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RESOLUTION

JUN 23 2009

RULES & GOVERNMENT

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, all human beings have the right to fair treatment by their government; and

WHEREAS, Iran has recently undergone a national election process which has resulted in mass demonstrations and challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Iranian people have utilized internet social networking programs to share photographs, videos, and first hand accounts of violent government response to peaceful protestors; and

WHEREAS, currently pending in Congress is a Resolution, H. Res. 560 / S. Res. 193 expressing support for all Iranian citizens who embrace the values of freedom, human rights, civil liberties, and rule of law; and

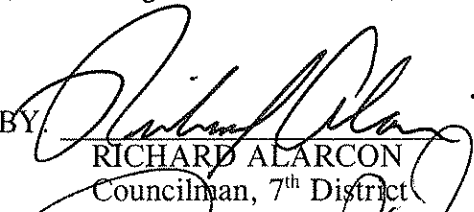
WHEREAS, this legislation also condemns the ongoing violence against demonstrators by the Government of Iran and pro-government militias, as well as the ongoing government suppression of independent electronic communication through interference with the Internet and cellphones; and

WHEREAS, this legislation also affirms the universality of individual rights and the importance of democratic and fair elections; and

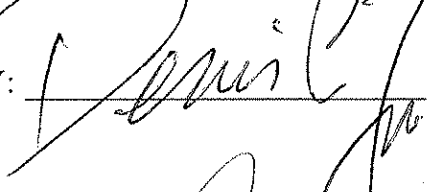
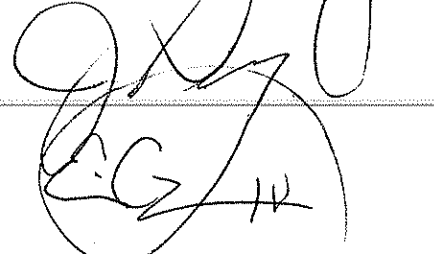
WHEREAS, Los Angeles has a large community of residents of Iranian origin as well as a long-established sister city relationship with Tehran, Iran;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2009-2010 Federal Legislative Program support for H. Res. 560 / S. Res. 193, expressing support for all Iranian citizens who embrace the values of freedom, human rights, civil liberties, and rule of law.

PRESENTED BY:


RICHARD ALARCON
Councilman, 7th District

SECONDED BY:

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