

Sense of the CSULB Senate Resolution

In Support of and in Solidarity with the Iranian People's Struggle for Human Rights

- Whereas: The Iranian regime systematically discriminates against women and minorities, treating them as second-class citizens, denying them their human rights, and engaging in violence against them, and
- Whereas: On September 13th 2022, Mahsa (Zhina) Amini, a 22-year-old Kurdish woman, was arrested by the "morality police" in Tehran for allegedly not wearing her hijab properly, and
- Whereas: While in custody, Mahsa was brutally beaten and died three days after falling into a coma, and
- Whereas: Followed by Mahsa's death, Iranian people have peacefully demonstrated and protested in the streets to demand their fundamental human rights which the Iranian government violently suppresses, and
- Whereas: The human rights protests quickly spread to university campuses, where students were attacked, beaten, and arrested en mass, and
- Whereas: Thousands of protesters have been arrested and over two hundred and fifty of them have been killed, and
- Whereas: At least 40 protesters killed by the brutal Iranian regime were minors under the age of 18, and
- Whereas: The Iranian government has shut down the internet to suppress the voices of demonstrators, protesters and concerned citizens regarding human rights and freedoms, and

Whereas: Across the globe, the Iranian diaspora have organized large demonstrations to amplify the repressed voices and protests of the brave Iranian people, and

Whereas: These demonstrations and protests were widely supported by international communities of professionals, journalists, scholars, political leaders, and concerned global citizens, and

Whereas: The CSULB is the home to many Iranian and Iranian American students, faculty, and staff, and

Whereas: The CSULB is a university that honors social justice, gender equality, inclusion, and respect for the rights of community members to safety and security, and

Whereas: On October 4th 2022, CSULB President Conoley shared a strong message with the campus community showing solidarity with Iranian women and students, especially Iranian students, staff, and faculty at CSULB, focusing attention on human rights, dignity of life and religious freedom in Iran, be it therefore

Resolved: That the CSULB community stands in support of and in solidarity with the Iranian people, especially with courageous women, girls, and minorities who are not only protesting the unjust killing of Mahsa Amini, Nika Shakarami, Sarina Esmailzadeh, and many more Iranian citizens, but are also demanding human rights and fundamental freedoms in Iran, and be it therefore,

Resolved: That the CSULB strongly condemns the violent crackdowns at the universities and cities throughout Iran and stands with the Iranian

citizens of all walks of life protesting the violation of human rights in Iran, and be it therefore,

Resolved: That the CSULB Academic Senate and the CSULB Administration are committed to providing support to the Iranian community of students, faculty, and staff at CSULB.