

LARA WEISIGER

From: David Howard <dhoward773@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 12:51 PM
To: IRMA Glidden; LARA WEISIGER
Subject: Item 9-B Fwd: Public Access communications funds for "enemy of the people"

Can you please enter this communication to the electeds and CM into the record re: tonight's meeting, Item 9-B.
thx.

Dave.

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From: **David Howard** <dhoward773@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 9:08 AM
Subject: Public Access communications funds for "enemy of the people"
To: Frank Matarrese <fmatarrese@alamedaca.gov>, Trish Spencer <tspencer@alamedaca.gov>, Jim Oddie <joddie@alamedaca.gov>, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft <mezzyashcraft@alamedaca.gov>, Jill Keimach <JKeimach@alamedaca.gov>, mvella@alamedaca.gov

I covered the Encinal radio station opening this morning, which naturally brought to mind my coverage some 18 months ago of the PEG funds (see below) not being used to facilitate a TV production studio in Alameda.

How interesting, upon my re-reading my e-mail, that I wrote 18 months ago about public media tipping society away from authoritarianism, and we now have the president declaring certain media outlets an "enemy of the people" a la Stalin, Robespierre, etc.

It really doesn't seem to me that it should be this hard - It is established practice in communities across California, including San Francisco, Hayward and Palo Alto, for the city to contract with a non-profit to run the production studios, and pay the non-profit with the PEG funds, and the non-profit uses the funds as it sees fit.

Rather than making empty pronouncements calling the for the impeachment of Trump, why not actually do something meaningful, like put in place the proper agreements to enable use of the PEG funds for public access to video media? Now THAT would be something that has teeth.

And, keep in mind, distribution is not limited to the Cable TV access channel - there's YouTube, Facebook, Hulu, Periscope etc. I live-streamed the ribbon cutting this morning on Facebook.

<http://www.action-alameda-news.com/2017/03/06/encinal-school-launches-radio-station/>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/02/26/world/europe/trump-enemy-of-the-people-stalin.html>

Dave

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From: **David Howard** <dhoward773@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Oct 17, 2015 at 10:35 AM
Subject: Funds for Public Access, Educational, TV, Languish in City Account

Public access to mass media is but one of many feathers that tip the scales towards democracy and away from authoritarianism...

<http://www.action-alameda-news.com/2015/10/17/funds-for-public-access-educational-tv-languish-in-city-account/>

LARA WEISIGER

From: Trish Spencer
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 8:46 PM
To: LARA WEISIGER; Jill Keimach
Subject: Fwd: Tomorrow's meeting

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: John Platt <johntplatt@gmail.com>
Date: 03/06/2017 8:44 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: Trish Spencer <TSpencer@alamedaca.gov>, jodie@alameda.gov, mvelia@alameda.gov, MEssyashcraft@alameda.gov, fmaterrase@alameda.gov
Subject: Tomorrow's meeting

I am not sure wasting time on a resolution to impeach Trump is a good use of the Council's time. Aside from a headline in the back pages of some national newspaper I am not sure what it will accomplish.

Homelessness, affordable housing for young people and especially our teachers, the loss of maritime jobs on the Northern Waterfront, traffic gridlock and any more local issues seem to me what the Council should be focusing on. (The release of funds for local broadcasting sounds like a very intriguing idea.)

If we had copied Richmond with Measure M I am sure we would be slapped with a law suit right now like. The City of Richmond has. I do not like our new president one bit, but I do not see what this resolution will accomplish for the betterment of the citizens of Alameda. I support your sanctuary city vote and I believe it makes it very clear to the Donald where the citizens of Alameda stand. Thank you

Sent from my iPad

LARA WEISIGER

From: Trish Spencer
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 6:01 PM
To: LARA WEISIGER; Jill Keimach
Subject: FW: Support for the Alameda4Impeachment

From: Judith Glass [mailto:judithaglass@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 5:23 PM
To: Trish Spencer <TSpencer@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: Support for the Alameda4Impeachment

Hello Mayor Spencer,

As a fairly new resident of Alameda, I am in total support of the impeachment of Donald J. Trump. He is an insult to America.

Since I moved here after living 50 years in Berkeley, it is heartwarming to find such kindred spirits here on "the island." And by the way, I am also a Rotarian and a pretty solid senior citizen - but Trump has got to go.

