

RESOLUTION NO. NS-

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ IN
SUPPORT OF CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION REGARDING
IMPEACHMENT OF PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP

WHEREAS, the Foreign Emoluments Clause of the United States Constitution provides that “no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under [the United States], shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State”; and

WHEREAS, the Domestic Emoluments Clause of the United States Constitution provides that, besides the fixed salary for his four-year term, the President “shall not receive within that Period any other Emolument from the United States, or any of them”; and

WHEREAS, Donald J. Trump, the President of the United States, owns various business interests and receives various streams of income from all over the world, by means of which he receives emoluments from foreign governments, states of the United States, or the United States itself; and

WHEREAS, the term “emoluments” includes a broad range of financial benefits, including but not limited to monetary payments, purchase of goods and services even for fair market value, subsidies, tax breaks, extensions of credit, and favorable regulatory treatment; and

WHEREAS, leading constitutional scholars and government ethics experts warned Donald J. Trump shortly after the November 2016 election that, unless he fully divested his businesses and invested the money in conflict-free assets or a blind trust, he would violate the Constitution from the moment he took office; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2017, nine days before his inauguration, Donald J. Trump announced a plan that would, if carried out, remove him from day-to-day operations of his businesses, but not eliminate any of the ongoing flow of emoluments from foreign governments, state governments, or the United States government; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2017, Donald J. Trump took the oath of office and became President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, from the moment he took office, President Trump has been in violation of the Foreign Emoluments Clause and the Domestic Emoluments Clause of the United States Constitution, thereby corruptly advancing his personal wealth, undermining the integrity of the Presidency, and violating the public trust; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2017, Trump fired the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, James Comey; and

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WHEREAS, on the date of his firing, Director Comey was leading one or more investigations that might have incriminated President Trump and/or his close associates; and

WHEREAS, regardless of the ultimate outcome of those criminal investigations, President Trump interfered with them by firing Director Comey.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ HEREBY RESOLVES to call upon the United States House of Representatives to support a resolution authorizing and directing the House Committee on the Judiciary to investigate whether sufficient grounds exist for the impeachment of Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, including but not limited to the violations listed herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to call upon the California Legislature to adopt its own resolution calling upon the United States House of Representatives to support a resolution authorizing an investigation into whether sufficient grounds exist for the impeachment of Donald J. Trump, President of the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted officially to Congressman Jimmy Panetta, the City of Santa Cruz's representative to the United States House of Representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted officially to Assemblymember Mark Stone and Senator Bill Monning, the City of Santa Cruz's representatives to the California Legislature.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of June, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

APPROVED: _____
Cynthia Chase, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Bren Lehr, City Clerk Administrator