

LETTER OF PROTEST

To: Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
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From: The Federation of the National Police of the Republic of Vietnam Overseas
Address: PO Box 362057, Milpitas, CA 95036

Date: May 7, 2024

RE: **Rescission of Proclamation Regarding "Jane Fonda Day"**

Dear Chair Horvath and Members of the Board,

We, the Federation of the National Police of the Republic of Vietnam Overseas, express our deep disappointment with the recent Proclamation recognizing April 30th as "Jane Fonda Day" in Los Angeles County.

As former police officers who served the Republic of Vietnam, we find this decision disrespectful to the over two million Vietnamese Americans residing in California and across the United States. The Proclamation evokes memories of the immense sacrifices made by over 58,000 U.S. soldiers and approximately 250,000 South Vietnamese soldiers who died defending freedom and democracy during the Vietnam War. Additionally, millions of Vietnamese civilians perished as casualties of the conflict.

During the war, Ms. Fonda publicly supported the North Vietnamese communist regime, the adversary of the U.S. Her 1972 visit to Hanoi garnered her the moniker "Hanoi Jane" due to the perception of her actions betraying American troops and the United States.

Honoring Ms. Fonda, a pro-communist activist, and designating April 30th as "Jane Fonda Day" deeply offends the Vietnamese American community, including our members. This date marks the Fall of Saigon, a profoundly painful experience for Vietnamese refugees.

We urge you to rescind the Proclamation establishing April 30th as "Jane Fonda Day."

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Thai Van Hoa, General President.

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