



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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	Notes:						
1	Council President's Office	10/15/2018	sent for review	City Council			
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1	City Council	10/15/2018	referred	City Council			
	Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was referred. to the City Council						
	Notes:						
1	City Council	10/29/2018	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 31844.						

In Favor: 9 Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember González , Council
President Harrell, Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Johnson,
Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember Mosqueda, Councilmember
O'Brien, Councilmember Sawant

Opposed: 0

1 City Clerk

10/29/2018 attested by City Clerk

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was attested by City Clerk.

Notes:

CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION 31844

A RESOLUTION proclaiming that Seattle affirms the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Defenders in the wake of increased targeting of local activists.

WHEREAS, in 1998 the United Nations (UN) General Assembly adopted the “Declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms,” commonly known as the Declaration on Human Rights Defenders (“Declaration”); and

WHEREAS, the main purpose of the Declaration is to protect human rights defenders and their activities; and

WHEREAS, the United States signed, but did not ratify, the Declaration; and

WHEREAS, the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders has written that states should use the twentieth anniversary of its passage as an opportunity to affirm the Declaration and make it more visible and accessible to everyone; and

WHEREAS, Seattle has previously been proclaimed a Human Rights City via Resolution 31420; and

WHEREAS, Washington State has seen an increase of human rights defenders being targeted for persecution; and

WHEREAS, more than one of these defenders have sought support against their persecution, but have instead been further persecuted by the federal administration;¹ and

¹ See Gene Johnson, *U.N. experts: Seattle-area activist's deportation proceedings appear to be retaliation*, SEATTLE TIMES, Feb. 14, 2018, <https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/u-n-experts-seattle-area-activists-deportation-proceedings-appear-to-be-retaliation/>.

1 WHEREAS, the Seattle Police Department has limited resources to address cybercrimes, and
2 consequently these defenders believe local law enforcement is under-resourced to provide
3 protection and security, particularly from cybercrimes; and

4 WHEREAS, Resolution 31730, adopted by the City Council on January 30, 2017, affirms that
5 Seattle is a Welcoming City; and

6 WHEREAS, the principles adopted by The City of Seattle in declaring itself a Welcoming City
7 should also apply to protect those fighting for our most basic human rights;

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

9 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:**

10 Section 1. The City of Seattle supports the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders
11 and further protections and support at a local level for these individuals, stands with human
12 rights defenders, and will examine how to support them in matters of targeted harassment,
13 stalking, threats, or other retaliatory actions against them by individuals or other authorities.

14 Section 2. The City Council recommends that local law enforcement examine current
15 practices and staffing with regards to supporting human rights defenders and activists who are
16 harassed and threatened.

1 Adopted by the City Council the 29th day of October, 2018,
2 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 29th day of
3 October, 2018.

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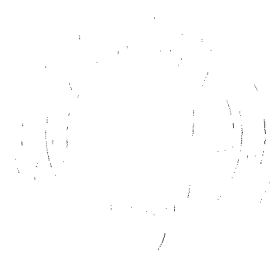
5 President _____ of the City Council

6 Filed by me this 29th day of OCTOBER, 2018.

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8 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

9 (Seal)



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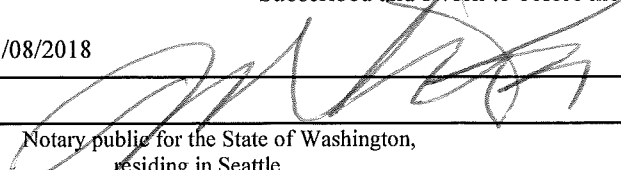
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City of Seattle

The full text of the following legislation, passed by the City Council on October 29, 2018, and published below by title only, will be mailed upon request, or can be accessed at <http://seattle.legistar.com>. For information on upcoming meetings of the Seattle City Council, please visit <http://www.seattle.gov/council/calendar>.

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Resolution 31845

A RESOLUTION setting the public hearing on the petition of Seattle City Light for the vacation of a portion of Broad Street between Harrison Street and Taylor Avenue North adjacent to Block 66, D.T. Denny's Park Addition to North Seattle, which is the block bounded by Harrison Street, 6th Avenue North, Thomas Street, Taylor Avenue North, and Broad Street in the Uptown Urban Center neighborhood area of Seattle, according to Chapter 35.79 of the Revised Code of Washington, Chapter 15.62 of the Seattle Municipal Code, and Clerk File 314387.

Resolution 31850

A RESOLUTION supporting Washington Initiative Measure 940 and urging Seattle voters to vote "Yes" on Initiative 940 on the November 6, 2018, general election ballot.

Resolution 31851

A RESOLUTION addressing the proposed Pebble Mine in Alaska's Bristol Bay, and urging the Trump administration to undergo the appropriate environmental review, economic assessment, and consultation with the public to protect the wide-ranging interests in the region, including that of Seattle's business community.

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