

**City of St. Helena**  
**STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY VALUES**

WHEREAS, St. Helena is a community with a deep history, shaped by the contributions of all who call it home.

WHEREAS, we affirm our faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, and in the equal rights of all community members.

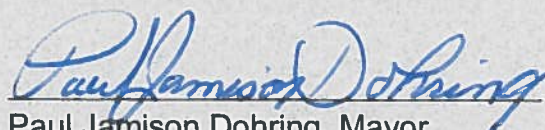
WHEREAS, we recognize that recent changes in policies—both locally and beyond—have created uncertainty and concern for some residents. We are committed to ensuring that St. Helena remains a welcoming and supportive place where all residents feel safe, valued, respected, and included in community life.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that:

- **Our Community is Stronger When Everyone Feels Secure** – We recognize that uncertainty about the future can create anxiety, and we are committed to fostering a sense of stability and trust for all residents.
- **Access to Opportunity is Important for Everyone** – We strive to ensure that every person in St. Helena—regardless of heritage, identity, background, income, or occupation—has access to public resources, services, and opportunities and the right to freely participate in local government and the civic and cultural life of our community.
- **Open Dialogue Builds Trust** – We acknowledge that not all residents experience change in the same way. We are committed to listening and engaging in thoughtful conversations, affirming freedom of thought, conscience, religion, opinion, expression, peaceful assembly, and association, and working together to address concerns that impact our community.
- **Respect and Belonging Matter** – Every person in St. Helena should feel safe and valued. Our city government, schools, businesses, and community organizations play a critical role in fostering an environment where all residents can thrive.
- **A Resilient Community Works Together** – As St. Helena continues to evolve, we remain committed to preserving what makes our town special while ensuring that all residents—longtime and new—can feel a sense of belonging and stability.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this statement reflects our commitment to supporting the well-being of all who live and work in St. Helena. We pledge to keep these basic norms, rights and freedoms constantly in mind in our deliberations, decision-making and allocation of resources. We invite every member of our community to be part of the ongoing conversation and to work together to strengthen our shared future.

Dated: March 11, 2025

  
Paul Jamison Dohring, Mayor  
City of St. Helena