

Westwood Neighborhood Council

September 10th 2014

Agenda Item # 9

Motion Regarding the Enforcement of Federal, State and Local Laws, Regulations, Sanctions, Divestment and anti-Terrorist Acts Against the Islamic Republic of Iran (IRI) in Westwood

Whereas, a wave of advertisements for doing business with the Islamic Republic and its governmental companies and institutions is sweeping the Persian media and advertisements in Westwood neighborhood, including business with the terrorist designated "Iran Air" , services regarding and relations with a non-existent "Iranian Embassy" for facilitating business and travel;

Whereas, the Islamic Republic of Iran has been designated as a sponsor of terrorism by the U.S. State Department as well as the U.S. Treasury, while several of the IRI's military and "civilian" institutions and companies are designated as terrorist entities; and

Whereas. there are numerous laws, regulations, presidential acts and sanctions against doing business with the Islamic Republic of Iran and facilitating its operations in the United States as attached to this document for reference; and

Whereas, the above mentioned are being ignored and tested by opportunistic people and companies who are benefiting financially by conducting illegal business with the IRI, facilitating its presence in Westwood and establishing an atmosphere of fear among Iranian Americans in Westwood neighborhood, who have sought refuge here in the past 35 years; and

Whereas, specific terrorist designations on many Iranian companies, numerous existing sanctions against conducting government or non-government business with Iran are being challenged and their enforcement is being tested by certain people in Westwood; and

Whereas activities like the pre 9-11 Al Qaeda preparations which were being conducted under the guise of "services", are being observed in Westwood as well, under the similar word of "khadamaat" (meaning 'services' both in Farsi and Arabic languages), while certain Farsi signs displayed at certain businesses are different from their English business signs, designed for the purpose of dodging scrutiny by the authorities, including advertisements for providing Iranian passports and identification cards, even though their official permits have been obtained only for helping people obtain American passports and American documents; and

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Westwood Neighborhood Council calls on the Los Angeles City Council and all respected Council members to review the evidence and legal documents herein attached.

Be it further resolved that the Westwood Neighborhood Council calls upon Los Angeles City Councilman Paul Koretz, to review the evidence and documents herein attached and to inform the Westwood Neighborhood Council within 30 days, about his past and present efforts to enforce U.S., state and local laws, regulations, divestments and sanctions against the Islamic Republic of Iran in our neighborhood, and report to WWNC about his near future plans for the enforcement of the above, in order to prevent Westwood from becoming a haven for all IRI related illegal activities , to safeguard the neighborhood against possible terrorist infiltration and illegal economic activities as the result of the illegal activities of the perpetrators, be it persons, businesses, companies or property landlords where such potentially criminal activities are being conducted.

This motion is also cc'd to FBI and LAPD Major Crime Division - anti terrorism intelligence section