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We, citizens of Alameda, California, are gravely concerned. We have a new President whose temperament, behavior, leadership and policy directions may be a threat to our Democracy. We have reason to believe that his conflict of interest, political corruption and direct violation of the Constitution are sufficient grounds for impeachment. We hereby petition the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives to commence an investigation to verify or discount the following allegations.

### **Articles of Impeachment against Donald J. Trump**

Resolved, that Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, is impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors, and that the following articles of impeachment be presented to the Senate for trial.

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## **Article I**

### **Behavior Unbecoming of the President**

Donald J. Trump is in violation of the most basic duties and responsibilities of Presidential leadership. He has:

1. Failed to disclose tax returns and business affairs that present clear and present conflict of interest;
2. Communicated disprovable lies, falsehoods and distortion of fact regarding public affairs and public policy;
3. Attacked, defamed and demeaned innocent individuals, inciting racism, xenophobia and disrespect for women;
4. Made ill-informed, false and inflammatory public statements about foreign affairs and contacts with foreign leaders that demonstrably threaten national security;
5. Attacked and defamed news media representatives and organizations without cause, encouraging public disrespect for freedom of the press, a cornerstone of Constitutional Democracy;
6. Nominated and appointed government officials whose career actions and policy positions clearly exhibit hostility to the very missions of their agencies and public responsibilities.

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## Article II

### **Violation of the United States Constitution and Ethics Statutes**

Donald J. Trump's Presidency represents a new and unprecedented level of corruption that threatens our Democracy. He has:

1. Refused to divest fully from business interests that present a grave conflict of interest with public responsibilities. He is thereby in direct violation of the U.S. Constitution's Emolument Clause;
2. Violated federal ethics statutes, including the "Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act of 2012". This law prohibits (1) use of nonpublic [inside] information for private profit and (2) intentionally influencing private entities based solely on partisan political affiliation;
3. Abused and harassed career-level, non-partisan federal employees for partisan political purposes.

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## Article III

### **Conspiracy to Compromise the Integrity of U.S. Elections**

Donald J. Trump knowingly violated United States election laws associated with the 2016 Presidential Election. He has done so by:

1. Establishing contact with Russian government officials and operatives and coordinating illegal efforts to influence media coverage, public opinion and the outcome of the 2016 presidential election;
2. Engaging in illegal efforts, including dis-information, fake news and computer hacking designed to undermine the candidacy of Hillary Clinton and promote the interests of Mr. Trump;
3. Subsequent thereto, engaging personally and through close subordinates and agents, in a course of conduct designed to delay, impede and obstruct the investigation of this election tampering.

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## Article IV

### **Obstruction of Justice**

Donald J. Trump is in violation of his constitutional duty to faithfully execute the Office of the Presidency. He has knowingly obstructed and impeded the administration of justice.

Multiple instances have been documented wherein the President and his subordinates have deliberately ignored constitutional provisions and compromised lawful programs, while resisting public accountability. He has:

1. Made false or misleading statements to lawfully authorized investigative officers and employees of the United States;
2. Withheld relevant and material evidence or information from lawfully authorized investigative officers and employees of the United States;
3. Approved, condoned, acquiesced in, and counseled witnesses with respect to the giving of false or misleading statements to authorized investigative officers and employees of the United States;
4. Tweeted egregiously false and misleading information to confuse and confound public opinion;
5. Attacked and maligned responsible news organizations to prevent or impede their disclosure of information vital to public understanding of illegal activities directed by the Office of the President of the United States.

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## Article V

### *Abuse of Power*

Donald J. Trump has violated his constitutional oath to faithfully execute the Office of the President of the United States, repeatedly engaging in conduct undermining the lawful rights of citizens, misusing executive branch agencies, and impairing the due and proper administration of justice. Acting personally and through his subordinates and agents he has:

1. Conspired to politicize and misuse the powers and resources of the Internal Revenue Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, the military services and other federal agencies under his authority;
2. Misused federal agencies to conduct electronic surveillance and other illicit investigations for political reasons unrelated to public purposes or national security;
3. Neglected to take care that the laws were faithfully executed by failing to act when he knew that his subordinates were impeding and frustrating lawful inquiries by duly authorized executive, judicial and legislative entities;
4. Abused public trust in the Office of the President of the United States by directing federal agencies and employees to withhold vital information from the press and the public for partisan political purposes;
5. Directed federal agencies and employees to devise and/or distort vital information in order to manipulate public opinion for partisan political purposes.

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