



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG**

**WHEREAS**, The People of Hong Kong are entitled to certain Human Rights under the Basic Law, embodied in an agreement entitled “the Joint Declaration of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the People’s Republic of China on the Question of Hong Kong, done at Beijing December 19, 1984 (referred to as the “Joint Declaration”); and

**WHEREAS**, The People of Hong Kong have been subject to increasingly brutal repression, violence, hardships and denial of these same rights enumerated in the “Joint Declaration” by the tyrannical communist government of the People’s Republic of China; and

**WHEREAS**, the demands of the protestors in Hong Kong are as follows; 1: Full withdrawal of the “Extradition Bill” allowing alleged “criminals” to be deported from Hong Kong to mainland China for trial, 2: A Commission of Inquiry into alleged police brutality, 3: Retraction of the classification of [non-violent] protesters as “rioters”, 4: Amnesty for arrested protestors, and 5: Dual Universal suffrage for both Legislative Council and the Chief Executive, as guaranteed under the 1984 Basic Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors finds these five demands of the protestors reasonable, legitimate and proper, and this Board supports the rights to which the People of Hong Kong are entitled including individual freedom, liberty and most especially the right to vote for their representatives and executive;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors endorses and supports S. 1838, The Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2019, which has been passed and signed by the President on November 27, 2019.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that We Stand With Hong Kong.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



**ATTEST:**

*Monica Puyssat*  
Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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Supervisor - 3rd District

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