

ATTACHMENT A for Report: Request to Install Memorial Plaque – Iranian Community – Women, Life, Freedom Campaign

Letter of Request from Members of the Tasmanian Iranian Community

From: Arad Nik

Date: 9 January 2023 at 9:25:30 pm AEDT

To: Anna Reynolds

SUBJECT: Request for Cypress Tree Planting

Dear Anna, Lord Mayor,

Good morning.

My name is Arad Nik. As a member of the Tasmanian Iranian Community, I am getting in touch to submit a request to the Hobart City Council.

There have been widespread protests around Iran since September, set in motion by the death of Mahsa Amini, 22-year-old woman, in the custody of the Iranian Morality Police. Protests have been shaped into a revolutionary movement, with the purpose of overthrowing the Islamic Republic Dictatorship, for freedom from 44 years of oppression. The main slogan of this movement has been Woman, Life, Freedom as the early sparks of this movement were created by women.

This movement has now moved beyond the borders of Iran and now people of the world alongside the Iranian Women, are taking action to not only raise awareness, but also to support those in Iran who seek to overthrow the Islamic Republic regime.

Our community is kindly requesting the Hobart City Council to plant a tree, the tree of Woman, Life, Freedom, in the Hobart area as a symbol of this movement and as a token of hope for future movements. As the cypress tree is the symbol of resistance and liberty in Persian culture it was suggested to plant a cypress tree if possible.

Many thanks to your team for your time and consideration in advance.

With warm love and deep respect

Atusa, Saba, Arad