

City of Boston  
IN  
CITY COUNCIL



Resolution of Council President  
Maureen Feeney

- Whereas: We hold the principles of freedom and democracy to be self-evident and honor the unalienable rights of all peoples regardless of political background; and*
- Whereas: Father Nguyen Van Ly, a pro-democracy advocate, is being wrongfully held in custody by the Vietnamese communist authorities and being subject to trial without representation nor the right to defend himself; and*
- Whereas: The over two-thousand members of Block 8406 have been oppressed, tortured, and sentenced by the Vietnamese communists in Vietnam for their political views; and*
- Whereas: The Vietnamese-American Community of Massachusetts has worked with steadfast dedication for the promotion of freedom and democracy within their local community as well as their global community; and*
- Whereas: The Vietnamese-American community in the City of Boston represents a vital element of our City's culture; and*
- Whereas: The oppression of any people's freedoms and democratic prerogative abroad is as pertinent as the oppression of these freedoms and prerogatives locally; Therefore Be It*
- RESOLVED:** *That the Boston City Council does hereby join with the Vietnamese-American Community of Massachusetts in Support of Father Nguyen Van Ly and the oppressed members of Block 8406 and further encourages all the residents of the City of Boston to join in this effort.*

By: Maureen Feeney  
President of the City Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Maureen Feeney

Date: \_\_\_\_\_