

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE, OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL 22, WHICH WOULD ALLOW COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS TO WORK FOR THE STATE GOVERNMENT.**

WHEREAS, existing law provides that it shall be sufficient cause for the dismissal of any public employee when such public employee advocates or is knowingly a member of the Communist Party or of an organization which during the time of his membership he knows advocates overthrow of the Government of the United States or of any state by force or violence; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 22 (AB22) introduced in the Assembly in December 2016 would remove all references to the Communist Party and would no longer allow a public employee to be fired for being a member of the Communist Party; and

WHEREAS, Communism views all property as being public property and effectively there is no personal property or items held by individuals, including individual civil rights to freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and freedom of the press; and

WHEREAS, Communism as an economic and political doctrine requires that a central government own and decide all matters of civic life; and

WHEREAS, Communism rejects and abolishes all religions founded on the worship of any deity or multiple deities and demands allegiance by individuals to a central government ruled by a single Communist Party; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America was founded on the ideal that all people are endowed with unalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution guarantees freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press and the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Grove respects the rights of all its residents to engage in religious activity, free speech, political activity, to lawfully assemble, and to exercise all their constitutional rights to life and property; and

WHEREAS, Communism contravenes and is incompatible with the Constitution of the United States of America and the California Constitution; and

WHEREAS, American veterans and California natives and residents fought to defend the very freedoms we in the United States of America and the State of California hold so very dearly, in the Korean War from 1950 to 1953 when Communist North Korea invaded South Korea with the assistance of Communist China and the then

Soviet Union, and in the Vietnam War peaking in 1968 and ending in 1975 also with the assistance of Communist China, the Soviet Union and other Communist nations; and

WHEREAS, remaining Communist countries in the world such as North Korea and the communist Socialist Republic of Vietnam remain emblems and reminders of dictatorship and tyranny; and

WHEREAS, refugees and immigrants from the former Republic of Vietnam came to the United States and settled as free Vietnamese Americans who are honored and remembered for their sacrifices for freedom and human rights and for their ongoing contributions to our democratic society; and

WHEREAS, since 1975, the City of Garden Grove has become home to one of the largest Vietnamese-American populations in the United States, and the local Vietnamese-American community has become a significant factor in the rich cultural diversity enjoyed by the residents of the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnamese-American community in the city attests to the consistent violations of human rights and religious freedom imposed by the communist Socialist Republic of Vietnam by imprisonment of many intellectuals, bloggers, writers, and doctors who have raised concerns regarding human rights in communist Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, United States veterans who fought against communism and the overwhelming majority of the Vietnamese-Americans who fled Vietnam do not recognize or condone a communist regime or the Communist Party; and

WHEREAS, many California residents, including many residents of Garden Grove who escaped Communist Vietnam, still bear the painful scars of having lived under Communist regimes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council of the City of Garden Grove opposes communism and the Communist Party and urges the State Legislature to join the City and continue to equally oppose communism.

**SECTION 2.** The City Council opposes the passage of AB 22 and urges the State Legislature to reject it and the Governor to veto its passage.

**SECTION 3.** The City Clerk shall attest to the passage of this resolution and the City shall forward it to members of the State Legislature and the Governor.