

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, we must condemn the actions of Azerbaijani forces for their illegal, unprovoked, and repeated attacks on Armenian territory as well as calls by Azerbaijan for the end of security assistance by the United States to Azerbaijan; and

WHEREAS, Azerbaijan most recently has failed to cease the aforementioned attacks, exacerbating the situation by engaging in a blockade of the critical Lachin corridor, which connects the Republic of Artsakh to Armenia; and

WHEREAS, S. Res. 797, prior to the end in the 117th Congress, if adopted, would have called for the following actions:

- (1) condemns Azerbaijan's illegal and unprovoked attack on Armenian territory;
- (2) urges Azerbaijan to fully adhere to the ceasefire agreed to on September 14, 2022;
- (3) demands that Azerbaijan respect the territorial integrity of Armenia;
- (4) calls for the release of all Armenian prisoners of war and civilian prisoners held in Azerbaijan;
- (5) insists that the Department of State meet all statutorily required reporting requirements for consideration of United States assistance to Azerbaijan;
- (6) urges the Secretary of State to immediately halt all security assistance to Azerbaijan;
- (7) urges the President to evaluate whether officials of the Government of Azerbaijan should be subject to sanctions under the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act (subtitle F of title XII of Public Law 114-328) for human rights abuses against ethnic Armenians; and
- (8) supports the robust provision of humanitarian assistance to the people of Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh affected by Azerbaijan's war of aggression; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles is the city with the largest Armenian population in the United States and has a long track record of supporting the people of Armenia in their continued quest to live in peace;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles includes in its 2023 - 2024 Federal Legislative Program, support and sponsorship of any legislation and administrative action which would condemn Azerbaijan's illegal and unprovoked attack on Armenian territory, and call for other actions, as detailed in the text of this Resolution.

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