

## **RESOLUTION NO. 6484**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF ARMENIA AND ARTSAKH TO CONDEMN AZERBAIJAN'S AGGRESSION**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE  
AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2020, Azerbaijan's military forces launched a deadly and unprovoked attack against the Republic of Artsakh, including that country's capital city, Stepanakert, and that attack has already taken innocent civilian lives; and

WHEREAS, this reckless invasion is a direct threat not only to the Armenian population that has lived in Artsakh for thousands of years, but also to regional stability and to fundamental United States interests; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Artsakh, also known as Nagorno-Karabakh, is the historical homeland of Armenians, and has been primarily populated by Armenians for thousands of years; and

WHEREAS, Turkey has already thrown its full support to Azerbaijan's invasion and has threatened Armenia, and in this context the Azeri invasion carries the echoes of generations of pan-Turkish nationalist commitment to erasing the Armenian population and culture from the world; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations has called for a ceasefire around the world due to the COVID pandemic, and instead, Azerbaijan is renewing warfare, violating its ceasefire agreement with Armenia, and causing death and destruction to the Armenian and Artsakh population; and

WHEREAS, the interests of the United States will be harmed by instability in this vital region, and our reputation in the international community will be damaged by our failure to contribute meaningfully to lasting peace; and

WHEREAS, because our country is based on and committed to the values of democracy, liberty and the right of self-determination, the United States has a moral obligation to stand up and speak out on behalf of the people of the Republic of Artsakh, who have earned their right of self-governance and have flourished as a free, democratic and sovereign nation for almost 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gardena stands in solidarity with the people of Armenia and Artsakh, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this resolution the City of Gardena calls upon President Donald Trump and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to condemn Azerbaijan unequivocally for its latest violation of the ceasefire, and to demand an immediate and permanent cessation of all Azeri hostile action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Gardena calls upon the Trump Administration and the United States Congress to take immediate action to cease all military support and cooperation with Azerbaijan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Gardena calls upon the Trump Administration to utilize all diplomatic, economic and political means to compel Azerbaijan to engage meaningfully in the peace process, through the Minsk Group or otherwise, to achieve a sustainable, lasting peace that ensures the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of the Republic of Artsakh; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Gardena calls upon CalPERS to divest from any and all holdings, debt securities, global equities, and currency investments by the Republic of Turkey for their ongoing continuation of a campaign of genocide against the Armenian people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Gardena will no longer conduct any business transactions with any Turkish or Azerbaijani companies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution; shall cause the same to be entered among the original Resolutions of said City; and shall make a minute of the passage and adoption thereof in the records of the proceedings of the City Council of said City in the minutes of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted.


Passed, approved, and adopted this 27th day of October, 2020.

  
TASHA CERDA, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
*for* MINA SEMENZA, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
CARMEN VASQUEZ, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA                    )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES            ) SS:  
CITY OF GARDENA                        )

I, **MINA SEMENZA**, City Clerk of the City of Gardena, do hereby certify that the whole number of members of the City Council of said City is five; that the foregoing Resolution, being **Resolution No. 6484** duly passed and adopted by the City Council of said City of Gardena, approved and signed by the Mayor of said City, and attested by the City Clerk, all at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the **27th day of October, 2020**, and that the same was so passed and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES:     COUNCIL MEMBERS KASKANIAN AND TANAKA, MAYOR PRO TEM  
          HENDERSON, COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS AND MAYOR CERDA

NOES:     NONE

ABSENT:  NONE

*Becky Romero*  
*for* \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk of the City of Gardena, California

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