



CITY OF  
**LA MESA**  
JEWEL of the HILLS

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**INTEROFFICE MEMO**

DATE: April 13, 2021

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Councilmember Jack Shu and Councilmember Bill Baber

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution in Support of Reaching Vaccine Equity by Juneteenth

I respectfully request the Council approve the adoption of the attached proposed Resolution in support of reaching vaccine equity by Juneteenth.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA IN  
SUPPORT OF REACHING VACCINE EQUITY BY JUNETEENTH

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WHEREAS, for the past year the COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating effect on our health and quality of life;

WHEREAS, battling the virus has caused irreparable harm to the social and educational progress of our children;

WHEREAS, health restrictions have caused devastating economic losses to the local business community;

WHEREAS, the disparity among those being vaccinated is greatest in the African American, Latinx, Asian and Pacific Islanders, and refugee communities;

WHEREAS, the hesitation to receive the vaccine among these groups is due in part to a history of medical injustice in the United States, like that of the Tuskegee Study, the cause of which now needs to be recognized and addressed;

WHEREAS, equity among those being vaccinated must be assured if we are to effectively stop the spread of the virus and provide equal access to healthcare in our community;

WHEREAS, having "vaccination equity" as our goal will help everyone in La Mesa recover from this terrible health crisis; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth (June 19th) has historic significance in acknowledging the freeing of people from slavery in Texas, and can now be symbolic of our becoming free of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of La Mesa, California, that the City of La Mesa will assist the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency in its efforts to achieve vaccine equity in La Mesa by June 19, 2021.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the City of La Mesa will ask all faith groups, community organizations, educational institutions, and the business community to join in this effort by spreading information about vaccines to vulnerable communities and facilitating vaccine equity through other resources.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of La Mesa, California, held the 13th day of April 2021, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

CERTIFICATE OF CITY CLERK

I, MEGAN WEIGELMAN, City Clerk of the City of La Mesa, California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of Resolution No. 2021-, duly passed and adopted by the City Council of said City on the date and by the vote therein recited.

MEGAN WEIGELMAN, CMC, City Clerk

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