

RESOLUTION NO. 161-22

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND,
CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN IRAN**

WHEREAS, women in Iran are systematically subjected to violation of their human rights, especially their sexual rights, as exemplified by the murder of Mahsa Amini, along with other women protesting her death, by the Islamic Republic of Iran's security forces; and

WHEREAS, many Iranian women's rights defenders, including Nasrin Sotoudeh, have been imprisoned and tortured for being defenders of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, and many demonstrators are currently being subjected to such treatment, including imprisonment as a result of their nonviolent struggle for justice, dignity, and equality; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond strongly supports human rights and women's rights, stands in solidarity with the Iranian community, both in Richmond and Iran, and celebrates our Iranian community and culture that adds to our city's rich diversity and culture; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond affirms its support of human rights in Iran, including equal rights for women, the LGBTQ+ community, and minorities, and the end of discrimination against women and targeted religious, nonreligious, and cultural minorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Richmond City Council firmly supports the immediate release of all women's rights defenders and prisoners of conscience in the Islamic Republic of Iran, condemns the brutal murder of Mahsa Amini, and asks for the immediate cessation of human rights abuses against the Iranian people.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held November 1, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Jimenez, Johnson III, McLaughlin, Willis, Vice Mayor Martinez, and Mayor Butt.
NOES: None.
ABSTENTIONS: None.
ABSENT: None.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

THOMAS K. BUTT
Mayor

Approved as to form:

DAVE ALESHIRE
City Attorney



State of California }
County of Contra Costa } : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 161-22**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on November 1, 2022.

Pamela Christian
Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond