

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 9254-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 4254 TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS ON INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
COMPLICIT IN HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES COMMITTED AGAINST NATIONALS OF
VIETNAM OR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Vietnamese-American Community plays an important role in the social, cultural and economic landscape of the County of Orange, State of California, especially in the city of Garden Grove;

WHEREAS, many Vietnamese-American residents of the city of Garden Grove fled Communism in search of freedom;

WHEREAS, for the past four decades the government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam has denied basic human rights to the people of Vietnam and severely limited their freedom of expression and religion;

WHEREAS, Vietnam's human rights violations have resulted in the incarceration of peaceful dissidents without due process, including those who have been incarcerated simply for calling on their government to take a strong stance in the territorial dispute with China over the Paracel and Spratly Islands;

WHEREAS, H.R. 4254 seeks to impose financial and travel sanctions on individuals and their family members, who are complicit in human rights abuses committed in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, the sanctions imposed by H.R. 4254 will cease only when the President of the United States determines and certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that the Government of Vietnam has unconditionally released all political prisoners, ceased its human rights abuses, and prosecuted those responsible for such human rights abuses.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Garden Grove, State of California, supports H.R. 4254, "Vietnam Human Rights Act" and urges the United States Congress to pass this legislation in protection of human rights in Vietnam.

Section 2. The City Clerk is directed to send this Resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the Honorable Members of the United States Congress representing the City of Garden Grove.

Section 3. The Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall attest to and certify the vote adopting this Resolution.

Adopted this 12th day of August 2014.

ATTEST:

/s/ BRUCE A. BROADWATER
MAYOR

/s/ TERESA POMEROY, CMC
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) SS:
CITY OF GARDEN GROVE)

I, TERESA POMEROY, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Garden Grove, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Garden Grove, California, at a meeting held on August 12, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (5) BEARD, JONES, NGUYEN, PHAN, BROADWATER
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE

/s/ TERESA POMEROY, CMC
DEPUTY CITY CLERK