CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM SHENG THAO

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF NASRIN SOTOUDEH AND ALL OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS AND PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE IN THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN AND AFFIRMING OAKLAND'S 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.

WHEREAS, Oakland is on record in support of human rights, women's rights, and in solidarity with our Iranian community; and

WHEREAS, Oaklad celebrates our Iranian community and culture that adds to our city's rich dversity and culture; and

WHEREAS, Nasrin Sotoudeh, widely recognized as Iran's Mandela, is currently imprisoned in Qarchak Women's Prison. 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; and

WHEREAS, many individuals have been imprisoned, tortured and executed for being defenders of human rights by the Islamic Republic of Iran; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland supports the immediate release of Nasrin Sotoudeh and all other political prisoners and prisoners of conscience in the Islamic Republic of Iran; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland 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.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND
          PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST:_____
                    ASHA REED
            Acting City Clerk and Clerk of the
         Council of the City of Oakland, California

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