

Promote the acceptance of differences

“Promote the acceptance of differences.” These words hit me very hard from the first letter to the last. These words were written to tell you what you should do to help our community be better, and not be a Sundown Town any more. In all the years of my life I have heard how our community has changed things from helping Immigrants not get deported, to the acceptance of LGBTQ+, the understanding of political differences we have, and to accept that racism is bad.

My family has had to deal with some troubles with being accepted for being Mexican. From not being accepted because of their skin to their culture. There have been hard times where they have had to do more work than others for being Mexican. But that hasn't stopped them or made them feel bad about themselves. Thankfully they've kept their heads up and just kept going. Even though it might have hurt them, they have managed to keep moving forward and not be ashamed of their culture. But that's where I say instead of excluding people just because of their skin, we should instead acknowledge their differences, and learn what they do differently in their culture because the more we know about each other the more we can learn from one another and grow as a community.

Although we've maybe been put down by some people not liking us because of our different color thoughts or beliefs, we should not do the same just because our feelings have been hurt. I say we should learn from those times and that'll make us stronger. We should not allow people to be treated the same hurtful way. We should help them prevent that horrible feeling that no one should have to feel or go through.

The guidance of our CRC, our community, and city has helped us connect with each other's thoughts. From the Diversity Days to the Multicultural Festival. In those times and celebrations no matter what color we are, we all came together and had fun in those days, admiring each other's culture, foods and socializing with one another. No matter what color we are or what makes us unique, we should accept and respect each other no matter how different we are or what culture we come from because all of our opinions matter.