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Resolution Condemning Azerbaijan for Continuing Attempted Genocide Against the Armenian People and Recognizing the Republic of Artsakh

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WHEREAS, Cal Poly Pomona is home to a number of students, who have family, friends, and various relations still living in Armenia and the Republic of Artsakh; and

WHEREAS, The Associated Students, Incorporated has officially recognized the Armenian Genocide of 1915 through previous Senate Resolution 2001-2002:03 – ASI Opposition Towards Armenian Deprivation to Commemorate the 24th of April of Each Year as the Day of Armenian Genocide at Cal Poly Pomona; and

WHEREAS, The Government of Azerbaijan, under the dictatorship regime of President Ilham Aliyev, started a war on September 27, 2020 on the Republic of Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh); and

WHEREAS, The Republic of Artsakh has an absolute majority of Armenians¹ in the population; and

WHEREAS, The Azeri forces, supported by the Government of Turkey and ISIS terrorists from Syria² and other fighters from Afghanistan and Pakistan, are attempting to exterminate the Armenians in order to finalize the 1915 Armenian Genocide, as 100,000 Armenians have already been displaced from the region and are forced to witness the destruction of their historical land and cultural properties³; and

¹ <https://www.nytimes.com/article/armenian-azerbaijan-conflict.html>

² <https://www.nybooks.com/daily/2020/10/16/the-syrian-mercenaries-fighting-foreign-wars-for-russia-and-turkey/>

³ <https://news.artnet.com/art-world/azerbaijani-and-armenian-artists-1922941>



WHEREAS, The Azeri forces used cluster bombs⁴ and kamikaze drones on the civilian populations in cities, towns, and villages, not adhering to ceasefires mediated by Russia and the United States; and

WHEREAS, There are students, faculty and staff at Cal Poly Pomona have been severely affected by the Azeri-Turkish aggression and caused additional stress due to these difficult times; and

WHEREAS, There have been recent acts of violence and intimidation⁵ in California against Armenian demonstrators⁶; and

WHEREAS, The Faculty Senate of the California State University, Northridge has passed a resolution calling for “solidarity with the Armenian students, faculty, administrators, and staff at CSUN”⁷; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor-Elect and former Fresno State President Joseph I. Castro⁸ as well as the San Jose State President Mary A. Papazian⁹ have both released statements in solidarity with Armenians’ struggle; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Associated Students, Incorporated stands in solidarity with Armenian students, faculty, administrators, and staff at Cal Poly Pomona; and be it further

⁴ <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2020/10/armenia-azerbaijan-civilians-must-be-protected-from-use-of-banned-cluster-bombs/>

⁵ www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/3-incidents-at-S-F-Armenian-church-school-now-15591677.php

⁶ www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-10-29/armenian-rally-fresno-stabbing-arrest

⁷ www.csun.edu/faculty-senate/csun-faculty-statement-solidarity-armenians-csun-and-republic-artsakh

⁸ www.goldrushcam.com/sierrasuntimes/index.php/news/local-news/25852-fresno-state-president-releases-statement-regarding-conflict-in-armenian-republic-of-artsakh-anti-armenian-acts-of-violence-in-california

⁹ www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/openforum/article/Armenians-of-Artsakh-need-our-support-in-their-15676876.php



RESOLVED, The Associated Students, Incorporated calls for the immediate cessation of all violence and stands in solidarity with Armenian students, faculty, administrators, and staff at Cal Poly Pomona; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Associated Students, Incorporated condemns the aggression by the Azerbaijan and Turkey governments; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Associated Students, Incorporated recognizes the Republic of Artsakh as an independent state with the right to self-determination; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Associated Students, Incorporated calls on faculty to be lenient to students who have been affected by the Azeri-Turkish aggression, including but not limited to allowing for further time for assignments and assessments if requested; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Associated Students, Incorporated calls on Cal Poly Pomona's administration to release a statement in solidarity with students, faculty and staff affected by the conflict; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Associated Students, Incorporated calls on Cal Poly Pomona's administration to release a statement in solidarity with the Armenians of Artsakh in an attempt to maintain peace but not adhering to the terms of the Russia brokered ceasefire¹⁰; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be widely distributed, including, but not limited to: President Donald J. Trump; U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; Chancellor Timothy P. White; the California State University Board of Trustees; CSU Academic Senate; all 23 CSU Presidents; the California State Student Association; University President, Dr. Soraya M. Coley and her cabinet; the University Academic Senate; the University Staff Council; the University Human Resources; the University Division of Student Affairs and its departments; the Associated Students Incorporated; the Poly Post; and the students of Cal Poly Pomona.

¹⁰ <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-11-17/armenian-president-calls-for-premier-to-resign-over-war-defeat>

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Lucille Yu, ASI President

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