

# **(Name of the City) CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.**

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**THE NASRIN SOTOUDEH RESOLUTION IS IN SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN, INCLUDING THE IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES ON THE DEMONSTRATORS IN IRAN AND THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE IN IRAN**

**WHEREAS**, (name of the city) is on record in support of human rights, women's rights, and in solidarity with our Iranian community, both in (name of the city) and in Iran; and

**WHEREAS**, (name of the city) celebrates our Iranian community and culture that adds to our city's rich diversity and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, Nasrin Sotoudeh, widely recognized as Iran's Mandela, is currently serving a 38 year prison sentence with 148 lashes (albeit on medical furlough). A distinguished lawyer and human rights activist, Sotoudeh has become a symbol of the Iranian people's nonviolent struggle for justice, dignity and equality; and

**WHEREAS**, women in Iran are systematically subject to an apartheid state with much harsher restrictions than men, as exemplified by the murder of Mahsa Amini, along with more than 500 demonstrators, including close to 70 children, protesting her death, by the Islamic Republic of Iran's security forces;

**WHEREAS**, many individuals have been imprisoned, tortured and executed for being defenders of human rights by the Islamic Republic of Iran; during these recent protests, close to 20,000 protestors have been imprisoned, hundreds of demonstrators have purposefully been blinded with pellet guns and sexual and physical torture have been rampant in the prisons by the security forces.

**WHEREAS**, officially four protestors, Mohsen Shekari, Majidreza Rahnavard, Mohammad Mehdi Karami and Mohammad Hosseini were unjustly executed without due process by the Iranian judicial system, but many other executions have occurred in Baluchistan and Kurdistan without them officially counting as executions of these protests; additionally, many other protestors have been given death sentences; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That (name of the city) asks for the immediate cessation of human rights abuses against the Iranian people, including the immediate cessation of the decreed executions; and be it

**RESOLVED:** That (name of the city) supports the immediate release of all political prisoners and prisoners of conscience in the Islamic Republic of Iran,

**RESOLVED:** That the (name of the city) affirms its support of human rights in Iran, including equal rights for women, the LGBTQ+ community, and minorities and the end of apartheid against women and targeted religious, nonreligious and cultural minorities; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the (name of the city) supports the passage of House Resolution 589 (the M.A.H.S.A act), holding the leaders of the Islamic Republic of Iran responsible by sanctioning them.

