

RESOLUTION NO. 17-4972

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CALLING ON THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO INITIATE THE IMPEACHMENT PROCESS AGAINST PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, in December 2016, the City Council approved the creation of a City Hall working group to remain vigilant regarding potential policy changes from the new administration that could negatively impact the City's residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, since its creation, the working group has focused advocacy efforts on issues of civil rights, immigration, housing, healthcare, LGBT rights, women's issues and reproductive rights, as well as environmental, economic and budget issues; and

WHEREAS, in February 2017, the City Council voted to begin first steps to prohibit City Hall from doing business with entities providing financial or other benefits to the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, many of Donald J. Trump's businesses receive, and their streams of income include, emoluments from foreign governments, in what many experts suspect it could be a direct violation of Article I, Section 9 of the United States Constitution, known as the Emoluments Clause; and

WHEREAS, the President shall receive a Compensation, which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the Period for which he is elected, and he shall not receive within that Period any other Emolument from the United States or any of them according to Article II, Section 1 of the United States Constitution, also known as the Domestic Emoluments Clause; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2017, nine days before his inauguration, president-elect Trump announced a plan that would 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 Mr. Trump took the oath of office and became President of the United States, and the American people cannot determine if the President has enriched himself as a result of holding the Office of the President as he will not release his tax returns; and

WHEREAS, according to Federal law 5 U.S.C. § 3110, "a public official may not appoint, employ, promote, advance, or advocate for appointment, employment, promotion, or advancement, in or to a civilian position in the agency in which he is serving or over which he exercises jurisdiction or control any individual who is a relative of the public official" and many ethics lawyers have pointed out that the appointments of daughter Ivanka Trump and son-in-law Jared Kushner as advisers violate the spirit of the law, if not the letter of the law; and

WHEREAS, there are growing concerns and questions regarding matters of national security, the possibility of collusion between the Trump campaign and the Russian government and the appearance of obstruction of justice with the firing of former FBI Director James Comey; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of West Hollywood, based on the situations described hereby, calls on the U.S. House of Representatives to initiate the impeachment process and bring forward articles of impeachment against President Donald J. Trump.


PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 19th day of June, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	Horvath, Meister, Mayor Pro Tempore Duran, and Mayor Heilman.
NOES:	Councilmember:	D'Amico.
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None.



JOHN HEILMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK