



AGENDA REPORT

City Council

DATE:	March 5, 2024
TO:	Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council
FROM:	Councilmember Soheila Bana and Vice Mayor Claudia Jimenez
Subject:	Proclamation honoring the Baha'i's steadfast commitment to defend freedom of thought, human rights and religion.
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	There are no fiscal impacts associated with this item.
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	N/A
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	The Baha'i community, both globally and within Richmond, has been a beacon of resilience, contributing positively to the social and cultural fabric of our society. Despite facing severe persecution in countries like Iran, the community's commitment to principles such as unity, equality, and peace remains unshaken.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	PROCLAMATION honoring the Baha'i's steadfast commitment to defend freedom of thought, human rights, and religion - Councilmember Soheila Bana (510-620-6743) and Vice Mayor Claudia Jimenez (510-620-6565).

DISCUSSION:

The City of Richmond stands in solidarity with the Baha'i community and its principles. The attached proclamation seeks to honor the Baha'i community in Richmond for their unwavering stance for basic human rights and their peaceful persistence in the face of adversity. It is an affirmation of the City of Richmond's commitment to protecting the rights of all minorities and ensuring the safety and dignity of all residents.

Additionally, the article "In Memory of Ten Baha'i Women Who Were Executed in Shiraz" by Councilmember Soheila Bana is provided as part of the agenda's supporting materials. The article offers a poignant historical account of the challenges faced by the Baha'i community and serves to deepen our understanding of the significance of this resolution.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 - Proclamation Honoring the Baha'i Community in Richmond

Attachment 2 - Article "In Memory of Ten Baha'i Women Who Were Executed in Shiraz"