



Armenian National Committee of America – Western Region

Fresno County Board of Supervisors
2281 Tulare Street
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Fresno, CA 93721-2198

April 16, 2013

Dear Supervisors,

The Armenian National Committee of America – Western Region (ANCA-WR) would like to express its strong support for the initiative by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors to continue its tradition of recognizing the Armenian Genocide while declaring its support for the right of the people of Nagorno-Karabakh (Artsakh) Republic to govern themselves as part of an independent and democratic nation.

The genocidal policies of Ottoman Turkey that resulted in the murder of 1.5 million innocent Armenians in 1915 are continued to this day by the Republic of Turkey, which continues to deny that the mass slaughter ever took place. Almost 100 years later, Turkey's ally, the Republic of Azerbaijan, undoubtedly encouraged by the denial, openly and publicly promotes the killing of innocent Armenians, including the shooting down of civilian aircraft. After two democratic referendums declaring their independence, a bloody war which they won, and years of democratically elected governments, the Armenian republic of Nagorno-Karabakh (Artsakh) is still threatened by Azerbaijan with violence. With these realities in mind, this resolution by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors is timely, appropriate, and significant.

The ANCA-WR welcomes the continued leadership of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors on matters of importance to the Armenian-American community that reflect the principles and values of all Americans.

Thank you for your attention.

Kind Regards,

/s/

William Bairamian
Executive Director



OFFICE OF THE NAGORNO KARABAKH REPUBLIC IN THE USA
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April 14, 2013

Mr. Andreas Borgeas
Vice Chairman
Fresno County Board of Supervisors

Dear Supervisor Borgeas:

It is with gratitude and inspiration that we learnt about your intention to promote a Resolution by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors recognizing the independence of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic.

Since proclaiming independence and defending our freedom, we have been developing as a democratic society, which effective administration and a vibrant civil society. Our young democracy is open for a wider cooperation with the international community.

We are grateful for your initiative, and hope that adoption of the Resolution will set a deeper cooperation towards stability, as well as a democratic and economic prosperity in our Homelands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Avetisyan".

Robert Avetisyan
Representative

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Supervisor Andreas Borgeas, Vice Chair
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April 15, 2013

Dear Supervisor Borgeas,

It is my pleasure to write and thank you for the courtesy you extended during my most recent visit to Fresno.

During my time in Fresno, I sensed the community's desire to support the recognition of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic, following a series of resolutions from various regions around the United States. Every step toward the recognition of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic is a step toward peace and friendly relations in the South Caucasus.

I whole-heartedly welcome recognition efforts by community and elected officials, as a continuation of friendly relations and solidarity between the people of the Republic of Artsakh, the Republic of Armenia and Fresno, California.

Thank you for your continued support and steadfast leadership, please accept the assurances of my highest esteem.

Sincerely,

Grigor Hovhannissian

Consul General
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