

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-18

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF A MAYOR'S EQUITY ADVISORY GROUP

WHEREAS, Hood River City Council adopted Resolution 2020-13 Racial and Social equity, that "acknowledges that systemic racism and institutional inequities harm black, indigenous, and other people of color in our community, and the City supports the goal of systematic change to achieve racial and social equity in our community"; and,

WHEREAS, equity-related committees are a best practice to connect City officials and diverse community members, and a growing number of Oregon cities have formed equity-related committees and commissions; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hood River committed to "actively seek input from all community members, especially individuals from communities disproportionately affected by racism and other economic and social disparities" in Resolution 2020-13; and

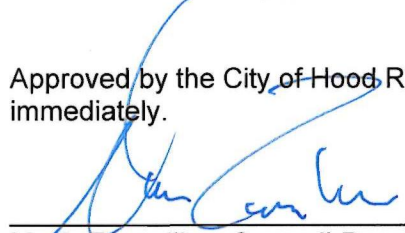
WHEREAS, the City of Hood River seeks to encourage members of historically underrepresented groups to actively participate in local government; and,

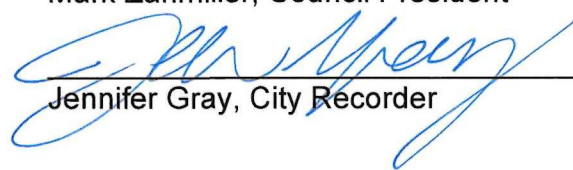
WHEREAS, the Mayor Paul Blackburn has initiated conversations with diverse community members, and the City has already benefitted from their perspectives, insight and feedback;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hood River City Council establishes an informal Mayor's Equity Advisory Group to hold public meetings that are posted publicly with a record of agendas and minutes, to discuss topics relevant to the City and provide feedback to the Mayor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor may directly recruit and appoint members to the Equity Advisory Group. This group may be modified or dissolved by the Mayor in consultation with City Council.

Approved by the City of Hood River City Council on this 9 day of September, 2024, to take effect immediately.



Mark Zanmiller, Council President

Jennifer Gray, City Recorder