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24 25 [Condemning Azerbaijan's Blockade Of Artsakh]

Resolution condemning Azerbaijan's Blockade of the Armenians of Nagorno-Karabakh (Artsakh) and ongoing human rights violations.

WHEREAS, Since December 12, 2022, the Government of Azerbaijan has blockaded the Lachin Corridor, blocking access to Artsakh, also known as Nagorno-Karabakh; and WHEREAS, The blockade has cut off 120,000 Armenians from food, medicine, fuel, and other vital supplies; and

WHEREAS. The ongoing humanitarian crisis fabricated by the Azerbaijani government must be stopped and immediate humanitarian assistance must be provided; and

WHEREAS, The current blockade of Nagorno-Karabakh follows a pattern of aggression since the devastating 44-day war on Artsakh by Azerbaijan in 2020, which has seen the ongoing destruction of Armenian cultural heritage, perpetration of human rights abuses, and escalating aggression culminating in the September 2022 attack and occupation of Armenia's internationally recognized territories and more than 200 being killed; and

WHEREAS, Azerbaijan's objective is to erase the Armenian people from their ancestral, indigenous homelands; and

WHEREAS, The state-sponsored incitement of anti-Armenian hatred by Azerbaijan has impacted the global Armenian diaspora community, including between July 2020 and September 2020, when the Armenian-American community of San Francisco was victim of three hate crimes leading to the destruction of the St. Gregory Armenian Church Parish building and Cultural Center; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges the President of the United States and the United States Congress to take the

immediate steps to (1) demand the immediate re-opening of the Lachin Corridor and access to Nagorno-Karabakh; and (2) provide humanitarian assistance for the Armenian people impacted by the Azerbaijani blockade of the Lachin Corridor, including food, supplies and medical assistance; and (3) end all United States military and economic assistance to Azerbaijan pursuant to Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act and take all necessary steps to hold the Azerbaijan regime accountable for its crimes, including sanctions; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urge members of the Bay Area Congressional Delegation to become cosponsors of the bipartisan resolution to be introduced in Congress this week; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to transmit this Resolution to President Joseph Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, United States Senators, Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla, Speaker Emerita, Nancy Pelosi and Congressman Kevin Mullin.



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## Resolution

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Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board Date