

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; and urging California Attorney General Xavier Becerra to**  
5 **investigate.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports and stands with San  
14 Francisco’s Armenian community in this time of healing; and, be it

15           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors join Assembly Members Nazarian,  
16 Chiu, Ting and Senator Wiener in requesting Attorney General Xavier Becerra to initiate a thorough  
17 investigation into the hate crimes and to prosecute those found responsible to the extent of the law.

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September 29, 2020 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

September 29, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on 9/29/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

10/09/2020

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.

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10/09/2020

Date