



NEWPORT BEACH

City Council Staff Report

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Agenda Item No. 5

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE: Resolution No. 2023-3: Affirming that the City Council Stands in Solidarity with its Iranian-American Community Members as their Relatives and Associates are Suffering through Current Human Rights Injustices in Iran

ABSTRACT:

At its December 13, 2022 meeting, the Newport Beach City Council voted, via a straw poll, in favor of staff returning with a revised resolution for the City Council's consideration that would, if adopted, express that the City Council stands in solidarity with its Iranian-American community members against the current human rights injustices occurring in Iran.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- b) Adopt Resolution No. 2023-3, *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Affirming that the City Council stands in Solidarity with its Iranian-American Community Members as their Relatives and Associates are Suffering through Current Human Rights Injustices in Iran.*

DISCUSSION:

In response to a request by Council Member Diane Dixon, at its October 25, 2022 meeting, a majority of the Newport Beach City Council supported having staff draft a resolution regarding the condemnation of the government of Iran for the physical beating and death of Mahsa Amini.

The death of Mahsa Amini sparked an Iranian, female-led revolution involving thousands of Iranian civilians and allies taking to the streets around the world to protest the brutality and repression of the Iranian regime against its citizens.

At the November 15, 2022 meeting, the City Council was presented with a resolution condemning the Iranian morality police and the government of Iran. The City Council decided to not adopt the resolution because the resolution focused on international issues.

At the December 13, 2022 meeting, in response to a request made by Council Member Joy Brenner, the City Council voted, via straw poll, in favor of staff returning with a revised resolution for the Council's consideration.

Resolution No. 2023-3, if approved, would convey that the Newport Beach City stands in solidarity with its Iranian-American community members against the current human rights injustices occurring in Iran.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

NOTICING:

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment A – Resolution No. 2023-3