Resolution condemning anti-Armenian acts of hate and supporting San Francisco’s Armenian community; and urging California Attorney General Xavier Becerra to investigate.

WHEREAS, On July 24, 2020, the Krouzian-Zekarian-Vasbouragan Armenian School on Brotherhood Way, the only Armenian school in the Bay Area, was broken into and vandalized with hateful and threatening graffiti, which the school’s principal described as “very, very disturbing,” and which resulted in an investigation by the San Francisco Police Department’s Special Investigations Unit; and

WHEREAS, Less than two months later, in the early hours of September 17, 2020, the San Francisco Police Department and San Francisco Fire Department responded to reports of a fire at the parish offices of the St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church in Jordan Park, an incident that destroyed the structure’s first floor and basement, and that is currently being investigated by the City’s Arson Task Force; and

WHEREAS, A third investigation into possible hate crimes against the Armenian community has been opened after shots were fired near the Krouzian-Zekarian-Vasbouragan Armenian School - the same institution that was defaced with hateful graffiti in July – just days later, at approximately 2:25 a.m. on September 19, 2020, after officers heard shots fired and noticed that a sign outside the school was marked with bullet holes; and

WHEREAS, Anyone with information about any of the cases has been urged to contact the San Francisco Police Department’s 24-hour anonymous tip line at (415) 575-4444 or text a message beginning with “SFPD” to TIP411, and members of the community are offering $25,000 for information that leads to an arrest and conviction of those responsible; and
WHEREAS, These hateful attacks on San Francisco’s Armenian community come more than a
century after the beginning of the Armenian Genocide, which killed an estimated 1.5 million people,
and as attacks against Armenian community spaces have been increasing across the United States
and throughout the world, including against an Armenian embassy vehicle in Germany and an
Armenian business in Ukraine, according to the Armenian National Committee of America; and

WHEREAS, Acts of hate have absolutely no place in San Francisco or in the United States,
and we must condemn each of these anti-Armenian attacks and come together to support our
Armenian neighbors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors condemns and denounces in
strongest terms any and all acts of hate against our Armenian community, as well as those who
perpetrate these attacks, including the three horrific incidents our City has seen since the summer
alone; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports and stands with San
Francisco’s Armenian community in this time of healing; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors join Assembly Members Nazarian,
Chiu, Ting and Senator Wiener in requesting Attorney General Xavier Becerra to initiate a thorough
investigation into the hate crimes and to prosecute those found responsible to the extent of the law.
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September 29, 2020 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE
Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

September 29, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED
Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on 9/29/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
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