

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 71, INTRODUCED BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER ASH KALRA, WHICH DESIGNATES A PORTION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 101 IN SAN JOSE AS THE “LITTLE SAIGON FREEWAY”

WHEREAS, the City of San José is home to one of the largest and most vibrant Vietnamese American communities in the United States, with over 140,000 residents of Vietnamese descent living in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, the Little Saigon neighborhood in San José, located near the Story Road exit off U.S. Highway 101, is recognized nationally and internationally as a cultural and economic center for the Vietnamese American diaspora; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Concurrent Resolution 71 (ACR 71), authored by Assemblymember Ash Kalra, seeks to designate a portion of U.S. Highway 101 in San José, near the Story Road exit, as the “Little Saigon Freeway” in honor of the Vietnamese American community’s contributions to California and the United States; and

WHEREAS, this designation reflects the resilience, sacrifices, and achievements of Vietnamese American refugees and immigrants who fled war and political persecution following the fall of Saigon in 1975 and rebuilt their lives in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the proposed designation aligns with the City’s values of diversity, inclusion, and cultural recognition, and serves as a lasting tribute to the legacy of over two million Vietnamese Americans and their ongoing contributions to civic, cultural, and economic life; and

WHEREAS, the Little Saigon Freeway designation complements local projects such as the Vietnamese Heritage Garden and the “Thank You America Monument,” which honor the Vietnamese refugee journey and express gratitude to the United States; and

WHEREAS, the San José City Council recognizes the importance of visibility, representation, and historical acknowledgment for immigrant and refugee communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

1. The Council of the City of San José hereby formally supports Assembly Concurrent Resolution 71 (Kalra) and urges the California State Assembly and State Senate to pass the resolution designating a portion of U.S. Highway 101 in San José as the “Little Saigon Freeway.”
2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit copies of this resolution to Assemblymember Ash Kalra, the Office of the Speaker of the Assembly, the California State Senate, and the Governor of the State of California.

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ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

MATT MAHAN
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, MMC
City Clerk