Thank you,
Judith Glass

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LARA WEISIGER

From: Trish Spencer
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 2:22 PM
To: Jill Keimach; LARA WEISIGER
Subject: Fwd: impeachment resolution
Attachments: Richmond Resolution.pdf

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: syl gibson <sylvansyl@yahoo.com>
Date: 02/27/2017 12:33 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: Trish Spencer <TSpencer@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: impeachment resolution

Dear Mayor Spencer,

I read over the proposed impeachment resolution and I'm concerned that (although I agree with most of what it says) some of the listed offenses are not illegal. If the city council is going to pass a resolution asking congress to take steps to impeach President Trump, I think you should stick to verified "impeachable" things that he has done. The City of Richmond resolution (attached) focuses only on the impeachable offenses of President Trump. Perhaps Alameda should follow this example.

I hope my input helps. I agree with the idea of passing this kind of resolution.

Best regards,
Sylvia

RESOLUTION NO. 12-17

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA
IN SUPPORT OF A CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION REGARDING THE
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, 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, Donald J. Trump, the President of the United States, owns various business interests and receives various streams of income from all over the world; and,

WHEREAS, many of these businesses receive, and streams of income include, emoluments from foreign governments, states of the United States, or the United States itself; 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,

WHEREAS, from the moment he took office, President Trump was in violation of the Foreign Emoluments Clause and the Domestic Emoluments Clause of the United States Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, these violations undermine the integrity of the Presidency, corruptly advance the personal wealth of the President, and violate the public trust; and,

WHEREAS, our democracy is premised on the bedrock principle that no one is above the law, not even the President of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, there are considerable, questionable ethnic concerns in terms of the election and President Trump’s selected staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Richmond City Council, hereby calls 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 that copies of this resolution be transmitted officially to the Member of the United States House of Representatives that represents the city, namely, the Honorable Congressman Mark DeSaulnier; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to all the city clerks of West County cities (El Cerrito, San Pablo, Hercules, Pinole), as well as Berkeley, Albany, Oakland, Emeryville, and San Francisco.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held on **February 21, 2017**, by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers Choi, Martinez, McLaughlin, Myrick, Willis, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor Butt.
NOES:	None.
ABSTENTIONS:	None.
ABSENT:	None.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

TOM BUTT

Mayor

Approved as to form:

BRUCE GOODMILLER

City Attorney

State of California	}	
County of Contra Costa	}	: ss.
City of Richmond	}	

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 12-17**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on February 21, 2017.


Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond

LARA WEISIGER

From: Trish Spencer
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 11:11 AM
To: LARA WEISIGER
Subject: FW: YES on resolution calling upon Congress to Impeach POTUS

From: E Yee [mailto:eyee99@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 10:41 AM
To: Trish Spencer <TSpencer@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: YES on resolution calling upon Congress to Impeach POTUS

Dear Honorable Mayor Trish Herrera Spencer,

Please vote "Yes" to call upon Congress to pass a resolution to investigate whether sufficient grounds exist for the impeachment of Donald J. Trump, President of the United States.

Serious allegations have been made about our current President. They involve possible collision with the Russians in our last election and violations of the emoluments clause of the Constitution (taking money, loans, or gifts from foreign leaders/countries).

It is in the interests of every citizen, regardless of party, to get these allegations investigated and resolved. It is important for our community to show support for such an investigation.

Thanks!

Elizabeth Yee 94501

LARA WEISIGER

From: Trish Spencer
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 11:11 AM
To: LARA WEISIGER
Subject: FW: PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED IMPEACHMENT

From: jphonan@comcast.net [mailto:jphonan@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 9:38 AM
To: Trish Spencer <TSpencer@alamedaca.gov>; Malia Vella <MVella@alamedaca.gov>; mascroft@alamedaca.gov; mascraft@alamedaca.gov; Frank Matarrese <FMatarrese@alamedaca.gov>; Jim Oddie <JOddie@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED IMPEACHMENT

I am so very much opposed to the council bringing this to a vote. None of you, or most of the people proposing this, are informed enough to know the consequences of this should it pass. Our president has been there such a very small amount of time and neither you or any of us know what he can/will accomplish if given the time. Can you really agree that we should allow people in to this country who are bent on doing us harm? What other country would allow this? Trump has already changed this to not include those with green cards or work permits and I would only hope that those that are coming here without these would be questioned before entering so we would know their purpose here. It seems to me and everybody I talk to that this is only logical

I also am very upset about our becoming a "sanctuary city". Again, do we really consider ourselves as self righteous and caring people by allowing people capable of hurt to our citizens to live amongst us. They should at the very least be jailed as we would our own citizens which would cost a great deal. They SHOULD be sent to their own country to deal with them.

