

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 314317
DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE SEP 21 2022

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO SUPPORTING UNITED STATES HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES BILL 8685 AND UNITED STATES
SENATE BILL 4787, THE AFGHAN ADJUSTMENT ACT.

WHEREAS, the bipartisan Afghan Adjustment Act, H.R. 8685 and S. 4787 of the 117th Congress (2022), was introduced in both the United States (U.S.) House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate in August 2022; and

WHEREAS, following the U.S. military withdrawal from Afghanistan, approximately 76,000 U.S.-affiliated and at-risk Afghans were evacuated to the U.S. via humanitarian parole, a temporary allowance to enter and remain in the U.S. for one or two years; and

WHEREAS, without the Afghan Adjustment Act, tens of thousands of Afghans who were evacuated to safety by the U.S. military will have to find an immigration pathway in order to remain in lawful status once their parole expires; and

WHEREAS, without the Afghan Adjustment Act, Afghans under this temporary allowance could find themselves under a cloud of legal uncertainty, and in a worse position in terms of immigration status than had they entered the U.S. under Special Immigrant Visas or as refugees through the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program; and

WHEREAS, following several past U.S.-involved conflicts or humanitarian crises, such as the Cuban Revolution, America's withdrawal from Vietnam, and U.S. military actions in Iraq, Congress passed similar adjustment acts that granted individuals who had entered the U.S. as non-immigrants or parolees the opportunity to adjust to permanent status; and

WHEREAS, the Afghan Adjustment Act is similar and follows established precedent, allowing Afghan refugees to apply for lawful permanent resident status, the same legal status they would have received had they been admitted as refugees; and

WHEREAS, the Afghan Adjustment Act meets the moral obligations to Afghans who were brought to safety through evacuation, and who served alongside the U.S. and championed democratic values; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Attorney has drafted this resolution based on the information provided by City staff, with the understanding that this information is complete, true, and accurate; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of San Diego (Council), for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, calls upon the U.S. Congress to immediately pass the Afghan Adjustment Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, urges President Biden to sign into law the Afghan Adjustment Act upon its passage and affirmative vote by the U.S. Congress.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council requests the City of San Diego's Government Affairs Department transmit this Resolution in support of the Afghan Adjustment Act to the City's federal lobbyists or other appropriate personnel, to ensure this Resolution is

received by the U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Senate, and the White House and made part of the official record of support for the Afghan Adjustment Act.

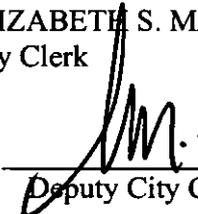
APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By /s/ Justin R. Bargar
Justin R. Bargar
Deputy City Attorney

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I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of SEP 13 2022

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 9/20/22
(date)


TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on SEP 13 2022, by the following vote:

| Councilmembers | Yeas | Nays | Not Present | Recused |
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| Joe LaCava | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Jennifer Campbell | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Stephen Whitburn | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Monica Montgomery Steppe | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Raul A. Campillo | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Sean Elo-Rivera | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Date of final passage SEP 21 2022.

(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:

TODD GLORIA
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 , Deputy

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

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