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Academic Senate Resolution

October 26, 2022

W* Resolution Exec 22-10

Approved

In favor: 40/Opposed: 0/Abstained:0

***W Sense of the Senate Resolution on CSUDH Support and Solidarity with Iranian Women and University Communities Manifested in “Woman, Life, Freedom.”¹**

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of California State University Dominguez Hills (ASCSUDH) condemns the arrest, beating, and death of Mahsa Zhina Amini, the 22-year-old Kurdish-Iranian woman who died at the hands of Iran’s morality police; and be it further,

RESOLVED: That the ASCSUDH stands in solidarity with the global movement for women's rights and with the people in Iran, and especially with the women and girls who raise their voices with courage in demand of human rights, justice, and freedom; and be it further,

RESOLVED: That ASCSUDH honors the students throughout Iran's universities and schools as well as the scholars, journalists, and nations who are involved in the movement for the human rights of all citizens; and be it further,

RESOLVED: That the ASCSUDH stands with the local Iranian Diaspora communities in support of their well-being; and be it further,

RESOLVED: That the ASCSUDH strongly condemns the violent crackdowns at universities throughout Iran; and be it further,

RESOLVED: That the ASCSUDH recommends that the CSUDH community support domestic and overseas Iranian students and women and the movement for “**Woman, Life, Freedom**”; and be it further,

RESOLVED: That the ASCSUDH calls for a space for Iranian and Iranian American students, faculty, staff and supporters to gather be provided if requested; and be it further,

¹ Thank you to our sister Academic Senate at San Jose State University and ASCSU Statewide Senator Julia Curry for sharing their resolution, from which we have modeled our Sense of the Senate; <https://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/SS-F22-1.pdf>.

29 RESOLVED: That the ASCSUDH plan a time for silent action in a prominate space on campus
30 and the CSUDH community to join us with signs of support for Iranian citizens, especially
31 women and girls, who are fighting for “**Woman, Life, Freedom**”; and be it further,

32 RESOLVED: That the ASCSUDH recommends supporters put signs on their doors that read,
33 “**Woman, Life, Freedom**”; and be it finally,

34 RESOLVED: That the CSUDH recommends that students and academics who need to relocate
35 to the U.S. be given access to our campus International Education and Visiting Scholar
36 programs.

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38 RATIONALE: The death of Mahsa Zhina Amini, the 22-year-old Kurdish-Iranian woman who
39 was brutally beaten and later died at the hands of Iran's morality police, sparked mobilizations in
40 the expression of solidarity by courageous Iranian women and girls who raised their voices for
41 human rights and freedom in their rallying cry, “Woman, Life, Freedom.”² The public outcry and
42 peaceful protests have been met with violence by the state, with over one hundred people now
43 killed in the protest. It has been reported that students at Sharif University in Tehran were
44 violently attacked and trapped by Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps because they organized
45 walkouts and joined the protests.³

46 CSUDH is a university that honors social justice, equality, inclusion, and respect for women's
47 and students' rights. The Iranian diaspora has been present in multiple regions of North America,
48 and California is home to one of the largest Iranian populations outside of Iran, including Iranian
49 International Students and Scholars.⁴ The CSUDH campus supports various diasporic and native
50 non-white groups and strives to achieve the ideal of a caring community with institutional
51 commitments to justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion. The California State University is home
52 to Iranian and Iranian American communities, which are diverse in racial and ethnic
53 representation, religious affiliation, generations in the U.S., and linguistic and cultural heritage.

² Olafimihan Oshin, “What happened to Mahsa Amini?” *The Hill*, September 26, 2022, <https://thehill.com/homenews/3661918-what-happened-to-mahsa-amini/>; Patrick Wintour, “‘Women, life, liberty’: Iranian civil rights protests spread worldwide,” *The Guardian*, October 1, 2022, <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/oct/01/women-life-liberty-iranian-civil-rights-protests-spread-worldwide>.

³ “Iran protests: riot police use teargas on students at Sharif university,” *The Guardian*, October 3, 2022, <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/oct/03/iran-protests-riot-police-clash-with-students-at-sharif-university>.

⁴ Soumya Karlamangla, “Why So Many Iranian Immigrants Live in California,” *The New York Times*, October 6, 2022, <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/10/06/us/iranian-immigrants-california.html>.