



**City of Santa Ana**  
**20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701**  
**Staff Report**  
**June 6, 2023**

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**TOPIC:** Resolution Condemning the Violence Perpetrated by Iran

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**AGENDA TITLE**

Resolution Declaring Support of the Iranian-American Community and Condemning the Violence Perpetrated by the Government of Iran against its People

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Adopt a resolution declaring support of the Iranian-American community and condemning the violence perpetrated by the government of Iran against its people.

**DISCUSSION**

At the May 16, 2023 City Council meeting, Mayor Amezcua directed staff to prepare a resolution condemning the Iranian government for violent acts against its people.

**Background**

In September 2022, Iranian citizen Mahsa Amini was arrested and held by Iranian police authorities for allegedly breaking hijab (headscarf) regulations and failing to properly cover her hair. While in jail, she allegedly suffered a heart attack and passed away on September 16. However, eyewitnesses, including women who were detained with Amini, reported that she was severely beaten by police and that she died as a result of police brutality. The Iranian authorities deny these allegations. In response to Amini's mysterious death, protests broke out all around the world. Since her passing, there have been protests where demonstrators have voiced their displeasure at the cruelty of the morality police.

**Resolution**

Attached for consideration by the City Council is a resolution (Exhibit 1) supporting the Iranian-American community and condemning the violence perpetrated by the government of Iran against its people. The City Council stands with the Iranian-American community, along with the Iranian women who are suffering injustices in Iran. Furthermore, the City Council condemns the violent acts that are occurring in Iran and calls upon the Iranian government to end its systemic human rights violations.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

**EXHIBIT(S)**

1. Resolution

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