

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Action: A Resolution Supporting the Oregon CEDAW Coalition by the City of Eugene, Oregon and Support of Other States and Cities Passing Resolutions and Ordinances to Implement the Principles of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)

Meeting Date: April 11, 2016
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ISSUE STATEMENT

Councilor Betty Taylor is requesting council consideration of a resolution affirming the City of Eugene's commitment to Human Rights and supporting efforts to implement the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) the Oregon CEDAW Coalition.

BACKGROUND

The City of Eugene has the opportunity to join other Oregon cities in considering and taking action on legislation that supports the Oregon CEDAW Coalition's goal of implementing a gender equity law based on principles from the U.N. CEDAW Treaty, signed in 1979.

On December 18, 1979, the United Nations adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The call for a Women's Treaty emerged from the First World Conference on Women in Mexico City in 1975. Until the U.N. General Assembly adopted the CEDAW, there was no treaty that addressed comprehensively women's rights within political, cultural, economic, social, and family life. In 1980, President Carter signed the treaty on behalf of the United States, but the United States Senate has not ratified CEDAW.

CEDAW is the most comprehensive and detailed international agreement which seeks the advancement of women. The proposed resolution recognizes the need to protect the human rights of women and girls by addressing discrimination, including violence, against them, and to improve safety and promote equal access to and equity in health care, employment, economic development and educational opportunities.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

The City Council can adopt or not adopt the resolution.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Move to adopt the Resolution Supporting the Oregon CEDAW Coalition by the City of Eugene, Oregon and Support of Other States and Cities Passing Resolutions and Ordinances to Implement the Principles of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

ATTACHMENT

A. Proposed Resolution