

RULES, ELECTORAL, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the government of Brunei, led by the Sultan of Brunei, has promulgated a new law which will punish homosexual sex and adultery with death; any individuals found guilty of the offenses will be stoned to death, according to a new penal code; and

WHEREAS, statutes allowing stoning and amputation will go into effect on April 3, according to an announcement posted by the country's attorney general last year that has only recently received notice; and

WHEREAS, Brunei's Penal Code is a deeply flawed piece of legislation containing a range of provisions that violate human rights; in addition to imposing cruel, inhuman and degrading punishments, it blatantly restricts the rights to freedom of expression, religion and belief, and codifies discrimination against women and girls; and

WHEREAS, the new laws allowing for penalties including whipping and stoning also introduce amputation of hands or feet as a punishment for robbery; and

WHEREAS, under the new laws, a person can be convicted of adultery or having gay sex and the laws will apply to Muslims, non-Muslims, and foreigners even when on Brunei registered aircraft and vessels; and

WHEREAS, Brunei should immediately halt its plans to implement these vicious punishments, and revise its Penal Code in compliance with its human rights obligations; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations has officially condemned these laws set to take effect later this week; and

WHEREAS, the Beverly Hills Hotel and the Hotel Bel-Air, located in Los Angeles, are part of the Dorchester Collection of properties owned by the Brunei Investment Agency, an arm of the Brunei government, which also owns the following hotels: the Dorchester, London, UK, Plaza Athenee, Paris, France, Le Meurice, Paris, France, Principe di Savoia, Milan, Italy, Coworth Park, Ascot, UK, 45 Park Lane, London, UK and Hotel Eden, Rome, Italy; and

WHEREAS, several groups and prominent public figures have pledged to boycott these hotels and the people of Los Angeles should also join in this boycott;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 Federal and State Legislative Programs support for legislation and/or administrative action which condemns the government of Brunei for adopting laws that impose extreme and inhumane penalties including execution by stoning, flogging and severing of limbs.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles officially joins the boycott of the Beverly Hills Hotel and the Hotel Bel Air and shall refrain from conducting business with these two hotels including participating in any events or other business that requires City resources, and officially discourages all City employees and residents from staying at or attending any functions at either of these hotels unless and until the Government of Brunei repeals these cruel and inhumane laws.

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