

1 [Condemning Anti-Armenian Acts of Hate]

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3 **Resolution condemning anti-Armenian acts of hate and supporting San Francisco’s**
4 **Armenian community.**

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6 WHEREAS, On July 24, 2020, the Krouzian-Zekarian-Vasbouragan Armenian School
7 in Parkmerced, the only Armenian school in the Bay Area, was broken into and vandalized
8 with hateful and threatening graffiti, which the school’s principal described as “very, very
9 disturbing,” and which resulted in an investigation by the San Francisco Police Department’s
10 Special Investigations Unit; and

11 WHEREAS, Less than two months later, in the early hours of September 17, 2020, the
12 San Francisco Police Department and San Francisco Fire Department responded to reports of
13 a fire at the parish offices of the St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church in Jordan Park, an
14 incident that destroyed the structure’s first floor and basement, and that is currently being
15 investigated by the City’s Arson Task Force; and

16 WHEREAS, A third investigation into possible hate crimes against the Armenian
17 community has been opened after shots were fired near the Krouzian-Zekarian-Vasbouragan
18 Armenian School - the same institution that was defaced with hateful graffiti in July - just days
19 later, at approximately 2:25 a.m. on September 19, 2020, after officers heard shots fired and
20 noticed that a sign outside the school was marked with bullet holes; and

21 WHEREAS, Anyone with information about any of the cases has been urged to contact
22 the San Francisco Police Department’s 24-hour anonymous tip line at (415) 575-4444 or text
23 a message beginning with “SFPD” to TIP411, and members of the community are offering
24 \$25,000 for information that leads to an arrest and conviction of those responsible; and

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1 WHEREAS, These hateful attacks on San Francisco’s Armenian community come
2 more than a century after the beginning of the Armenian Genocide, which killed an estimated
3 1.5 million people, and as attacks against Armenian community spaces have been increasing
4 across the United States and throughout the world, including against an Armenian embassy
5 vehicle in Germany and an Armenian business in Ukraine, according to the Armenian National
6 Committee of America; and

7 WHEREAS, Acts of hate have absolutely no place in San Francisco or in the United
8 States, and we must condemn each of these anti-Armenian attacks and come together to
9 support our Armenian neighbors; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors condemns and denounces
11 in strongest terms any and all acts of hate against our Armenian community, as well as those
12 who perpetrate these attacks, including the three horrific incidents our City has seen since the
13 summer alone; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports and stands with San
15 Francisco’s Armenian community in this time of healing.

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