Let it be known that the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council (EHNC) resolves:

WHEREAS The Republic of Artsakh, also known as Nagorno-Karabakh, has historically been populated by majority Armenians; and

WHEREAS Artsakh declared its independence from the Soviet Socialist Republic of Azerbaijan and the Soviet Union on December 10, 1991 and on and on December 26, 1991, the Soviet Union ceased to exist; and

WHEREAS Artsakh is a representative parliamentary democratic republic that exercised one of the cardinal principals of international law – that pertaining to a people's right to self-determination; and

WHEREAS since September 27th, 2020, schools, hospitals, churches, and the homes of Armenians in Artsakh have been indiscriminately shelled by Azerbaijan, with the support of Turkish military expertise, funding, and recruitment of Syrian jihadists and mercenaries, American F-16 jets, Israeli drones and internationally-banned cluster munition bombs, and other such means and weaponry; and Azerbaijan's military forces have committed numerous war crimes against Armenian soldiers and civilians; and

WHEREAS Los Angeles houses the largest Armenian population in the world outside of Armenia proper; and East Hollywood in particular contains the historic Little Armenia neighborhood within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS the EHNC supports human rights and the humanity of its neighbors, as well the right to self-determination and the preservation of democratic states;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF EAST HOLLYWOOD, that:

1) The EHNC expresses its support for Council File 20-0004-S1; and

2) The EHNC condemns Azerbaijan and Turkey's attacks on Armenia and the Republic of Artsakh, aided by the recruitment of jihadist terrorists and ISIS; and

3) The EHNC condemns the virulent hate crimes and Armenophobia that Armenians around the world and in the U.S. have been subjected in increased intensity since the beginning of the war, and since Azerbaijan's attacks on Tavush in late July 2020; and

4) The EHNC stands in solidarity with the Armenian-American community as they petition Turkey, Azerbaijan, and the U.S. government through civil protests in Los Angeles and across the U.S; and

5) The EHNC recognizes the independence of the Republic of Artsakh and urges the Mayor and Los Angeles City Council to divest from procurement processes by the city that include the purchase of Turkish and Azerbaijan goods & services, should they exist, and to utilize alternate sources for those goods & services; and

6) The EHNC urges the constituent Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils to stand in solidarity with their Armenian neighbors through formal recognition of the independence of Artsakh.

PRESENTED BY: Lucine Poturyan
SECONDED BY:
YES: X NO: X ABSTAIN: X ABSENT: X INELIGIBLE: X
ON THIS DATE: November 16, 2020