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Prepared by: Jocelyn Wong

Date: April 21, 2023

Prepared by: _____

Date: _____

1 [Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day - April 24, 2023]

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3 **Resolution marking the 108th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and declaring**
4 **April 24, 2023, 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 known by historians
14 as the first modern-era Genocide; and

15 WHEREAS, The Ottoman Turkish authorities planned and implemented the Genocide
16 committed against the Armenian people from 1915 through 1923, resulting in the murder of
17 1.5 million Armenian women, men and children, and the expropriation or destruction of all
18 their personal and community properties; and

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

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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 Genocide 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 Artsakh, also known
9 as Nagorno-Karabakh, by Azerbaijan with Turkey's support in 2020, which has seen the
10 ongoing destruction of Armenian cultural heritage, the deliberate targeting of civilian
11 infrastructure, and the ongoing detention and torture of Armenian prisoners of war; and

12 WHEREAS, On February 7, 2023, The Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No.
13 052-23, condemning Azerbaijan's Blockade of the Armenians of Nagorno-Karabakh (Artsakh)
14 and ongoing human rights violations, which is hereby declared to be a part of this Resolution
15 as if set forth fully herein; and

16 WHEREAS, In the wake of the war, Azerbaijani and Turkish leaders publicly praised
17 the perpetrators of the Armenian Genocide, and proliferated rhetoric aimed at dehumanizing
18 the Armenian people; and

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

21 WHEREAS, Since December 12, 2022, the Government of Azerbaijan has blockaded
22 the Lachin Corridor, blocking access to Nagorno-Karabakh; and

23 WHEREAS, The Azerbaijani blockade of Nagorno-Karabakh has cut off 120,000
24 Armenians from food, medicine, fuel, and other vital supplies, raising fear of renewed conflict
25 and ethnic cleansing; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby designates April 24,
2 2023, as "Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day" in the City and County of San Francisco,
3 marking the 108th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors indicates its
5 support for public education of the Armenian Genocide so as to ensure the lessons of history
6 are not forgotten; and, be it

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

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors reaffirms its
11 support for the Armenians of Artsakh and reaffirms its support for efforts to hold Azerbaijan
12 accountable for its ongoing blockade of the region.

1 [Condemning Azerbaijan's Blockade Of Artsakh]
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3 **Resolution condemning Azerbaijan's Blockade of the Armenians of Nagorno-Karabakh**
4 **(Artsakh) and ongoing human rights violations.**
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6 WHEREAS, Since December 12, 2022, the Government of Azerbaijan has blockaded
7 the Lachin Corridor, blocking access to Artsakh, also known as Nagorno-Karabakh; and

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

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

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

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

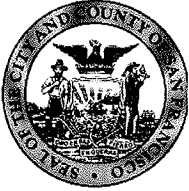
19 WHEREAS, The state-sponsored incitement of anti-Armenian hatred by Azerbaijan has
20 impacted the global Armenian diaspora community, including between July 2020 and
21 September 2020, when the Armenian-American community of San Francisco was victim of
22 three hate crimes leading to the destruction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

24 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
25 urges the President of the United States and the United States Congress to take the

1 immediate steps to (1) demand the immediate re-opening of the Lachin Corridor and access
2 to Nagorno-Karabakh; and (2) provide humanitarian assistance for the Armenian people
3 impacted by the Azerbaijani blockade of the Lachin Corridor, including food, supplies and
4 medical assistance; and (3) end all United States military and economic assistance to
5 Azerbaijan pursuant to Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act and take all necessary
6 steps to hold the Azerbaijan regime accountable for its crimes, including sanctions; and, be it

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

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



City and County of San Francisco

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Resolution

City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

File Number: 230107

Date Passed: February 07, 2023

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

February 07, 2023 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

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

Excused: 1 - Walton

File No. 230107

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.

Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo

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.

Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

02/16/2023

Date

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

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Sponsor(s):

Subject:

Long Title or text listed:

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

