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“I AM EDMONDS. THIS IS MY STORY.” STORY-TELLING PROJECT LAUNCHED BY EDMONDS DIVERSITY COMMISSION

In Conjunction with Communities of Color Coalition

(Edmonds, WA) - From June 14th through August 16th folks in Edmonds are encouraged to share their personal stories in a new project launched by the Edmonds Diversity Commission entitled “I am Edmonds. This is my story.”

This latest project of the Edmonds Diversity Commission seeks personal stories that represent the joys, challenges, idiosyncrasies and successes of residents, workers, visitors, as well as folks with ties to Edmonds, of all ages and perspectives, including students, seniors and everyone in between.

“Your creativity is welcomed,” stated Diversity Commission Chair Pat Valle. “All forms of story-telling are encouraged, including written word, video or audio essays, photo essays, artwork, or other forms of story-telling.” Submissions in languages other than English will also be accepted and will appear in their original, untranslated form.

This project has been inspired by the Communities of Color Coalition’s (C3) selection of Edmonds as official partner for its 2019 “Grand Alliance Project.” C3 will assist by providing access to its vast network of partners to spread the word about the project.

A dedicated Facebook page will be set up to receive and host the stories for all to view. The Facebook page is entitled: "I am Edmonds" which can be found using the top search bar of one's Facebook page.

Here are the rules (which may also be found at the "About" section of the FB page):

- Written-word entries will be limited to a maximum of 750 words
- Audio or video entries will be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes duration
- Photo essays will be limited to a maximum of 15 photos
- Sculptures, paintings, drawings, etc., may be submitted via video or photo format
- All entries will require at least a first name and surname initial (full names are welcome)
- No obscenities, nude or lewd photos, defamatory remarks about individuals, hate speech, incitement to violence, or threats will be allowed
- All entries will be screened for compliance with these criteria before posting

The Commission intends to host an "I am Edmonds" Capstone Event on Saturday, November 2, 2019, where selected stories will be shared, a keynote speaker will offer remarks, and participants may come together to share their stories. More details to follow.

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