

**CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
EXHIBIT/DOCUMENT LOG**

**MEETING DATE & AGENDA NO. 12/05/2023 #31**

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## Code of Federal Regulation on Iran

### **§ 560.207 Prohibited investment.**

**Except as otherwise authorized pursuant to this part, and notwithstanding any contract entered into or any license or permit granted prior to May 7, 1995, any new investment by a United States person in Iran or in property (including entities) owned or controlled by the Government of Iran is prohibited.**

**Statement on #31: December 5, 2023**

**I am Doris Bittar. I am an artist, writer and activist. My organization is the ADC-American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee.**

My closest friend, a professor at SDSU has lost 14 members of her family; everyone from her mother's side. As we speak, massacres by Israeli forces of vast proportions are being committed in Khan Younes at an elementary school and the consequences of displacement throughout Rafah - both places that the Israelis told Palestinians to go to to be safe. The news is radio silent. This morning a report from Rafah from the cousin of the Executive Director of the ADC:

*"There is a large displacement movement towards Rafah as a result of the violent bombing of Khan Yunis and Deir al-Balah. Every inch of Rafah is densely populated. I know a number of university professors and institution directors who cannot not find shelter.*

*The markets are empty of goods. Sewage fills the streets. There are no words to describe the situation."*

We link recent deaths and injuries to statements from elected officials: Biden and others have blood on their hands. A six year old Palestinian boy in a Chicago suburb was stabbed 26 times by his landlord, a Palestinian American woman stabbed to death in Texas, and three Palestinian students in Burlington, Vermont were shot and one has paralysis in his lower limbs from a bullet lodged in his spine. There are countless reports of threats and violence against Palestinian Americans throughout our nation. Our national ADC-American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, CAIR, Palestine Legal offices are registering thousands of incidents and crimes. Our overlapping communities are prepared to fight back against what we witness as boldface bigotry, lack of accountability, and abetting of war crimes against your own constituents and their families abroad. You should feel responsible because I feel responsible for not doing a better job of educating Americans and elected leaders even though I have knowledge. Today, we have the strength derived from the courage and steadfastness of Gazans to hold you accountable.

**BEGIN ORAL STATEMENT HERE:**

Regarding #31 in the 70-page document. The Code of Federal Regulation on investment with Iran written by the US Federal government is one sentence long. #31, sneaked in on page 50 in the County Board of Supervisor document, proposed by Nora Vargas and Joel Anderson is

hateful, dangerous, and at best ignorant, and it's nearly two pages long. In fact, it's worse than the federal language. These gathered phrases amount to a hate incident against Iranian Americans (many of whom are Jewish in our county), Palestinian Americans, Arab Americans, and Muslim Americans who are brazenly named in the document. #31 paints a target on our backs. In the span of two pages, you accomplished a lot of hate including two kinds of antisemitism against Arabs and Jews to already vulnerable Americans. What an accomplishment!

I have many questions:

- What is this language doing in this document, other than expressing hate and to lay a trap for us?
- How is this relevant to the work of the Board to bring up Federal policy and then hatefully enhance it?
- Is it your intent to limit and criminalize humanitarian and medical aid to Israel's war crimes victims?
- Do you intend to support war crimes by limiting our ability to help our own families overseas.
- Why did you bury this on page 50 in a 70-page document? Do you think we are stupid or were you afraid?
- What are you afraid of?
- We have already filed charges against several US elected officials, including President Biden for supporting war crimes.

We demand:

- #31 be completely excised from this document.
- You must consult with our collective communities, who are also your constituents, on matters that directly concern us.
- Our ability to aid the victims of the worst war crimes in this century and since WW 2. In fact, they must be facilitated and protected.
- If you keep this language, greatly amend it to reflect the simple one sentence of the US government statement. Additionally, add prohibiting funding to Israeli settlers and settlements in the Occupied West Bank because they are aiding and abetting terrorism against the indigenous Palestinian people. It is against US policy to allow the continuation of settlements.
- **We demand that you understand that using the term "Terrorism," undefined by the US State Dept, is an anti-Arab and anti-Muslim trope. Stop using the term if you cannot define it or define it and apply it consistently.**
- We demand a statement from you that reflects kindness and empathy to suffering Palestinian Americans in San Diego.
- We demand that the County Administration Building be lit in the colors of the Palestinian flag and Arab solidarity as a balm for our wounded hearts and as a way of restoring faith in this board.

Money can't buy love or our votes. We promise.

We will not forget this at the ballot box. We promise.