

RESOLUTION NO. 17-4985

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CONDEMNING
VIOLENCE AND ANTI-DEMOCRATIC ACTS
PERPETRATED ON THE VENEZUELAN PEOPLE
BY THE MADURO GOVERNMENT

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DOES
HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, over 100 Venezuelans have died while protesting the undemocratic actions of President Nicolas Maduro and his government; and

WHEREAS, President Maduro continues to consolidate power against the will of the people, and is attempting to rewrite the Venezuelan constitution; and

WHEREAS, many who oppose President Maduro have been ousted from their positions and arrested without clear legal cause; and

WHEREAS, Venezuelans are fleeing across the border into Columbia, Brazil, and other countries, driven by fear of violence and instability, as well as persistent food shortages; and

WHEREAS, the United States government has frozen Maduro's U.S. assets and barred Americans from doing personal business with him, but has not sanctioned the Venezuelan government itself, nor its oil industry; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Hollywood has a legacy of supporting democracy both at home and abroad, and has previously supported sanctions against other violent or inhumane governments; and

WHEREAS, even as the integrity of our own country's democratic institutions are being tested, it is important to reach out and support those facing civic and humanitarian challenges abroad.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of West Hollywood condemns the Venezuelan state's use of violence against its own people, as well as its attempts to degrade and delegitimize Venezuelan democracy.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 21st day of August, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	D'Amico, Horvath, Meister, Mayor Pro Tempore Duran, and Mayor Heilman.
NOES:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None.



JOHN HEILMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK