

RESOLUTION NO. 14-4636

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF
THE CITIES FOR CEDAW INITIATIVE:
ENCOURAGING CITIES TO IMPLEMENT THE
PRINCIPLES OF THE UN CONVENTION ON THE
ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DOES
HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of
Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) was adopted by the United Nations
General Assembly on December 18, 1979, became an international treaty as of
September 3, 1981, and 186 UN member nations, have agreed to be bound by
CEDAW's provisions; and

WHEREAS, CEDAW provides a comprehensive framework for
governments to examine their policies and practices in relation to women and
girls and to rectify discrimination based on gender against half the world's
population; and

WHEREAS, although women have made major gains in the struggle for
equality in most fields, much more needs to be accomplished to fully eradicate
discrimination based on gender and to achieve one of the most basic human
rights; and

WHEREAS, the United States is the only industrialized nation to not yet
ratify CEDAW and many communities and states have called for ratification of
CEDAW by the United States Congress including the City of West Hollywood;
and

WHEREAS, it has been almost 40 years since the first UN World
Conference on Women and almost 20 years since the historic Beijing Platform
for Action; and

WHEREAS, CEDAW has proven effective in many nations as a
mechanism to advance gender equality; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco became the first city in the world to adopt an
ordinance reflecting the principles of CEDAW in 1998; and Los Angeles followed
in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Cities for CEDAW Initiative was launched at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in March 2014; and

WHEREAS, a local CEDAW resolution or ordinance encompasses three standards; a gender analysis of city departments and commissions, an oversight body to ensure that appropriate and timely actions are taken; and funding to support the implementation of the principles of CEDAW; and

WHEREAS, city and county governments have an appropriate and legitimate role in affirming the importance of international law in communities as universal norms and to serve as guides for public policy; and

WHEREAS, the United States Conference of Mayors adopted a resolution in June 2014 urging cities across the United States to join San Francisco and Los Angeles, participate in the Cities for CEDAW initiative, and pass local resolutions or ordinances reflecting the principles of CEDAW; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Hollywood has a demonstrated commitment to women's rights and full equality through its legislative actions and on-going advocacy efforts:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of West Hollywood hereby supports the Cities for CEDAW Initiative and implementing the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 15th day of December, 2014 by the following vote:

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| AYES: | Councilmember: | Duran, Land, Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman and Mayor D'Amico. |
| NOES: | Councilmember: | None. |
| ABSENT: | Councilmember: | None. |
| ABSTAIN: | Councilmember: | None. |



JOHN D'AMICO, MAYOR

ATTEST:



YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK