



Introduction



 At the October 20, 2020 meeting, members of the City Council directed staff as follows:

- Issue a proclamation denouncing the attacks on Artsakh
- Return to the City Council at the November
 17, 2020 meeting with a resolution



Background



- Artsakh, also known as Nagorno-Karabakh, lies entirely within the jurisdiction of Azerbaijan.
- Artsakh's population is almost entirely ethnic Armenian, with Armenian being the primary spoken language.
- In 1991, ethnic Armenian leaders of Artsakh declared their independence from Azerbaijan. However, their independence is not internationally recognized.
- According to news reports, hostilities commenced on Sept. 27, when Azerbaijani armed forces launched artillery and aerial strikes against civilian settlements, including the capital, Stepanakert.





