

# THE SAN DIEGO RACE RELATIONS SOCIETY

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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

November 17, 1935

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The Honorable Mayor  
And Councilmen,  
City.

Gentlemen:

Attention of The San Diego Race Relations Society is called to the display of obnoxious signs conspicuously displayed on walls of several restaurants or kindred places reading like unto the following: "Colored Trade Not Desired," "Negro Patronage Not Solicited," "No Counter Service to Negroes." Countenance of this unwarranted practice seriously hampers the efforts of this Society in its program to improve relations of the several race-groups living in this fair city. Negroes and other colored groups interpret these displays as vicious attacks calculated to stir up racial feeling and play up the color question before the public as a bid for increased "white business." This dangerous practice has disturbed the peace of colored citizens of San Diego and definitely presents a serious, yet unnecessary problem. Negroes are not alone in expressing objection to this strange publicity in one of the most cosmopolitan centers of America-, objections are registered by representatives of several other race-groups including the white. We also



find that this new off-shot publicity is a direct slap against the 51st, and 52nd Amendments to our Constitution, known as our "Civil Rights Law." This Law guarantees service at these places to all citizens regardless of color. Since several other cities are on record prohibiting discriminatory advertisements against its citizens, and too, since the peace of a large number of citizens is disturbed because of this entirely unnecessary practice, The San Diego Race Relations Society respectfully request your honorable body to enact an Ordinance prohibiting display of such "signs" complained against of which serves only to play-up and increase bitter racial feeling of which is entirely out of place in this city, and certainly unnecessary.

Very respectfully yours,

*Dennis V. Allen* President  
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Communication  
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Requesting adoption  
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