

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 309264

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE OCT 14 2014

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR HOUSE
RESOLUTION 663 AND THE PROTECTION OF RELIGIOUS
MINORITIES IN IRAQ

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego is a diverse city, with residents who include immigrants and refugees from many parts of the world who work, own homes, operate businesses, and contribute to the economic, social, and cultural well-being of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now desires to support and encourage action on Congressional legislation known as House Resolution 663, which addresses the need to protect religious minorities from persecution from the Sunni Islamist insurgent and terrorist group called the Islamic State in Iraq and Levant (ISIL), as it expands its control in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, ISIL is a transnational Sunni insurgency with a stated mission of establishing an Islamic state through violence against Shiites, non-Muslims, and unsupportive Sunnis; and

WHEREAS, the House Resolution states that more than 500,000 people have been displaced by the current situation in Iraq, with reports surfacing of targeted harassment, persecution, and killings of Iraqi religious minorities by ISIL; and

WHEREAS, the House Resolution also states that more than 84,000 Iraqis resettled to the United States between 2007 and 2013, and more than 300,000 Chaldean and Assyrians reside throughout the United States, including an estimated 70,000 who live in San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, the House Resolution seeks specific action, including calling on the U.S. State Department to work with various stakeholders to help secure safe havens for those claiming

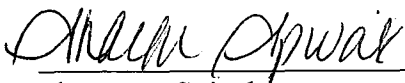
amnesty in Iraq, and urging the Obama Administration to expedite visa processing for Iraq's minority groups; and

WHEREAS, the City supports the work of the 113th Congress to reaffirm its commitment to protecting religious freedom and providing relief to minority groups facing persecution, and anticipates additional support for refugees affected by this conflict; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that the Council supports House Resolution 663 and urges its support to protect religious minorities from ISIL.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the President and the Honorable members of the 113th Congress who represent the San Diego region.

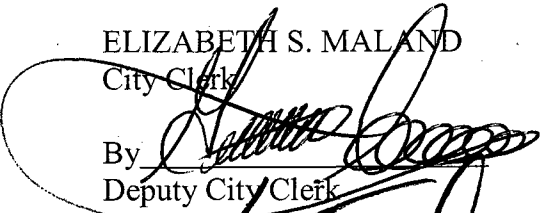
APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

By 
Sharon B. Spivak
Deputy City Attorney

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of OCT 07 2014.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 10/14/14
(date)


KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

OCT 07 2014

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on _____, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Sherri Lightner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ed Harris	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Todd Gloria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Myrtle Cole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mark Kersey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lorie Zapf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Sherman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Alvarez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marti Emerald	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY:

KEVIN L. FAULCONER
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By [Signature], Deputy

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