

RESOLUTION THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN LEANDRO

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-

RESOLUTION HONORING COUNCIL MEMBER VICTOR AGUILAR, JR. AND PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGING HIS ROLE AS THE FIRST OPENLY GAY LATINX CITY COUNCIL MEMBER IN THE CITY OF SAN LEANDRO

WHEREAS, Council Member Victor Aguilar, Jr. was first elected to the San Leandro City Council as part of the November 2018 election and commenced his public service as a member of the City Council in January 2019; and,

WHEREAS upon taking office, Council Member Aguilar distinguished himself by becoming the first openly Gay Latinx member of the City Council in San Leandro’s history; and,

WHEREAS, both the State of California and the City of San Leandro embrace and celebrate their diverse ethnic and cultural heritages, including the largest ethnic group in the state – 15.6 million Latinx, whose roots stretch throughout North, Central, and South America, along with the many residents who trace their ancestors to the original Indigenous communities of Latin America, and Africa; and,

WHEREAS, throughout California’s history, both its Latinx and its LGBT communities have faced many inequalities and injustices, while helping to shape the state’s social, political, and economic landscapes, and that legacy continues today; and,

WHEREAS, an estimated 643,000 California adults self-identify as Latinx and LGBT. Among all California Latinx adults, 6.1% identify as LGBT; and,

WHEREAS, Latinx heritage is deeply rooted in California’s culture and history, with nearly four in ten Californians identifying as Latinx; and,

WHEREAS, diversity is a key element of California’s strength and its Latinx and LGBT communities contribute to this strength every day; and,

WHEREAS, by acknowledging Council Member Aguilar as the first openly Gay Latinx member of the City Council, the City seeks to further honor and celebrate the contributions of all Latinx leaders in our history and those who serve our community; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Pauline Russo Cutter, Mayor of the City of San Leandro, on behalf of the entire City Council, hereby recognize and honor Council Member Victor Aguilar, Jr. The City of San Leandro further invites all members of the San Leandro community to utilize this recognition as an opportunity to reflect on the rich culture, history, and contributions of Latinx and LGBT people towards the enrichment of the American experience.

Passed and adopted this 19th day of September 2022, by the following vote:

Members of the Council:

AYES: ()

NOES: ()

ABSENT: ()

ATTEST: _____
Kelly B. Clancy, Acting City Clerk