



## City of Edmonds Media Release

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### **EDMONDS DIVERSITY COMMISSION REOPENS “I AM EDMONDS” PROJECT**

*After initial success last year, “I Am Edmonds” available again*

**(Edmonds, WA)** - The Edmonds Diversity Commission seeks to counter social distancing by reopening the “I am Edmonds. This is my Story” project, with the aim of encouraging meaningful community connections during these challenging times. With the Diversity Film Series cut short, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and many community events canceled, reopening the Diversity Commission’s Facebook page [“I am Edmonds”](#) will provide a virtual platform for community members to express themselves creatively and come together in hope.

“The stories shared with us last year were inspiring and heartwarming,” commented Diversity Commission Chair Pat Valle. “They gave us an insight as to the variety of experiences of our Edmonds community and highlighted our similarities.”

Sponsored by the Edmonds Diversity Commission, in conjunction with the Communities of Color Coalition over the Summer and Fall of 2019, this acclaimed, community storytelling highlighted some wonderful experiences of a variety of individuals within Edmonds and the Commission wishes to revive the powerful art of storytelling by:

- Sharing personal stories of local Edmonds residents through all types of creative media – story, poetry, music, visual arts, dance, etc.
- Acknowledging acts of kindness within our community
- Celebrating the wonderfully diverse community by sharing short films, TEDx Talks, and local events that focus on diversity and inclusion
- Sharing stories and short films on celebrating the human spirit and ingenuity locally and throughout the globe

For those of you who do not use Facebook, the Commission is considering creating an online blog that will share this same information and more. Please make sure to check the [Edmonds Diversity Commission](#) webpage for information on accessing this future site.

Please join us and share your stories - Together We are Stronger. Message the Commission on Facebook @IamEdmonds or email [tina.marohn@edmondswa.gov](mailto:tina.marohn@edmondswa.gov)

“I am Edmonds” on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IamEdmonds/>

City of Edmonds Diversity Commission: <http://www.edmondswa.gov/diversity-commission-home.html>

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