

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 -

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANAHEIM DECLARING SUPPORT OF THE IRANIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND CONDEMNING THE VIOLENCE PERPETRATED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN AGAINST ITS PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY WOMEN, GIRLS, AND STUDENTS

WHEREAS, the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are endowed to all men and women by their Creator; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2022, 22-year-old Mahsa Zhina Amini passed away in the custody of Iranian "morality police" following a 3-day coma due to wounds, including bone fractures, hemorrhage, and cerebral edema consistent with severe beating, inflicted by the police for purportedly wearing a hijab improperly; 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 Iranians' 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, girls, and students; and

WHEREAS, since Mahsa Zhina Amini's death alone, the government of Iran has been responsible for: the killing of more than 200 civilians; 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, 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, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Anaheim as follows:

1. That the City of Anaheim stands in solidarity with its Iranian-American community members, particularly Iranian-American women, as their relatives and associates are suffering through the current injustices in Iran.
2. That the City of Anaheim condemns the violent acts that are being perpetrated against the Iranian people.
3. That the City of Anaheim calls upon the government of Iran to end its systemic human rights violations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall supersede any prior Resolutions of the City Council to the extent of any inconsistency between the provisions thereof.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION is approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Anaheim this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

CITY OF ANAHEIM

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ANAHEIM

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF ANAHEIM