City of Emeryville
CALIFORNIA

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 6, 2023

TO: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager

FROM: April Richardson, City Clerk

SUBJECT: **Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Supporting The Removal Of Cuba From The U.S. State Sponsors Of Terrorism List**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff has no recommendation as this item was added to the agenda by a Council Member.

BACKGROUND

At the May 2, 2023, City Council meeting, Vice Mayor Welch requested and received majority support for a Resolution removing Cuba from the U.S. Government's list of State Sponsors of Terrorism.

DISCUSSION

Cuba was removed from the State Sponsors of Terrorism list in 2016 by President Obama after a review by the State Department determined Cuba does not satisfy any of the criteria for inclusion on the list. In 2021, President Trump placed Cuba back on the list without citing any new facts. The Trump Administration's restrictions limit mutually beneficial dialogue and exchange between the U.S. and Cuba, harm small privately owned Cuban businesses, reduce the flow of money and goods between the two countries, and limit the delivery of humanitarian supplies and equipment.

On December 16, 2021, a letter signed by 114 members of Congress, including many California Representatives, requested that the policies of the United States with respect to Cuba be returned to those negotiated and implemented by President Obama.

This Resolution will be sent with letters to Senators Feinstein and Padilla and Congressional Representative Lee.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

There was no staff communication with the public.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There is no conflict of interest identified with this item.

PREPARED BY: April Richardson, City Clerk

**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:**

Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

- Draft Resolution
- Letters