

Mayor Todd Gloria Civic Center Plaza San Diego, CA 92101 March 16, 2022

Dear Mayor Gloria,

We write to you regarding the crisis and uncertainty in Ukraine. As you know, the City of San Diego's Human Relations Commission (HRC) serves to protect basic human and civil rights. Since the City of San Diego has expressed support for the people of Ukraine, please know that the HRC stands ready and able to assist the City and its efforts with the Ukrainian crisis, including responding to the needs of vulnerable Ukrainian immigrant and refugee communities arriving in San Diego.

San Diego has always been a very welcoming city to refugee communities and displaced people. The City's initiative, Welcoming San Diego, is designed to advance the civic, social, and economic integration of immigrants and refugees. As a City and a Human Relations Commission, we can support the people of Ukraine by working in close contact with government leaders and international humanitarian organizations that serve refugees and internally displaced persons, to ensure Ukrainian refugees arriving in and/or coming to San Diego find our City as the welcoming place we know it to be.

[Fill in from IRC/ Additional Commissioner Comments, if applicable]

Please let our Commission know how and when we may be of service to you and the City of San Diego in demonstrating our support for the people of Ukraine.

Sincerely,

Kristin Rizzo Chair, San Diego Human Relations Commission