

Roxanne Maher

From: Gary St. Vil
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2026 6:32 PM
To: Roxanne Maher
Subject: Fw: Our Community Should Stand with the Iranian People

Roxanne,

I just received the citizen's request below, please forward to the full Town Council.

Respectfully,

Gary A. St. Vil

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From: William Barnes <wbar@ledyardct.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2026 2:45 PM
To: Gary St. Vil <GSVil@ledyardct.org>
Subject: Fwd: Our Community Should Stand with the Iranian People

Gary,

Did you happen to receive a similar message as below? Bill
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org>
Date: January 13, 2026 at 1:36:37 PM EST
To: William Barnes <wbar@ledyardct.org>
Cc: Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org>
Subject: RE: Our Community Should Stand with the Iranian People

Hi Bill:

This is the first I am seeing it.

Not sure if Ms. Oresky sent it to other Councilors individually as it was emailed to you directly.

Sorry I can of be of more help.

Roxanne

From: William Barnes <wbar@ledyardct.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2026 12:59 PM
To: Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org>
Subject: Fwd: Our Community Should Stand with the Iranian People

Do you know if this was sent to each member of the TC? Bill
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Caryn Oresky <Caryn.Oresky.974030761@foradvocacy.com>
Date: January 12, 2026 at 8:13:09 AM EST
To: William Barnes <wbar@ledyardct.org>
Subject: Our Community Should Stand with the Iranian People
Reply-To: Caryn Oresky <cbosaram@bestweb.net>

Dear Council Member Barnes,

I am writing to ask our community to join the growing number of cities and counties standing with the Iranian people as they fight for freedom against one of the world's most brutal regimes.

For two weeks, the largest uprising since the 1979 Revolution has swept Iran—185+ cities, all 31 provinces. The Islamic Republic has responded with a near-total internet blackout to hide the killing, deployment of foreign militias, and mass arrests. Reports escaping the blackout suggest hundreds to thousands dead, over 10,600 arrested, and protesters being charged as "enemies of God"—a death penalty offense.

You may wonder what a local official can do about events in Iran. The answer: more than you think. Symbolic power matters—when American cities and counties speak, the world notices.

Statements of solidarity reach Iranians through diaspora networks and signal that their fight is not forgotten. Our community is home to Iranian-Americans who fled this regime, and they deserve to know their local government stands with their families still in Iran.

I ask you to introduce or support a resolution expressing our community's solidarity with the Iranian people and condemnation of the Islamic Republic's violence.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Caryn Oresky
Ledyard, CT