

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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