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CITY OF IRVINE
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

To: Oliver C. Chi, City Manager
From: Farrah N. Khan, Mayor *FK*
Anthony Kuo, Vice Mayor *[Signature]*
Date: November 10, 2022
Re: Resolution Condemning the Actions of the Government of Iran

We respectfully ask that this item be placed on the November 22, 2022, agenda for consideration.

BACKGROUND:

Following the unjust death of Mahsa Zhina Amini on September 16, 2022, the world has seen protests emerge to end the human rights violations being inflicted on the people of Iran, particularly women.

Congresswoman Young Kim (CA-39) has introduced a resolution to condemn the Government of Iran for these actions, co-sponsored by Congresswoman Katie Porter (CA-45).

The Iranian-American community can be supported in this time through a united voice to stand in solidarity with protests against an unethical government.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the attached resolution stating that Irvine City Council stands in solidarity with the women of Iran and our Iranian-American population who have been impacted by the human rights violations committed by the Government of Iran.

Cc: City Council
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 22-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING SUPPORT OF THE IRANIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND CONDEMNING THE VIOLENCE PERPETRATED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN AGAINST ITS PEOPLE

WHEREAS, on September 28th United States Representative Young Kim (CA-39) introduced House Resolution 1397, cosponsored by Representative Katie Porter (CA-45), condemning the Government of Iran's murder of Mahsa Zhina Amini and its crackdown on protesters seeking basic human rights, and supporting the protesters in their demands for freedom; and

WHEREAS, the circumstances surrounding the September 16th death of Mahsa Amini are inexcusable, as she was arrested and taken into custody by Iran's Guidance Patrol, i.e., morality police, for allegedly not properly wearing her state-mandated hijab; and

WHEREAS, the tragic death of Mahsa Zhina Amini has inspired numerous and ongoing protests throughout Iran resulting in thousands of arrests to extinguish the voices of journalists, media figures, and members of the public who seek to amplify Iranian's desire for personal freedoms, which the government of Iran has now blamed on the United States; and

WHEREAS, over the last 43 years, the Government of Iran has committed numerous acts of violence and human rights violations against its own people, particularly against women and students; and

WHEREAS, since Mahsa Zhina Amini's death alone, the government of Iran has been responsible for: the killing of more than 250 civilians, mostly children, young adults, and ethnic minorities from Kurdistan and Baluchistan; the gassing of those protesting for women, life, and freedom; the brutal crackdown of university students' protests including at Sharif University of Technology; the threatening of sexual violence as a means of silencing opposition; and the burning of Evin Prison that holds political prisoners, intellectuals, reporters, and journalists; and

WHEREAS, the government of Iran has restricted the people's access to internet, phone, and other forms of communication.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Irvine DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby finds and declares:

- A. That the City of Irvine stands with its Iranian-American community members, particularly Iranian-American women, as their relatives and associates are suffering through the current human rights injustices in Iran.
- B. That the City of Irvine supports the passage of House Resolution 1397 to condemn the Government of Iran.
- C. That the City of Irvine advocates for a special session of the United Nations Human Rights Council regarding the atrocities being committed in Iran.
- D. That the City of Irvine puts pressure on United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls to create a report on the crisis in Iran.
- E. That the City of Irvine urges the United Nations Member States to heed the call of Iranian women and remove the Islamic Republic of Iran from the U.N. Commission on the Status of women.
- F. That the City of Irvine calls upon the United States government to provide all possible infrastructure supporting free internet access for the people in Iran.
- G. That the City of Irvine condemns the violent acts that are being perpetrated against the Iranian people.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Irvine at a regular meeting held on the 22nd day of November, 2022.

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) SS
CITY OF IRVINE)

I, Carl Petersen, City Clerk of the City of Irvine, HEREBY DO CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Irvine, held on the 22nd day of November, 2022.

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE