## CITY HALL 5/10 2022 - SOCIAL EQUITY LBSEE

## FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION:

IS AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION THAT WAS ADOPTED IN 1868. IT GRANTED CITIZENSHIP AND EQUAL CIVIL AND LEGAL RIGHTS TO AFRICAN AMERICANS AND ENSLAVED PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN EMANCIPATED AFTER THE CIVIL WAR AND IT READS:

## **SECTION 1.**

ALL PERSONS BORN OR NATURALIZED IN THE UNITED STATES, AND SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION THEREOF, ARE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THE STATE WHEREIN THEY RESIDE. NO STATE SHALL MAKE OR ENFORCE ANY LAW WHICH SHALL "ABRIDGE"

<u>ABRIDGE- CURTAIL, SYNONYM FOR CURTAIL MEANS:</u> TO LESSEN, REDUCE, CUT, OR DECREASE.

THE PRIVILEGES OR IMMUNITIES OF CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES: NOR SHALL ANY STATE DEPRIVE ANY PERSON OF LIFE, LIBERTY, OR PROPERTY WITHOUT DUE PROCESS OF LAW: NOR DENY TO ANY PERSON WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION THE EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAWS.

SO WHAT WE ARE ASKING UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE 14th AMENDMENT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY ON AN EQUAL PLAYING FIELD AND TO STOP MOVING THE END ZONE LINE BACK FURTHER EVERY TIME IT APPEARS WE GET CLOSER TO THE GOAL LINE!!, ALONG WITH THE IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL OF EMILY ARMSTRONG WHO IS IN THE OFFICE OF INEQUITY, DUE TO HER CONTINUED GUARDIANSHIP OF PAST INSTITUTIONALIZED RACISM AND HER CURRENT/ RECENT IMPLEMENTATION OF PRACTICES THAT ARE BLATANTLY RACIST, AND HER DISREGARD FOR THE IMPACT THAT THE WAR ON DRUGS HAVE HAD, AND STILL HAS ON BLACK COMMUNITIES IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

WE REQUEST SOMEONE WHO FULLY UNDER NO INNERSTANDS THE DEVASTATION OF THIS WAR ON BLACK PEOPLE AND THE BLACK COMMUNITY HERE IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH WHICH CAN NEVER BE FULLY RECTIFIED, BUT BY REMOVING EMILY ARMSTRONG FROM THAT OFFICE, WE CAN TRULY START ON THE JOURNEY OF RIGHTING SO MANY WRONGS. ALSO BY REMAINING TRUE TO THE SPIRIT OF THEE UNANIMOUS CITY COUNCIL VOTE AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS CITYWIDE "ACKNOWLEDGING RACISM AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS" WE CAN BEGIN AND ONLY THEN CAN WE BEGIN TO HEAL OUR CITY, IT ALL STARTS WITH ACCOUNTABILITY, AND WITH THAT COMES A GREAT DEAL OF **RESPONSIBILITY** WHICH IS THEE;

**ABILITY TO RESPOND!** AN OFFICE WITH THEE AWESOME TASK AND RESPONSIBILITY OF ENSURING EQUITY WILL REQUIRE MUCH, MUCH MORE THAN A D.E.I DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION.