

**ITEM 8 ATTACHMENT
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-1828**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS,
CALIFORNIA, CONDEMNING THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN FOR THE
PHYSICAL BEATING AND DEATHS OF MAHSA AMINI, SARINA
ESMAEILZADEH, NIKA SHAKARAMI, AND OTHERS BY IRAN'S
MORALITY POLICE.**

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2022, Iran's morality police arrested and accused Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old Kurdish woman, of breaking a law requiring women to cover their hair with a hijab, or headscarf, and their arms and legs with loose clothing; and

WHEREAS, Mahsa Amini was reportedly beaten after her arrest on September 13, 2022 by Iran's morality police and transferred to the Vozara Detention Center in Tehran; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2022, Mahsa Amini died in a hospital after spending three days in a coma; and

WHEREAS, beginning with the announcement of the death of Mahsa Amini, thousands of demonstrators have taken to the streets in many cities, including Tehran, Ilam, Isfahan, Mahabad, Saqez, Sari, and Tabriz, to demand accountability for Mahsa Amini's death and an end to violence and discrimination against women and girls in Iran; and

WHEREAS, Iranian women are burning hijabs and have cut their hair to protest the lack of women's rights in their country; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Iran have demonstrated numerous times over many years due to Iran's ailing economy and lack of basic human rights; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2022, the government of Iran began to curb online access and shutting down the Internet so information about the protests would be limited; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2022, the government of Iran blocked access to Instagram and WhatsApp, two of the remaining active social media networks in Iran; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2022, Sarina Esmailzadeh, a 16-year-old, went to join protests sweeping the country and was reportedly beaten to death by Iranian security forces; and

WHEREAS, the death of Sarina Esmailzadeh is all too similar to that of the September 2022 death of 16-year-old Nika Shakarami, who was also reportedly killed during protests by Iranian security forces after burning a hijab; and

WHEREAS, Mahsa Amini, Sarina Esmailzadeh, and Nika Shakarami are only three examples of the thousands of women who have been abused, gone missing, or murdered at the hands of Iran's morality police; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2022, the United States Department of State sanctioned Iran's morality police and seven Iranian officials for alleged human rights abuses; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Calabasas resolves as follows:

Section 1. The City of Calabasas strongly condemns the Iranian morality police for the evil, cruel, and barbaric acts that lead to the deaths of Mahsa Amini, Sarina Esmailzadeh, and Nika Shakarami and further condemns the regime for its brutality, anti-democratic oppression of its citizens and documented human rights violations, especially against women, students, and minorities.

Section 2. The City of Calabasas calls upon the government of the United States, including the President, Secretary of State, and Members of Congress to engage in all efforts to increase sanctions against the regime in Iran and cease current and future negotiations with the regime in Iran, including negotiations related to oil exports, and to not release any assets frozen in the United States, until there is a regime change.

Section 3. The City of Calabasas supports the sanctions of the United States Department of State issued for Iran's morality police and the following seven individuals for alleged human rights abuses:

- Haj Ahmad Mirzaei, senior official in Iran's morality police
- Mohammad Rostami Cheshmeh Gachi, senior officials in Iran's morality police
- Ismail Khatib, Iran's Minister of Intelligence
- Manouchehr Amanollahi, Iran's Law Enforcement Forces ("LEF") Commander of the Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari Province
- Qasem Rezaei, Deputy Commander of the LEF
- Kiyumars Heidari, Commander of the Iran Army's Ground Forces
- Salar Abnoush, Deputy Commander of the Basij, a paramilitary militia and a subsidiary force of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps

Section 4. The City of Calabasas demands the United States Government consider additional enhanced sanctions which focus solely on the financial assets of

the members of the government of Iran and those individuals involved in the regime to the greatest extent possible while still allowing critical economic and medical aid to reach the citizens of Iran; and cease any and all types of sponsorship of terrorist organizations, including but not limited to Hamas and Hezbollah.

Section 5. The City of Calabasas is gravely concerned with the nuclear capability of the government of Iran and the potential fallout to the region and the world; therefore, the City of Calabasas implores the United States, and the nations around the world, to strongly advocate for Iran to cease further development of nuclear power plants and weapons.

Section 6. The City of Calabasas calls for an impartial investigation of the events leading to the death of Mahsa Amini and that those found liable for her death be brought to justice.

Section 7. The City of Calabasas honors the life and legacy of Mahsa Amini by urging the Iranian Government to implement meaningful laws ensuring basic human rights for all its citizen.

Section 8. The City of Calabasas strongly supports the right of all women to live a life without repression, brutal violence and restrictions on their basic human rights.

Section 9. The City of Calabasas calls upon the United Nations to expel Iran from the United Nations Women's Rights Commission.

Section 10. The City of Calabasas implores the United Nations, countries, and other cities to adopt resolutions with similarly strong messaging related to sanctions against Iran's morality police and condemning the Iranian morality police for the evil, cruel, and barbaric acts and further condemning the regime for its brutality, anti-democratic oppression of its citizens and documented human rights violations, especially against women, students, and minorities.

Section 11. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and shall cause the same to be published or posted according to law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of November 2022.

Mary Sue Maurer, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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