

1 San José State University  
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6 **SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION**  
7 **SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY WITH IRANIAN WOMEN AND**  
8 **UNIVERSITY COMMUNITIES MANIFESTED IN “WOMAN-LIFE-**  
9 **FREEDOM.”**

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11 **WHEREAS:** The death of Mahsa Zhina Amini, the 22-year-old Kurdish-Iranian woman  
12 who was brutally beaten and later died at the hands of Iran’s morality police, sparked  
13 mobilizations in expression of solidarity by courageous Iranian Women and Girls who  
14 raised their voices for human rights and freedom in their rallying cry, “Woman-Life-  
15 Freedom;” and  
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17 **WHEREAS:** The public outcry and peaceful protests have been met with violence by  
18 the state with over one hundred people now killed in the protest and  
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20 **WHEREAS:** CNN [reported](#) that students at Sharif University in Tehran were violently  
21 attacked and trapped by Iran’s Revolutionary Guard Corps, because they organized  
22 walkouts and joined the protests; and  
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24 **WHEREAS:** San José State University is a university that honors social justice,  
25 equality, inclusion, and respect of the rights of women and students; and  
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27 **WHEREAS:** The Iranian diaspora has been present in multiple regions of North  
28 America and San José, and the greater Silicon Valley is home to the second largest  
29 community of Iranian and Iranian Americans in California with one of the largest  
30 populations outside of Iran including Iranian International Students and Scholars; and  
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32 **WHEREAS:** The SJSU campus supports various diasporic and native non-white  
33 groups and strives to achieve the ideal of a caring community with institutional  
34 commitments to equity, diversity, and inclusion; and  
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36 **WHEREAS:** San José State University is home to Iranian and Iranian American  
37 communities which are diverse in racial and ethnic representation, religious affiliation,  
38 generation in the U.S., and linguistic and cultural heritage; therefore, let it be  
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40 **RESOLVED:** That the SJSU community stands in solidarity with the global movement  
41 for women’s rights and with the [people in Iran](#) , and especially with the women and girls  
42 who raise their voices with courage in demand of human rights, justice ,and freedom;  
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**RESOLVED:** That SJSU honors the students throughout Iran’s universities and schools, as well as the scholars, journalists, and nations who are involved in the movement for the human rights of all citizens; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the SJSU Academic Senate stands with the local Iranian Diaspora communities in support of their well-being; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That SJSU strongly condemns the violent crackdowns at universities throughout Iran; and be it finally

**RESOLVED:** That we at SJSU support domestic and overseas Iranian students and women, and the movement for “***Woman, Life, Freedom.***”