Knowing that these hateful activities are occurring in our community compels the Council and Administration to speak with one voice; and

Illustrating and memorializing our community values is one of the key purposes of a resolution; and

Striving to be a more inclusive community benefits the City and region as one entity;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FERNDALE DO RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That we affirm that Ferndale is a welcoming community to all people, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation or country of origin. We stand united against racist, xenophobic groups that promote bigotry and hatred. We reject all forms of racism and white supremacy and speak out against anyone who wishes to divide us by prejudice.

Section 2. Furthermore, we resolve to put words into action and work actively to identify ways in which the diversity of Ferndale can be supported and celebrated.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Ferndale in regular session this 26th day of August 2019.

AYES:

NAYS:

Absent:

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Mayor

I, Marne McGrath, the duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Ferndale, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Ferndale at a meeting held on August 26, 2019, the original of which is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature on this 26th day of August 2019.

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Marne McGrath, City Clerk