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Board Item No. 22

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1 [Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day - April 24, 2025]

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3 **Resolution marking the 110th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and declaring**  
4 **April 24, 2025, as “Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day” in the City and County of**  
5 **San Francisco.**  
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7 WHEREAS, The Armenian people, living in their historic homeland for thousands of  
8 years, were subjected to severe persecution by the Turkish government of the Ottoman  
9 Empire before and after the turn of the twentieth century, including widespread massacres,  
10 usurpation of land and property, and destruction of cultural institutions and monuments during  
11 the period from 1894 to 1896, and again in 1909; and

12 WHEREAS, The unspeakable horrors experienced by the Armenian people at the  
13 hands of the Ottoman Turkish government culminated in 1915 in what is now known as the  
14 Armenian Genocide; and

15 WHEREAS, Between 1915 and 1923, the Turkish authorities planned and implemented  
16 genocide against the Armenians, one of the world’s oldest civilizations living in its indigenous  
17 homeland of more than 3,500 years, resulting in the murder of 1.5 million Armenian women,  
18 men and children, more than half of the Armenian population living on their ancient homeland,  
19 as well as the expropriation or destruction of all their personal and community properties; and

20 WHEREAS, The U.S. House of Representatives adopted House Resolution No. 296  
21 (Schiff) on October 29, 2019, which states it is U.S. policy to commemorate the Armenian  
22 Genocide and the US Senate passed Senate Resolution No. 150 (Menendez) on December  
23 12, 2019, which formally recognizes and affirms the historical facts of the Armenian Genocide  
24 on behalf of the U.S. government and calls for broader education on this heinous crime and its  
25 impact on generations of Armenians; and

1           WHEREAS, On April 24, 2021, President Joseph Biden became the first U.S. President  
2 to formally recognize the massacres of Armenians as genocide; and

3           WHEREAS, Despite the unequivocal acknowledgement of this crime as genocide,  
4 Turkey and Azerbaijan continue to deny that it took place; and

5           WHEREAS, The legacy of the Armenian Genocide and the consequences of its denial  
6 are seen to this day in the ongoing policy of violence and discrimination Armenians face at the  
7 hands of the governments of Turkey and Azerbaijan; and

8           WHEREAS, This policy of aggression culminated in the assault on the Armenian region  
9 of Artsakh, also known as Nagorno-Karabakh, by Azerbaijan with Turkey's support in 2020,  
10 followed by a 10-month blockade depriving the remaining Armenian population of vital  
11 supplies; and

12           WHEREAS, Since September 23, 2023, the Government of Azerbaijan has fully  
13 occupied and ethnically cleansed Artsakh of its Armenian population, uprooting 120,000  
14 Armenians from their homelands, with no clear intention to allow their return on the part of the  
15 Azerbaijani Government, and destroying Artsakh's Armenian cultural heritage sites; and

16           WHEREAS, On February 7, 2023, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No.  
17 052-23, condemning Azerbaijan's Blockade of the Armenians of Nagorno-Karabakh (Artsakh)  
18 and ongoing human rights violations, which is hereby declared to be a part of this Resolution  
19 as if set forth fully herein; and

20           WHEREAS, In the wake of the war, Azerbaijani and Turkish leaders publicly praised  
21 the perpetrators of the Armenian Genocide, and proliferated rhetoric aimed at dehumanizing  
22 the Armenian people, destroyed Artsakh's Armenian cultural heritage sites, and continued the  
23 imprisonment and torture of Armenian prisoners of war; and

24           WHEREAS, The Government of Azerbaijan has occupied Armenia's internationally  
25 recognized territories since September 2022; and

1           WHEREAS, The Azerbaijani ethnic cleansing of Nagorno-Karabakh has uprooted  
2   120,000 Armenians from their homelands, with no clear intention to allow their return on the  
3   part of the Azerbaijani Government; and

4           WHEREAS, April 24, 2025 marks the 110th anniversary of the beginning of the  
5   Armenian Genocide; and

6           WHEREAS, Denial is among the surest indicators of further genocidal massacres; and  
7   the continued denial of the Armenian Genocide by successive governments of Turkey and  
8   Azerbaijan and the lack of accountability and reparations for those crimes has added to the  
9   injury and losses suffered by the genocide victims and their descendants, created an  
10   atmosphere of intimidation and mistrust among neighboring states, enabled and emboldened  
11   further acts of genocide and ethnic cleansing against the Armenian people, and sent a  
12   message to the international community that genocide can be carried out without punishment;  
13   now, therefore, be it

14          RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby designates April 24,  
15   2025, as “Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day” in the City and County of San Francisco,  
16   marking the 110th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide; and, be it

17          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the San  
18   Francisco School District and San Francisco Board of Education to support public education  
19   of the Armenian Genocide and its long-term repercussions, so as to ensure the lessons of  
20   history are not forgotten, its influence on current events are understood, and so that students  
21   will recognize their role in effecting positive global change; and, be it

22          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors expresses its  
23   condemnation of genocide denial in all its forms, noting that the prevention of atrocities must  
24   begin with holding perpetrators to account; and, be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors reaffirms its  
2 support for the Armenians of Artsakh and reaffirms its support for efforts to hold Azerbaijan  
3 accountable for its ongoing occupation of the region.

4           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk  
5 of the Board to transmit copies to members of the San Francisco Board of Education and  
6 United States Senator Alex Padilla, Senator Adam Schiff, Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, and  
7 United States Representative Kevin Mullin.

## **Introduction Form**

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- ☐ 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- ☐ 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)  
(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- ☐ 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- ☐ 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor  inquires..."
- ☐ 5. City Attorney Request
- ☐ 6. Call File No.  from Committee.
- ☐ 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- ☐ 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- ☐ 9. Reactivate File No.
- ☐ 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- ☐ Small Business Commission      ☐ Youth Commission      ☐ Ethics Commission
- ☐ Planning Commission      ☐ Building Inspection Commission      ☐ Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- ☐ Yes      ☐ No

(Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.)

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