

RESOLUTION NO. NS-XX,XXX

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ SUPPORTING
EQUAL PLAYING TIME, LOCATION, AND PRIZE COMPENSATION FOR SPORTING
EVENTS PERMITTED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ

WHEREAS, equitable gender disparities exist in competitive sporting events of all kinds, including those that permit competitions on or otherwise utilize public venues, public resources; and

WHEREAS, disparities may manifest from bias or discrimination in terms of inclusion on teams, in competitions, access to facilities, competition time, competition conditions, unequal pay; and

WHEREAS, competitive sporting events are held on public lands, waters, and roadways including surfing, cycling, running, skateboarding, paddling, swimming; golf; and

WHEREAS, California nondiscrimination law is clear that discrimination is prohibited on the basis of gender in public accommodations and in state and local programs and activities funded by public resources; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 the California Legislature passed AB 467 which requires any competitive event that provides prize compensation in gendered categories to award identical compensation in each gendered category for events held on State property under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission, the Coastal Commission, State Parks, or the Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 the City of Santa Cruz adopted an ordinance to apply a “health in all policies” approach to the City of Santa Cruz decision-making; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Cruz has jurisdiction to issue event permits open to the public, and/or by professional invite, including competitive sporting events.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Santa Cruz that the Parks and Recreation Director is hereby authorized to:

1. implement changes within the City’s Special Event permitting to further equal prize compensation, location, venue conditions and competition time for all competitors in sports competitions held solely on land, property, or facilities owned and operated by the City of Santa Cruz, and
2. declare that for any competitive event permit, the City shall require as a condition of a special event permit that the event provide equal playing time, location, and prize compensation for each gendered category at each participant level.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of March, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

APPROVED: _____
Fred Keeley, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Bonnie Bush, City Clerk Administrator