



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Mayor's Signature: 2/29/2016

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Veto Sustained:

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1	City Clerk	02/10/2016	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	Action Text:		The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office				
	Notes:						
1	Council President's Office	02/11/2016	sent for review	Full Council			
	Action Text:		The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Full Council				
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1	Full Council	02/16/2016	referred	Full Council			
	Action Text:		The Resolution (Res) was referred. to the Full Council				
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1	Full Council	02/22/2016	adopted				Pass
	Action Text:		The Motion carried, the Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution.				
	Notes:		Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31651.				

In Favor: 7 Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember Burgess, Council President Harrell, Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Sawant

Opposed: 0

- 1 City Clerk 02/23/2016 submitted for Mayor
Mayor's signature
Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor
Notes:
- 1 Mayor 02/29/2016 Signed
Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was Signed.
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- 1 Mayor 02/29/2016 returned City Clerk
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- 1 City Clerk 02/29/2016 attested by City Clerk
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CITY OF SEATTLE

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5 Guerrero to release Nestora Salgado, and requesting that the U.S. State Department
6 increase its efforts to secure her release in its diplomatic discussions with Mexico.

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8 WHEREAS, Nestora Salgado is a dual citizen of Mexico and the United States, who raised a
9 family in the greater Seattle area, and who upon returning to her hometown in Guerrero,
10 Mexico, formed a legally sanctioned community police force to defend itself against
11 corrupt local officials with ties to drug cartels, as explained in *La Jornada*; and

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13 WHEREAS, Nestora Salgado was arrested on August 21, 2013, on charges of kidnapping after
14 she began investigating local government officials for corruption and complicity in drug
15 and sex trafficking; and

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17 WHEREAS, the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, an international panel
18 of independent human rights experts, communicated on February 1, 2016, that Nestora
19 Salgado's detention is illegal and arbitrary, and that she must be released immediately;
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22 WHEREAS, Nestora Salgado displayed extraordinary courage by taking a stand against the drug
23 cartels and corrupt government officials in Mexico, especially considering the Mexican
24 National Institute of Statistics reports that more than 164,000 people were killed in the
25 country's drug wars from 2007 to 2014, and the Association of Local Mexican
26 Authorities reports that 1,000 municipal officials and nearly 100 mayors have been
27 assassinated; and
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1 WHEREAS, Nestora Salgado has, according to the Metropolitan King County Council,
2 “experienced serious abuse of human rights, lack of adequate medical attention, and lack
3 of due process throughout her detention” in August of 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, on August 29, 2014, two U.S. Senators and seven U.S. Representatives sent a letter
5 to Secretary of State John Kerry, explaining that “representatives in the Mexican federal
6 government have expressed deep concern about Ms. Salgado’s imprisonment,” and
7 calling on Secretary Kerry to “employ the resources of the State Department to continue
8 efforts to secure Ms. Salgado’s release”; and
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10 WHEREAS, on April 27, 2015, six members of the Metropolitan King County Council sent a
11 letter to Secretary of State John Kerry urging “affirmative action to support efforts to free
12 Nestora Salgado from imprisonment in Mexico so that she may return to the safety of her
13 family in King County, Washington State”; and
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15 WHEREAS, at least 100 organizations in the United States have called for Nestora Salgado’s
16 release, including greater Seattle area organizations like El Centro de la Raza; the
17 Washington Federation of State Employees Local 303, Local 843, Local 1488, and
18 Council 28; the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 46; the Coalition
19 of Black Trade Unionists Puget Sound Chapter; and the Coalition of Labor Union
20 Women Puget Sound Chapter; and
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22 WHEREAS, in order to win Nestora Salgado’s freedom, we must greatly strengthen the
23 movement, and so we appeal to activists, workers, union leaders, farm workers and
24 elected officials to join the City of Seattle in working to secure Nestora Salgado’s
25 immediate release; NOW, THEREFORE,
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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**
2 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

3 Section 1. The City of Seattle urges the authorities in the Mexican federal government
4 and the state of Guerrero to immediately release Nestora Salgado, and facilitate her safe return
5 to her family here in Washington.
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7 Section 2. The City of Seattle requests Secretary of State Kerry and the U.S. State
8 Department to increase their efforts to secure the release and return of Nestora Salgado in its
9 diplomatic discussions with Mexico.
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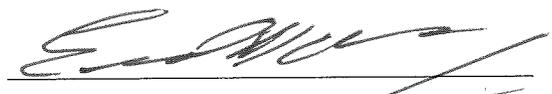
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Adopted by the City Council the 22nd day of February, 2016, and
signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 22nd day
of February, 2016.



President _____ of the City Council

The Mayor concurred the 29th day of February, 2016.



Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this 29th day of February, 2016.



Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

STATE OF WASHINGTON -- KING COUNTY

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Notary public for the State of Washington,
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State of Washington, King County

City of Seattle

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