



City Council

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### *Proclamation*

*WHEREAS, women in Iran are systematically subjected to an apartheid state with laws that restrict rights over their bodies and the ability to think for themselves and that deny women the same opportunities as men with respect to marriage, divorce, child custody, inheritance and travel; and*

*WHEREAS, protests erupted across Iran after Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old Iranian Kurdish woman, was killed while in custody on September 16 after being detained by Iran's morality police for allegedly not complying with the Islamic Republic of Iran's strict rules for head coverings; and*

*WHEREAS, Nasrin Soutoudeh, a renowned civil rights lawyer and advocate for human rights and a symbol of the Iranian people's nonviolent struggle for justice, dignity and equality, is serving a 38 year prison sentence (although she is currently on medical furlough); and*

*WHEREAS, many other individuals have been imprisoned, tortured and executed for being defenders of human rights by the Islamic Republic of Iran, and many demonstrators are now being subjected to this treatment;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lafayette, California does hereby*

- Affirm its support of human rights in Iran, including equal rights for women, the LGBTQ+ community and minorities, and the end of apartheid against women and targeted religious, nonreligious and cultural minorities;*
- Support the immediate release of Nasrin Sotoudeh and all other political prisoners and prisoners of conscience in the Islamic Republic of Iran;*
- Condemn the brutal murder of Mahsa Amini;*
- Ask for the immediate cessation of human rights abuses against the Iranian people;*
- Ask for a free, secular, democratic republic of Iran in which everyone can live freely and prosper regardless of their gender, sexual orientation, beliefs and religion.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the City Seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022.*

  
Teresa Geringer, Mayor

