



RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER  
CONDEMMING THE SUPPRESSION OF  
FREE SPEECH IN VIETNAM

**WHEREAS**, the City of Westminster has one of the largest Vietnamese-American communities in this country; and

**WHEREAS**, it was reported that a secret agreement between the communist government of Vietnam and the Peoples Republic of China ceded about 270 square miles of land and 4,247 square miles of sea to the Peoples Republic of China; and


**WHEREAS**, the legality of the secret nature of this ceded land/sea area was in question, whether it was ratified by the Vietnam Congress or symbolically signed off only by a few top communist officials; and

**WHEREAS**, because of the non-existence of freedom of the press in Vietnam, the people did not have a chance to voice their opinions, given that these concessions will affect their livelihoods for many generations to come, and some outspoken citizens have even been arrested illegally; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Westminster strongly supports the efforts of the Vietnamese-American community to notify their fellow Vietnamese people living in Vietnam of the secret ceded land/sea areas.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Margie L. Rice, Mayor of the City of Westminster, on the behalf of Mayor Pro Tern Kermit Marsh and Council Members, Frank G. Fry, Tony Lam, and Russell C. Paris, do hereby support the efforts of the Vietnamese-American community in the City of Westminster, recognizing and sharing their concerns and supporting their efforts in this regard.

DATE: November 20, 2002

  
Margie L. Rice, Mayor