



## Agenda Item Summary

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**Agenda Item Title**

**A Resolution Adopting the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Statement**

**Overview**

It is a tradition in Oak Park for the Village Board of Trustees to reaffirm the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion statement after each election. This is done at the first meeting in which the newly elected officials take the oath of office.

**Background**

Oak Park was one of the first municipalities in the country to make diversity a matter of public policy. Following each two-year election cycle since a Diversity Statement was first adopted in 1973, the Village Board demonstrates its support of the high ideals embodied in the statement by reaffirming its content via a formal resolution. With a focus on differences defining much of the current dialogue in the United States and the world, residents are invited to read the words that have helped define Oak Park and consider their broader intent.

It is our intention that such principles will be a basis for policy and decision making in Oak Park. The President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park reaffirm their dedication and commitment to these precepts.”  
- Adopted in 1973