FILE NO. 230107

RESOLUTION NO. 052-23

[Condemning Azerbaijan's Blockade Of Artsakh]

Resolution condemning Azerbaijan's Blockade of the Armenians of Nagorno-Karabakh (Artsakh) and ongoing human rights violations.

WHEREAS, Since December 12, 2022, the Government of Azerbaijan has blockaded the Lachin Corridor, blocking access to Artsakh, also known as Nagorno-Karabakh; and

WHEREAS, The blockade has cut off 120,000 Armenians from food, medicine, fuel, and other vital supplies; and

WHEREAS, The ongoing humanitarian crisis fabricated by the Azerbaijani government must be stopped and immediate humanitarian assistance must be provided; and

WHEREAS, The current blockade of Nagorno-Karabakh follows a pattern of aggression since the devastating 44-day war on Artsakh by Azerbaijan in 2020, which has seen the ongoing destruction of Armenian cultural heritage, perpetration of human rights abuses, and escalating aggression culminating in the September 2022 attack and occupation of Armenia's internationally recognized territories and more than 200 being killed; and

WHEREAS, Azerbaijan's objective is to erase the Armenian people from their ancestral, indigenous homelands; and

WHEREAS, The state-sponsored incitement of anti-Armenian hatred by Azerbaijan has impacted the global Armenian diaspora community, including between July 2020 and September 2020, when the Armenian-American community of San Francisco was victim of three hate crimes leading to the destruction of the St. Gregory Armenian Church Parish building and Cultural Center; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges the President of the United States and the United States Congress to take the immediate steps to (1) demand the immediate re-opening of the Lachin Corridor and access
to Nagorno-Karabakh; and (2) provide humanitarian assistance for the Armenian people
impacted by the Azerbaijani blockade of the Lachin Corridor, including food, supplies and
medical assistance; and (3) end all United States military and economic assistance to
Azerbaijan pursuant to Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act and take all necessary
steps to hold the Azerbaijan regime accountable for its crimes, including sanctions; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urge members of the Bay Area

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urge members of the Bay Area Congressional Delegation to become cosponsors of the bipartisan resolution to be introduced in Congress this week; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board
of Supervisors to transmit this Resolution to President Joseph Biden, Vice President Kamala
Harris, United States Senators, Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla, Speaker Emerita, Nancy
Pelosi and Congressman Kevin Mullin.



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February 07, 2023 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai and Stefani Excused: 1 - Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 2/7/2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed Mayor 02/16/2023

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

02/16/2023

Date