

**Associated Students, SJSU, Board of Directors' Resolution 22/23-01
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF “WOMEN, LIFE, FREEDOM”**

Whereas, It is the mission of Associated Students of San José State University to represent the students of San José State University and continually improve the quality of their educational opportunity and experience; and

Whereas, Associated Students (A.S.) is the official voice of over 35,000 students at San José State University (SJSU); and

Whereas, The death of Mahsa Zhina Amini, the 22-year-old Kurdish-Iranian woman who was brutally beaten and later died at the hands of Iran's morality police, sparked mobilizations in expression of solidarity by courageous Iranian Women and Girls who raised their voices for human rights and freedom in their rallying cry, “Woman, Life, Freedom”; and

Whereas, Amidst the peaceful protest for basic human rights and freedom, lives are unjustly taken and citizens are met with police brutality and violence; and

Whereas, There is an estimated 215,000 Iranians living in the state of California, with San José State University being the home for Iranian students, faculty, staff, and alumni; many of which continue to have close ties with friends and family in Iran; and

Whereas, The Silicon Valley and San José area is home to the second largest community of Iranian and Iranian Americans in California with one of the largest populations outside of Iran including Iranian International Students and Scholars; and

Whereas, The following student organizations have endorsed a sign-on letter or drafted their own letter condemning the violence against the Iranian community, supports the fight for justice and women's rights, and supporting a resolution for SJSU Associated Students to honor the lives lost and stand in solidarity with the women of Iran:

[Afghan Student Association](#), Persian Student Association,

Whereas, The Academic Senate has passed a [Sense of Senate Resolution](#) in support of Iranian women and girls in their fight for human rights and freedoms: and

Whereas, The rallying cry of the people of Iran, “Woman, Life, Freedom” is a symbol of feminist solidarity and liberation of women across the world; and be it further,





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Resolved, That SJSU Associated Students stands in solidarity with the worldwide movement and cry for women’s rights and with the people in Iran; and be it further

Resolved, That SJSU Associated Students condemns the brutal acts of violence against the Iranian people, especially women and girls who raise their voices with courage in demand of human rights, justice, and freedom; and be it further

Resolved, That SJSU Associated Students recognizes and honors the students and teachers throughout Iran’s universities and schools, who are under attack and are involved in the movement for human rights; and be it further

Resolved, That SJSU Associated Students stands in opposition and condemns the violence, police brutality, and terror throughout Iran; and be it further

Resolved, That SJSU Associated Students supports the domestic and overseas Iranian students and women, and the movement for “Women, Life, Freedom”; and be it finally

Resolved, That Associated Students will make this document public and will forward this resolution to all affected parties, including, but not limited to: all board members of the **CSU Board of Trustees, Jolene Koester** (*Interim Chancellor, CSU*), **Steven Perez** (*Interim President of San José State University*), *Members of the President’s Cabinet, Lisa Millora* (*Vice President for Strategy and Chief of Staff*), **Patrick Day** (*Vice President for Student Affairs*), **Jahmal Williams** (*Director of Advocacy for Racial Justice*), **Kathleen Wong-Lau** (*Chief Diversity Officer, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*), **Vincent Del Casino** (*Provost of San José State University*), **Charlie Faas** (*Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*), **California State Student Association Board of Directors, Ro Khanna** (U.S. Congressman, 17th District), **Zoe Lofgren** (U.S. Congresswoman, 19th District), **Alex Padilla** (CA State Senator, 15th District), **Diane Feinstein** (CA State Senator, 15th District), **Ash Kalra** (CA State Assemblyman, 27th District), **Alex Lee** (CA State Assemblyman, 25th District), **Evan Low** (CA State Assemblyman, 28th District), **Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, Cindy Chavez** (Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors President, District 2), **Raul Peralez** (San José Councilmember, District 3), **Sam Liccardo** (Mayor, San José), Afghan Student





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Association, New Student and Family Programs, Mercury News, San José Spotlight,
and The Spartan Daily.

Respectfully submitted by:

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**Passed and Adopted by the Associated Students of San José State University
Board of Directors at a regular Board meeting held October 26, 2022 by a vote of
11-Yea 0-Nay 0-Abstention 1-Absent**

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