

**Resolution of Solidarity with Iranian Women and
Higher Education Communities
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WHEREAS, the death of Mahsa Zhina Amini, the 22-year-old Kurdish-Iranian woman who was brutally beaten and later died on September 16, 2022, at the hands of Iran's morality police, sparked mobilizations in expression of solidarity by courageous Iranian women and girls who raised their voices for human rights and freedom; and

WHEREAS, students at Sharif University in Tehran were violently attacked and trapped by Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps because they organized walkouts and joined the protests; and

WHEREAS, the greater Silicon Valley is home to the second largest community of Iranians and Iranian Americans in California, with one of the largest populations outside of Iran, including Iranian International Students and Scholars; and

WHEREAS, De Anza College is home to Iranian and Iranian American communities which are diverse in racial and ethnic representation, religious affiliation, generation in the United States, and linguistic and cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the De Anza Academic Senate honors social justice, equity, inclusion, gender justice and respect of the human rights of women and students; **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, that the De Anza Academic Senate stands in solidarity with the global movement for women's rights and with the students, women and girls in Iran who raise their voices with courage in demand of human rights, justice, and freedom, free from state violence and harm; and

RESOLVED, that the De Anza Academic Senate urges the De Anza College senior leadership to send a message to the campus community expressing their solidarity with Iranian students and women; and

RERSOLVED, that the De Anza College Academic Senate will distribute to faculty and promote the use of the De Anza College LibGuide Unrest in Iran as an educational tool for employees and students alike for further learning and motivation to action.