

**RESOLUTION NO. 7-26**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND,  
CALIFORNIA, IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF IRAN IN THEIR  
STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, ECONOMIC JUSTICE,  
AND DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond has long stood for justice, dignity, and the protection of human rights for all people, both locally and globally; and

**WHEREAS**, the Iranian people are courageously rising up to demand freedom, accountability, and economic justice in the face of systemic repression, economic despair, and persistent human rights violations; and

**WHEREAS**, peaceful protesters, students, workers, and everyday citizens across Iran have risked their lives and livelihoods to stand up against authoritarian rule, inflation, unemployment, and unjust crackdowns on civil liberties; and

**WHEREAS**, Iranian security forces have responded to widespread protests—including many peaceful demonstrations—with violence, including opening fire on demonstrators, restricting access to information, mass arrests, and silencing dissent through fear and intimidation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond mourns the tragic loss of life during the recent unrest in Iran and extends condolences to all families who have lost loved ones; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of residents and more than one hundred police and security personnel were killed during the uprising, and the Iranian government alleges that some acts of violence—including shootings and attacks on police and security forces—were carried out by armed actors with foreign links to destabilize the regime; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond condemns the killing of residents and protesters, and also condemns the lynching and killing of police and security officers, and affirms that no political cause justifies violence against human life; and

**WHEREAS**, this movement is not limited to economic demands, but has become a broader call for dignity, civil liberties, and a democratic future—a movement that echoes similar struggles for justice around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the international community has a moral obligation to stand with the people of Iran by supporting their right to self-determination, condemning violence against civilians, and rejecting any foreign interference that may escalate conflict or undermine the Iranian people's movement; and

**WHEREAS**, true solidarity means amplifying the voices of Iranian civil society, defending human rights, and affirming that Iran's future must be shaped by Iranians themselves, free from foreign military intervention or destabilizing influence.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Richmond City Council:

1. Mourns all lives lost and expresses solidarity with the people of Iran in their courageous efforts to achieve freedom, economic justice, and democratic rights;
2. Condemns the use of violence against peaceful protesters, the suppression of free speech, and the systemic repression of civil society in Iran;
3. Supports a "Hands Off Iran" approach, affirming opposition to foreign military intervention, covert operations, or any form of foreign intervention, as well as policies that may escalate violence or increase civilian suffering;
4. Calls for an immediate halt to the deportation of Iranian ICE detainees to Iran and the prompt resumption of Iranian refugee, asylum, and visa processing;

5. Calls upon elected officials across California and the United States to listen to the voices of Iranian-Americans and stand firmly for human rights, justice, and the sovereignty of the Iranian people.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Richmond recognizes the shared values between the people of Richmond and the people of Iran in their struggles for equity, freedom, and dignity—and affirms its commitment to standing against oppression and in support of communities seeking peace and justice around the world.

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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 on January 27, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bana, Brown, Jimenez, Wilson, Zepeda, Vice Mayor Robinson, and Mayor Martinez.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTENTIONS: None.  
ABSENT: None.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN  
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

Approved: (SEAL)  
EDUARDO MARTINEZ  
Mayor

Approved as to form:  
SHANNON MOORE  
Interim 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. 7-26**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on January 27, 2026.

  
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Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond