

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of support of Human Rights in Iran,
including immediate cessation of Human Rights
abuses on the Demonstrators in Iran and the
immediate release of Political Prisoners and a Free
Secular Democratic Republic of Iran.

Resolution No. 2023/26

WHEREAS, Women in Iran, mothers, sisters and daughters, are systematically subject to an apartheid state with much harsher restrictions than men; and

WHEREAS, Many individuals have been imprisoned, tortured and executed for being defenders of human rights by the Islamic Republic of Iran; and

WHEREAS, Women in Iran continue to face laws that restrict rights over their bodies and the ability to think for themselves, and denied the same opportunities as men in relation to marriage, divorce, child custody, inheritance, and travel; and

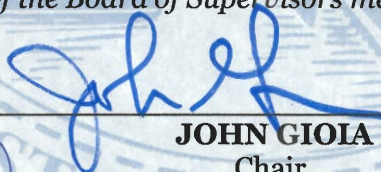
WHEREAS, Protests erupted across Iran after Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old Iranian Kurdish woman, was pronounced dead on September 16, 2022, after she fell into a coma shortly after she was detained by the morality police for allegedly not complying with the regime's strict hijab rules in Tehran on September 13, 2022; and


WHEREAS, Ms. Nasrin Sotoudeh, a renowned civil rights lawyer and advocate for human rights, including rights of women, minorities, and youth, despite systemic oppression in her home country of the Islamic Republic of Iran, is currently serving a 38-year prison sentence with 148 lashes; and

WHEREAS, The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors stands together in its support of human rights in Iran, including equal rights for women, the LGBTQIA community and minorities, and the end of apartheid against women and targeted religious, nonreligious and cultural minorities; and

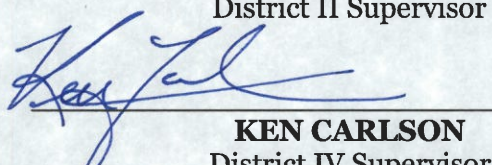
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby condemn human rights abuses against the Iranian people, and ask for a free, secular, democratic republic of Iran where everyone can live freely and prosper regardless of their gender, sexual orientation, beliefs and religion.

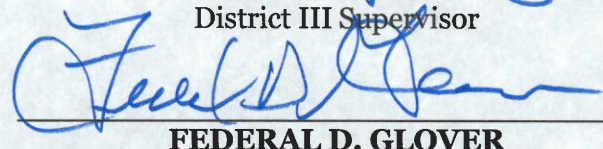
PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 7th day of February 2023.


JOHN GIOIA
Chair,
District I Supervisor


CANDACE ANDERSEN
District II Supervisor


DIANE BURGIS
District III Supervisor


KEN CARLSON
District IV Supervisor


FEDERAL D. GLOVER
District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED: February 7, 2023

MONICA NINO, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By , Deputy

