CITY OF RENTON, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 4223

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RENTON, WASHINGTON, SUPPORTING CONGRESSMAN ADAM SMITH'S EFFORTS TO FREE RENTON RESIDENT NESTORA SALGADO FROM IMPRISONMENT IN MEXICO.

WHEREAS, Nestora Salgado is a naturalized U.S. citizen, born in Olinalá, in the state of Guerrero, Mexico, and a resident of Renton; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Salgado is a community activist involved with citizens of Olinalá in a state-sanctioned, democratically-elected community police force, formed to defend themselves against drug traffickers, corrupt politicians, and exploitation by mining companies, with Ms. Salgado as their coordinator; and

WHEREAS, as coordinator of the Olinalá community police force, Ms. Salado arrested and held for trial by a peoples' court, the local sheriff for theft and possible tampering with a crime scene; and

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2013, Ms. Salgado was arrested and transported to a maximum security prison 1,000 miles from Olinalá under a false charge of kidnapping the sheriff; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Salgado is being denied medicine and medical attention while being imprisoned without a trial; and.

WHEREAS, Congressman Adam Smith has appeared at press conferences, and has written a letter to Secretary of State John Kerry asking for intervention on Ms. Salgado's behalf to the Mexican government;

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NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RENTON, WASHINGTON, DOES **RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

The above recitals are found to be true and correct in all respects. SECTION I.

The City Council of the City of Renton, Washington hereby supports SECTION II. Congressman Adam Smith's efforts to free Nestora Salgado from imprisonment in Mexico.

SECTION III. The City Council of the City of Renton requests Washington's United States Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell to take affirmative action with the U.S. State Department to support efforts to free Nestora Salgado from imprisonment in Mexico.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 11th day of August , 2014.

Jason A. Seth, Acting City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 11th day of ____

August

2014.

Denis Law, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Lawrence J. Warren, City Attorney

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