Support for Belmont City Council vote on CIVIL RIGHTS RESOLUTION

Where: Belmont City Hall, 1 Twin Pines Lane – Council Chambers are on 2nd Floor
When: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 @ 7 PM; Meet in front of City Hall at 6:30 PM

GOAL: To show passionate support for adopting the Civil Rights Resolution as is, while also asking for future additions to make it even stronger.

GUIDELINES on speaking during the public comment section of the meeting:

1. Public comments are limited to three minutes per person.

   a. You will be speaking into a microphone to the Belmont City Council, with the rest of us supporting you in the audience.

   b. You'll also need to fill out a *Speaker Card* (on the table inside the Council Chamber door) and hand it to the clerk inside the chamber before you speak.

2. If you don't live, work, or go to school in Belmont, you are there as an observer and supporter.

3. We're there to speak in support of the resolution and push the Councilmembers on a stronger resolution. Be respectful when you speak. But also be passionate about what you have to say.

4. Naysayers from the community might speak as well. We need to be completely silent and respectful in response, to put our point of view in the most collaborative and community-minded light. Negative comments or gestures will undermine our efforts.

5. If you are from an organization, say so. Start your question with something like: My name is . . . and I live/go to school/work in Belmont . . . I am a member of . . . Thank you for proposing the Civil Rights Resolution. I am here in favor of it because . . ."

6. Mayor Charles Stone and Councilmember Davina Hurt have worked hard and met with many constituents to make this happen. If you can, work an acknowledgement or thank you into your statement.

7. Tell a personal story if you have one.

8. We are trying to develop our working relationship and influence with the Council, so speak with that in mind. We want to be the reasonable ones.

Suggested TALKING POINTS for Speakers

Topic	What you might say
Intro	Good evening! My name is_____. I live/go to school/work in Belmont. I am a member of (organization, if applicable).
Gratitude	Thank you for proposing this Civil Rights Resolution. *Maybe single out for thanks:* Mayor Stone and Councilmember Hurt (for *spearheading* it)*;* the rest of the City Council *(for their consideration and vote);* and/or Belmont City staff + Belmont Police Dept *(for their input)*
Your Reasons	I support the Civil Rights Resolution and urge the entire Council to adopt it unanimously because . . .” ● Tell your personal story, or ● Give a reason: *"This Resolution addresses significant issues that have arisen recently in our community and beyond. And it reflects the need for every person in Belmont – whether resident, worker, or visitor – to be treated with dignity and be encouraged to participate fully in public life."*
Ask for Stronger Resolution	Although I support this Resolution, I also believe we can and should make it even stronger by adding the following language to the second page, beneath the heading that reads, *"NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Belmont resolves as follows:"* *Then choose one of the following ASKS to highlight...*
ASK #1: *No Funds*	<u>No Belmont funds, resources or people under City control</u> will be commandeered to do the federal government's work.
ASK #2 *No Data Collection*	<u>Certain sensitive data</u> (such as home address or information that could be used to figure out a community member's religion, ethnicity or race) will not be solicited, collected, or disseminated without a legitimate law enforcement purpose; nor will any such data (if collected) be voluntarily released to federal officials.
ASK #3: *Judicial Warrant*	City officials <u>require a judicial warrant</u> before detaining someone or detaining someone for a longer time at the request of federal immigration officials.
ASK #4: *No Registry*	No resident, employee or student in Belmont will be subjected to anything that may be defined as a <u>religious test or registry</u>.
ASK #5: *No Surveillance*	<u>No surveillance</u> of individuals or groups based solely on actual or perceived religion, race, country of origin, language, gender, or ability.
Thank You	Don't forget to say thank you!

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