

City of Providence
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 483

EFFECTIVE November 18, 2019

WHEREAS, In March of 2019 demonstrations known as the Anti-ELAB movement, began in earnest against the Anti-Extradition Law Amendment Bill (Anti-ELAB); and

WHEREAS, The Anti-ELAB would allow local authorities to detain and extradite criminal fugitives who are wanted in territories with which Hong Kong does not have extradition agreements, including Taiwan and mainland China; and

WHEREAS, People were concerned that the bill would subject Hong Kong residents and visitors to mainland Chinese jurisdiction, undermining the autonomy of the region and its civil liberties; and

WHEREAS, The protesters laid out five key demands, which include investigation into the alleged police misconduct and resumption of democratic reforms which are promised the Basic Law but have stagnated since the 2014 Umbrella Revolution; and

WHEREAS, On June 9, 2019 more than 500K protested the Anti-ELAB, one of the largest mass protests in the history of Hong Kong; and

WHEREAS, On June 12, 2019 the day the legislation was scheduled for a second reading in the Legislative Council, the protest showed a sharp escalation in violence; and

WHEREAS, On July 1, 2019 protesters stormed the Legislative Council Complex in opposition of the legislation, and

WHEREAS, On July 21, 2019 the Yuen Long Attack where triads assaulted protesters and bystanders all night long, while police were accused of collusion by their intentional slow action; and

WHEREAS, On August 18, 2019 more than 1.7M people attended a rally condemning police brutality, inspired by the Baltic Way, a human chain of 50 kilometers long create the Hong Kong Way; and

WHEREAS, On October 1, 2019 large-scale demonstrations occurred on the 70th anniversary of the People's Republic of China which resulted in the death of an 18-year-old student protester; and

WHEREAS, Protests continue today, and on Sunday, November 3, 2019 a man slashed several people, and bit off part of the ear of a pro-democracy politician, as riot police stormed several shopping malls to thwart protesters demanding government reforms; and

WHEREAS, These protest have been ongoing for nearly five months because of a distrust of the mainland Chinese government by the residents of Hong Kong, and their belief that the counter attacks against protesters were orchestrated by the mainland Chinese government.

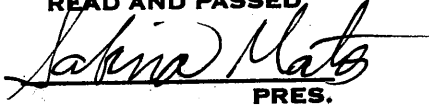
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence stands with the residents of Hong Kong who are resolute in their desire for a pro-democratic government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, the City of Providence will not buy Chinese made products, when possible.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED,


PRES.


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Effective without the
Mayor's Signature



Shawn Selleck
City Clerk