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City Council Approves Resolution Proclaiming Bainbridge Island an Inclusive and Welcoming City

Bainbridge Island, Wash., (February, 2017) – During the City Council meeting on February 7, Councilmembers adopted a resolution and accompanying ordinance affirming that Bainbridge Island is a Welcoming and Inclusive City that respects the fundamental human dignity of all people.

Resolution 2017-09, drafted by Councilmember Michael Scott, was written in response to the current political climate and concerns regarding violations of civil and human rights across the country.

According to Councilmember Scott, "The City of Bainbridge Island has a long history of supporting civil and human rights, and protecting targeted communities and vulnerable individuals. Adopting the Inclusive and Welcoming City Resolution affirms our values and strengthens our resolve to work together for a welcoming, inclusive, and safe community."

The accompanying Ordinance 2017-06 directs the Bainbridge Island Police Department to maintain policies consistent with the following:

- Unless required by law or court order, no City of Bainbridge Island officer or employee shall inquire into the immigration status or nationality of any person, or engage in activities designed to ascertain the immigration status or nationality of any person.
- The Bainbridge Island Police Department shall not investigate, arrest, or detain any person based solely on immigration status or nationality.

Resolution 2017-09 and Ordinance 2017-06 will receive final approval on the Council consent agenda during their February 14 Council Business Meeting. Full text of both the resolution and ordinance is available in the [Council agenda](#) section of the City website.

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