

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM18.5	ACTION			Ward:All
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City Council Recognition of the Pontian Genocide - by Councillor Jim Karygiannis, seconded by Councillor Mary Fragedakis

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Jim Karygiannis, seconded by Councillor Mary Fragedakis, recommends that:

1. City Council recognize the Pontian Genocide, to honour the memory of the men, women and children who died.

Summary

The Pontian Genocide, together with the Armenian and Assyrian Genocides, was the first genocide of the 20th century. These Genocides took place between 1913 and 1922.

The Pontian Genocide was the systematic extermination by the Ottoman Empire of its minority Greek subjects. This atrocity took place during and after World War I in which 450,000 - 750,000 Pontian and Anatolian Greeks were executed.

Pontians were sent by death marches to concentration camps in Anatolia, where most were subjected to forced labour. Thousands were subjected to forced labour, deportation and execution.

Background Information (City Council)

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