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Thank you. I am attending the meeting. Not sure if I read the public comments myself or not but here they are. -Sarah Dunham

Public Comment requesting support from West County Cities for the 4th Annual Bay Area United Against Hate Week 2021

I am addressing the San Pablo City Council meeting this evening to ask you to join other Bay Area cities in writing a Proclamation to support the 4th Annual **Bay Area United Against Hate Week November 14 – November 20, 2021**. In 2019, 41 Bay Area jurisdictions passed a resolution or a proclamation in order to acknowledge and express community-wide support of United Against Hate Week last year.

United Against Hate Week 2021 is a call for local civic action by people in Bay Area communities to address hate and implicit biases in our neighborhoods, towns and cities. It is also an opportunity to build a community shared vision of inclusion and celebration of our diversity.

United Against Hate Week grew out of a United Against Hate poster campaign created by Bay Area Cities in response to white supremacist rallies in Berkeley and San Francisco in 2017. "Bay Area Stands United Against Hate" posters are available for free at Supervisor John Gioia's Office, if you would like one to hang in your home or business window.

The call for a week of action emerged from the cities and community leaders that were a part of the original poster campaign.

The goal of this week of action is to draw local residents, students, school, civic, faith and business leaders together to raise awareness about how to stop hate and promote inclusion.

Because of the pandemic, communities this year are planning virtual events: webinars, panel discussions, film screenings, art projects, community dialogues and storytelling workshops. These actions will provide a dynamic way to increase engagement across neighborhoods and support efforts to stand up to hate in our communities.

Community groups or individuals in the City of San Pablo who would like to plan an event during the Week of November 14 – 20, 2021 are encouraged to do so. There is a "20 Ideas for Action" toolkit and other helpful resources online at unitedagainsthateweek.org.

We hope the City of San Pablo will join other Bay Area cities and towns by issuing a Proclamation in support of United Against Hate Week 2021. Please join the strong movement against bias and bullying in West Contra Costa County. There are sample resolutions and proclamations on the website unitedagainsthateweek.org in the "Get Involved - For Cities and Communities" section.

Please feel free to call me with any questions. Sarah Dunham at [REDACTED]

Thank you so much for your time.

Sarah Dunham Planning Committee, Bay Area United Against Hate Week 2021

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