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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(14) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: The East Hollywood Neighborhood Council (EHNC) supports Councilmember Krekorian's motion on Council File 21-0002-S89, which resolves that the City of Los Angeles, in its 2021-2022 Federal Legislative Program, include support for H.Res. 240 (Schiff) and all similar legislation calling upon the government of Azerbaijan to immediately return all Armenian prisoners of war and captured civilians, along with calls for the Biden Administration's support in this matter.



Community Impact Statement
CF 21-0002-S89 / Return Armenian Prisoners of War
April 19th, 2021

Dear Councilmembers,

The East Hollywood Neighborhood Council (EHNC) supports Councilmember Krekorian's motion on Council File 21-0002-S89, which resolves that the City of Los Angeles, in its 2021-2022 Federal Legislative Program, include support for H.Res. 240 (Schiff) and all similar legislation calling upon the government of Azerbaijan to immediately return all Armenian prisoners of war and captured civilians, along with calls for the Biden Administration's support in this matter.

The EHNC, in line with its past support and recognition of the Republic of Artsakh and its condemnation of the belligerent actions of Turkey and Azerbaijan in the fall of 2020, stands for the dignity of human rights and the preservation of international law. Turkey and Azerbaijan's use of foreign terrorist mercenaries in the war, utilization of internationally-banned cluster munition bombs against civilians, countless well-documented war crimes and murders of Armenian civilians and soldiers alike, are but many of the illegal acts that these states have engaged in. Azerbaijan's continued detainment of Armenian prisoners of war, long after the signing of the November 9, 2020 trilateral ceasefire, is both a violation of the stipulations of the Geneva Conventions, and a blatant affront to human rights.

These genocidal actions are but the continuation of the Ottoman Empire's state-led 1915 Armenian Genocide, which continues today through rampant genocide denialism, the continued dehumanization of Armenians, the destruction of cultural heritage on historic Armenian lands, and the inhumane conditions of today's modern day attacks vis-a-vis the governments of Turkey and Azerbaijan.

The East Hollywood Neighborhood Council stands in solidarity with our Armenian-American neighbors, and we seek to support them through the support of the passage of this Council File. Therefore, be it resolved that:

- 1) The EHNC supports the passage of CF 21-0333; and
- 2) The EHNC condemns the war crimes and violations committed by Azerbaijan and Turkey; and
- 3) The EHNC supports calls for Azerbaijan's return of Armenian prisoners of war; and
- 4) The EHNC stands in solidarity with the Armenian-American community as they petition Turkey, Azerbaijan, and the U.S. government through civil protests in Los Angeles and across the U.S.; and
- 5) The EHNC commemorates and recognizes the Armenian Genocide, during the Armenian History Month of April 2021; and

- 6) The EHNC urges the constituent Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils to stand in solidarity with their Armenian neighbors through genocide recognition and formal support of the return of Armenian prisoners of war.

Signed,

Ninoska Suarez

Ninoska Suarez, President
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