

Westwood Neighborhood Council

September 10 2014

Agenda Item # 10

**Motion Regarding the Three Weeks Notice to Westwood neighborhood Businesses for the Removal of Illegal Signs, Street Banners, Symbols and Advertisements Promoting Relations, Providing Services and Conducting Business With The Islamic Republic of Iran and its Related Institutions and Companies**

Whereas, a wave of advertisements for doing business with the Islamic Republic and its governmental companies and institutions under United States sanctions and prohibitions is sweeping the Persian media, print and street advertisements in the Westwood neighborhood, including by means of displaying flags and symbols, using exclusively Farsi representations for illegal activities and circumventing the law, including but not limited to doing business with the terrorist designated "Iran Air", providing services and establishing relations with a non-existent "Iranian Embassy" for facilitating business, travel and etc.;

Whereas, the Islamic Republic of Iran has been designated as a sponsor of terrorism by the U.S. State Department as well as the U.S. Treasury, and several of the IRI's military and "civilian" institutions and companies are designated as terrorist entities; and

Whereas, the above mentioned laws are being ignored, challenged and tested by persons and companies who are benefiting financially by conducting illegal business with the IRI, facilitating its presence in Westwood and establishing an atmosphere of fear among Iranian Americans in our area, who have sought refuge here in the past 35 years;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Westwood Neighborhood Council shall call upon Los Angeles City Councilman, Mr. Paul Koretz to serve notice to all businesses, public establishments and property owners in the Westwood area, to remove within three weeks from the date of such notice, all illegal advertisements regarding conducting business with the Islamic Republic of Iran and its affiliated companies and institutions, from the media and publications distributed in the Westwood area, and from advertisements, store windows and street banners, including the symbols and flags of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and signs advertising illegal activities in the Farsi language exclusively, and cease discourage using other methods of circumventing the US Federal and State laws, Presidential Acts and local regulations.

This motion is also cc'd to FBI and LAPD Major Crime Division - anti terrorism intelligence section