



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
15.		Favor	Bowen Cheng	I strongly endorse the "Los Angeles County Awareness Campaign and Volunteer Aid to the Displaced Refugees in Armenia Resulting from the Azerbaijan/Artsakh War" proposal by Supervisors Horvath and Barger. It is a vital response to human rights abuses and war crimes in Azerbaijan against ethnic Armenian civilians. This initiative encourages humanitarian aid, collaboration with Traveling Doctors for medical support and education, and awareness campaigns. It's a powerful way to address the ongoing atrocities and mobilize medical professionals to volunteer their services. It's a commendable step in standing up for human rights and providing critical assistance where it's needed most.
			M E	We must aid all we can who are being unjustly displaced and discriminated against.
			Mariam Moore	
			Ruben Karapetian	RE: 15. Los Angeles County Awareness Campaign and Volunteer Aid to the Displaced Refugees in Armenia Resulting From the Azerbaijan/Artsakh War - SUPPORT Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors: I am writing to express the full support of the Armenian National Committee of America—Western Region (ANCA-WR) for the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors' motion titled "Los Angeles County Awareness Campaign and Volunteer Aid to the Displaced Refugees in Armenia Resulting From the Azerbaijan/Artsakh War" authored by Supervisor Lindsey Horvath and sponsored by Supervisor Kathryn Barger. This motion will have the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Health Services to collaborate with Traveling Doctors in helping provide much-needed humanitarian aid, material, and expert support to the victims of the Berkadzor fuel depot explosion – which killed 220 people and injured 300 others, on September 25, 2023. Many of the victims, now in Armenia, require urgent medical attention and rehabilitation. Armenia, however, lacks the resources and personnel necessary to provide sufficient support to the burn victims, leaving many victims without the care they desperately need. The Berkadzor explosion took place amidst a mass exodus of thousands of ethnic Armenians forcibly displaced from Artsakh, triggered by Azerbaijan's large-scale military offensive launched just a week earlier against the Republic of Artsakh. Prior to the offensive, Azerbaijan had imposed a ten-month-long blockade on the 120,000 Armenians of Artsakh, leading to critical shortages of vital supplies, including fuel. In the aftermath of the offensive, petrol stations were inundated by the surge of people desperately trying to

			<p>leave the area. At the time of the explosion, hundreds of civilians were crowded at the station.</p> <p>The centuries-old presence of Armenians in Artsakh, as evidenced by the region's Armenian churches and monasteries dating back nearly 2,000 years, is now under grave threat. Azerbaijan's ongoing campaign of ethnic cleansing and cultural genocide, rooted in its pan-Turkic agenda shared with Turkey, has rendered Artsakh devoid of its indigenous Armenian inhabitants. This campaign, which echoes the atrocities of the Armenian Genocide of 1915, has intensified in recent months. Following Azerbaijan's grueling blockade of Artsakh, which subjected the region's 120,000 Armenians to dire conditions, Azerbaijan launched a full-scale assault on September 19, 2023. Azerbaijan's assault resulted in the tragic loss of hundreds of lives and injuries to over 400 individuals, including numerous innocent civilians. Furthermore, Azerbaijan's aggression has forced over 100,000 Armenians to flee their ancestral homeland, seeking refuge in Armenia. The immense humanitarian toll of Azerbaijan's blockade and subsequent assault demands that Azerbaijan and the Aliyev regime be held accountable for their actions.</p> <p>The ANCA-WR, representing the interests and concerns of the Armenian-American community in the Western United States, commends the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for taking a strong and principled stance on this humanitarian crisis in continuation of its longstanding support, solidarity, and recognition of Artsakh's right to self-determination. Los Angeles County is home to one of the largest Armenian diaspora populations outside of Armenia, and many among them can trace their ancestry to Artsakh. During these difficult and painful times, the Armenian-American community is deeply grateful for the unwavering commitment of the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, who have consistently stood with the Armenians of Artsakh.</p> <p>Sincerely, Nora Hovsepian, Esq. Chair Armenian National Committee of America - Western Region</p>
		Shant Jaltorossian	<p>GALAS LGBTQ+ Armenian Society condemns the human rights violations, war crimes, and crimes against humanity carried out by the Republic of Azerbaijan against the Republic of Artsakh and its ethnic Armenian civilians.</p> <p>GALAS encourages the County of Los Angeles to send humanitarian aid to the refugees, and encourage further growth in Los Angeles-Armenia relations.</p>
		Oppose	Citizen V Citizen
		Item Total	6
Grand Total			6



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Sincerely,

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