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I have issued a declaration announcing the City of Pasadena's support of our Armenian-American community members, and together we mourn victims of military aggression in Artsakh. The struggles and extreme hardship are hard to comprehend day-to-day, let alone during this holiday season.

Pasadena is home to a large population of Armenians and Armenian organizations who have shaped our city and always stand strong in their continued quest for peace and freedom. These unprovoked attacks and military aggression cannot be tolerated.

On December 12, Azerbaijan imposed a blockade along the corridor linking Artsakh to Armenia—Artsakh's only humanitarian lifeline—and the primary means by which food, medical supplies, and other vital goods are transported to the region. Since the imposition of the blockade, Azerbaijan has cut off the region's gas supply, leaving Artsakh's 120,000 Armenians without gas for heating, hot water, and electricity during freezing weather, threatening a humanitarian disaster.

This recent conflict follows a 2020 Azerbaijani military offensive to retake the Nagorno-Karabakh region. In the most recent fighting, Armenia has accused Azerbaijan of not only attacking Armenians inside the disputed territory but also within Armenia's borders.

The City of Pasadena stands in solidarity with the people of Artsakh and, although we're separated by distance, we condemn the humanitarian catastrophe and pledge our ongoing support locally.

Mayor Victor M. Gordo

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