

Proclamation

**RECOGNIZING
FEBRUARY 20, 2023 AS
WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE**

WHEREAS, starting in 2009, the United Nations General Assembly has decided to observe 20 February annually, as the “**WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE**”; and

WHEREAS, the **WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE** is an international day recognizing the need to promote social justice, which includes efforts to tackle issues such as poverty, exclusion, gender inequality, unemployment, human rights, and social protections; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations defines “social justice” as “the fair and compassionate distribution of the fruits of economic growth” or “equal rights and equitable opportunities for all.”

WHEREAS, many organizations, including the United Nations, American Library Association and the International Labor Organization, have made statements on the importance of social justice for people, and many present plans for greater social justice by tackling poverty, social and economic exclusion and unemployment; and

WHEREAS, this sense of urgency has been shared by many, including the United Nations Secretary-General who, in his “Our Common Agenda” report, has warned against today’s growing opportunity divide and called for a more inclusive and networked multilateralism, re-embracing global solidarity and renewing the social contract between governments and their people and within societies, anchored in a comprehensive approach to human rights.

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2020, the City Council recognized the importance of social justice in our own community by enacting a resolution declaring that Black Lives Matter and reaffirming the City of Redwood City’s commitment to racial equity.

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2021, the Equity and Social Justice Sub-Committee was created and tasked with promoting values of equity and social justice, receiving progress reports on the development and implementation of the City’s Equity Plan, reviewing equity implications of City policies and programs, and submitting recommendations to Council as needed.


WHEREAS, on November 19, 2022 Redwood City celebrated the completion of the Jefferson underpass mural commissioned by Council, Visions of Equity, which explores Redwood City’s commitment to racial equity and social justice with a goal of facilitating communication and sparking action that moves our community closer to equity.

WHEREAS, Redwood City maintains a commitment to social justice through its effort to embody the City vision, engaging in the ongoing improvements to policies, processes, and power distribution required to become a community where people of all backgrounds and income levels can truly thrive.

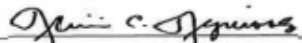
NOW, THEREFORE I, JEFF GEE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim February 20, 2023 in Redwood City as **WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE** and encourage all residents to recommit themselves to the principle of social justice and equality for all.

Date: February 13, 2023






Jeff Gee, Mayor


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