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Resolution condemning anti-Armenian acts of hate and supporting San Francisco's Armenian community.

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

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

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

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

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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Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp or meeting date I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one): 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment). 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee. 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee. 4. Request for letter beginning: "Supervisor inquiries" 5. City Attorney Request. 6. Call File No. from Committee. 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion). 8. Substitute Legislation File No. 9. Reactivate File No. 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following: Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission Ethics Commission **Building Inspection Commission** Planning Commission Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form. Sponsor(s): Supervisor Stefani Subject: Condemning Anti-Armenian Acts of Hate and Supporting San Francisco's Armenian Community The text is listed: Resolution condemning anti-Armenian acts of hate and supporting San Francisco's Armenian community.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: |/s/ Catherine Stefani

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