



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Summary

Res 31642

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1	Full Council	12/14/2015	referred	Full Council			
	Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was referred. to the Full Council						
	Notes:						
1	Full Council	12/14/2015	adopted				Pass
	Action Text: The Motion carried, the Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution:						
	Notes: Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31642.						
		In Favor:	8	Council President Burgess, Councilmember Godden, Councilmember González , Councilmember Harrell, Councilmember Licata, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Rasmussen, Councilmember Sawant			
		Opposed:	0				
1	City Clerk	12/16/2015	submitted for Mayor's signature	Mayor			
	Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor						
	Notes:						
1	Mayor	12/17/2015	Signed				

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Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was Signed.
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1 Mayor 12/17/2015 returned City Clerk

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was returned. to the City Clerk
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1 City Clerk 12/17/2015 attested by City Clerk

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CITY OF SEATTLE
RESOLUTION 31642

A RESOLUTION declaring support for Muslim communities, affirming the religious pluralism of the United States, and urging Seattle residents to stand together for peace and understanding.

WHEREAS, Muslims are part of our society and, inspired by their faith, give back every day as U.S. military personnel, police officers, doctors, nurses, caregivers, teachers, and in many other roles contributing to the success of the United States of America and The City of Seattle; and

WHEREAS, our nation's founding documents emphasize the freedom of religion and a society that embraces religious pluralism; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle values the many different cultures, religions, and traditions our residents embrace; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle continues to work toward a more inclusive society and welcomes cultural, ethnic, and religious diversity; and

WHEREAS, Muslims, both native born and immigrant, represent an increasingly important thread in the tapestry of American society; and

WHEREAS, the Muslim population in Washington State is estimated to be approximately 100,000 people, many thousands of whom live in Seattle, and who share the same American values and freedoms that we all cherish; and

WHEREAS, a significant percentage of Seattle's immigrants and refugees are Muslim and have come to Seattle seeking a safe place to work, study, or raise a family; and

1 WHEREAS, throughout history the United States has welcomed wave after wave of immigrants
2 and refugees, who add enormous value to the economic and cultural life of our nation;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, presently, anti-Muslim rhetoric has increased in the national discourse and rates of
5 hate violence targeting Muslim families and children are at record highs across our
6 nation, which is detrimental to all people who cherish freedom and liberty; and

7 WHEREAS, some of the darkest moments in our nation's and our city's history have emerged
8 from similar climates of fear; and

9 WHEREAS, this fear-based rhetoric distorts the reality of terrorism in the United States, where
10 more individuals have been killed since September 11, 2001, by those who espouse other
11 extremist ideologies like white supremacy or antigovernment fanatics than by those who
12 espouse a perverted form of Islam; and

13 WHEREAS, hateful rhetoric only enables extremist ideologies to flourish in the dark corners of
14 global society; and

15 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle finds this anti-Muslim rhetoric and hate violence to be against
16 American principles of religious freedom and fairness and contrary to the vision we hold
17 as a nation that welcomes all people; and

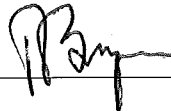
18 WHEREAS, all of Seattle's residents deserve to live in a safe environment free of hate and
19 discrimination; and

20 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle wishes to extend the traditional Islamic greeting of "Peace be
21 upon you" to all of its Muslim residents and visitors; NOW, THEREFORE,

22 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**
23 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

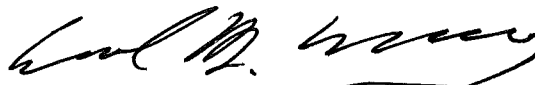
1 Section 1. The City of Seattle does not tolerate anti-Muslim hate speech and violent acts
2 committed against those who are Muslim or perceived as being Muslim, their places of worship,
3 businesses, schools, and community centers. These are in direct contradiction to values of The
4 City of Seattle and our open American way of life. We encourage our residents to recognize and
5 celebrate the cultural, ethnic, and religious diversity that is represented in our City. We
6 encourage residents to take extra efforts to ensure the safety of their Muslim neighbors. We
7 encourage all City departments to direct appropriate attention and resources to supporting those
8 targeted by hate speech and hate crimes.

Adopted by the City Council the 14th day of December, 2015, and
signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 14th day
of December, 2015.



President _____ of the City Council

The Mayor concurred the 17th day of December, 2015.



Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this 17th day of December, 2015.



Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

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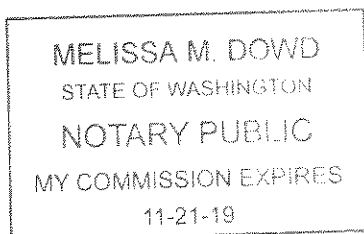
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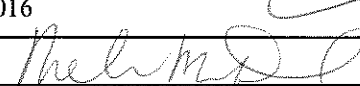
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City of Seattle

The full text of the following legislation, passed by the City Council on December 14, 2015, and published below by title only, will be mailed upon request, or can be accessed at <http://clerk.seattle.gov>. For information on upcoming meetings of the Seattle City Council, please visit <http://www.seattle.gov/council/calendar>. Contact: Office of the City Clerk at (206) 684-8344.

Res 31635

A RESOLUTION creating an Arts & Cultural District in the Central Area of Seattle.

Res 31639

A RESOLUTION adopting General Rules and Procedures of the Seattle City Council, superseding Resolutions 31489 and 31561.

RES 31640

A RESOLUTION declaring the support for passage of the Seattle School District's Proposition 1 Operations Levy and Proposition 2 Buildings, Technology and Academics/Athletics IV Capital Levy, on the February 9, 2016 ballot.

Res 31641

A RESOLUTION expressing the City Council's intent to improve the accommodation of people with hearing disabilities in City facilities.

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