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May 6, 2024

Honorable Lindsey Horvath
Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 W Temple Street, Room 821
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Request to Rescind April 30 as “Jane Fonda Day” in Los Angeles County

Dear Chair Horvath:

We recently learned of the Board of Supervisors’ decision to designate April 30 as “Jane Fonda Day” in Los Angeles County. We write today to request that this poorly timed decision be rescinded immediately.

As you may know, the Vietnamese community in Southern California recognizes Black April every year on April 30. Black April marks the Fall of Saigon and is a painful closing chapter of the Vietnam War. For the Vietnamese refugee community in California and beyond, this day is marked with solemn ceremonies of remembrance for the 58,000 American and 250,000 South Vietnamese lives lost.

The decision to mark “Jane Fonda Day” on April 30 is a painful reminder of Ms. Fonda’s pro-communist activism during the Vietnam War. She travelled to Hanoi during the Vietnam War, was photographed with NVA soldiers, and even denounced the United States military on local radio during her visits. Her use as a communist propaganda mouthpiece earned her the nickname, “Hanoi Jane.”

We cannot fathom why the Board of Supervisors would choose this particular day to celebrate Jane Fonda. The pain and hurt caused by this decision will surely cause long-term damage to the Vietnamese refugee community. In addition, this honor for Ms. Fonda is an affront to the service and sacrifice of American and South Vietnamese soldiers who gave everything in the cause of freedom. We demand that the Board immediately rescind this regrettable decision.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Gallagher".

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