I think we have become so obsessed with thinking we are such caring, self righteous people that we have become stupid. If we were really thinking, we would be very careful to protect our own people and that should be our primary concern.

Pat Honan

LARA WEISIGER

From: Reyla Graber <reylagraber@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 05, 2017 11:15 AM
To: LARA WEISIGER
Subject: Fwd: Vote NO on the Impeachment referral

Dear Lara,

Would you please email/forward this on to Coucil Members Oddie and Vella? I could not e-mail them directly for some reason.

Thank you, Reyla Graber

-----Original Message-----

From: Reyla Graber <reylagraber@aol.com>
To: fmatarrese <fmatarrese@alamedaca.gov>; tspencer <tspencer@alamedaca.gov>; mezzyashcraft <mezzyashcraft@alamedaca.gov>
Sent: Sun, Mar 5, 2017 10:42 am
Subject: Vote NO on the Impeachment referral

Dear Mayor Spencer and Honorable Council Members:

I'm urging you all to vote NO against the Impeachment Referral to be addressed this Tuesday evening. That includes Council Members Malia Vella and Jim Oddie who made the referral.

You were elected to attend to City business and issues. And, importantly, you were elected to a non partisan office.

This impeachment idea is definitely a partisan issue and therefore you should not be addressing this at the City level.

If you want to individually, not in your role as Council member, speak to impeachment, that is your right of free speech: Go out and protest or get in fights on the UC campus or whatever turns you on. But leave our City out of it.

Moreover, neither the City nor its residents have any evidence --real evidence--that Pres Trump is impeachable. Such evidence, if it exists, will be obtained by the proper governmental authorities at which time, impeachment proceedings can and should and will be initiated.

Honestly, if you vote for this, the City will be seen as a little "Berserkeley" and I do not want our fair City to suffer this embarrassment as a result of your importune vote.

Many of us, including myself, are very unhappy over Pres Trumps election.

But to take an action which is ineffectual -- except it will be viewed as spiteful and angry-- does nothing for our City, and lowers us to the level of Pres Trumps tweets which are notoriously spiteful and angry.

I urge you to vote no.

Thank you,

Sincerely, Reyla Graber
Alameda Resident.

LARA WEISIGER

From: Dorothy Freeman <dfreeman@pacbell.net>
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2017 3:19 PM
To: Trish Spencer; Frank Matarrese; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Jim Oddie; Malia Vella; LARA WEISIGER
Subject: March 7, 2017 City Council Meeting: Council Referral 9B

March 3, 2017

City of Alameda
2263 Santa Clara Ave
Alameda, CA 94501

Mayor Trish Spencer
Vice Mayor Malia Vella
Councilmember Marilyn Ashcraft
Councilmember Frank Matarrese
Councilmember Jim Oddie

Dear Mayor Spencer and Council Members;

March 7, 2017 City Council Meeting:

I am writing in regard to Council Referral 9B: Consider Adoption of Resolution in Support of a Congressional Investigation Regarding the Impeachment of President Trump. (Vice Mayor Vella and Councilmember Oddie)

A resolution to impeach President Trump at this time is premature. There is not enough evidence to sway the Republicans in the House of Representative to vote for it. Crying wolf at this time will just irritate Republicans and leave them laughing at Democrats. This will make it harder to get them to agree when it really is important to impeach President Trump.

Also, removing President Trump will not change the Republican party. Vice President Pence is very much in step with President Trump on policy and in some way even more respected by the ultra conservative right than President Trump is. Also, removing President Trump will elevate Speaker of the House Paul Ryan to Vice President, putting him in a more favorable position to run for President after President Trump/Pence.

What is important to do at this time is to work against the policies of Trump/Pence/Ryan. Changing the bad policies will hopefully put better legislation in place no matter which person is in the office of President. Then when there is enough evidence against President Trump, it will be productive to remove him from office. The time to impeach President Trump will come. We just need to be patient as we work to change federal policy.

Alameda has already taken a stand on immigration with the Sanctuary City vote. The following policies are just a few that need our attention now. They are not listed in order of importance because they all are a threat to our way of life and our future on this planet.

1. Repeal of the American Care Act: This action will have a massive impact on the most people immediately. It is very important to take a stand on this pending legislation now.

2. Increasing the monies to be spent on the military: President Trump proposed the largest increase in the military budget in history. The military is already draining the national treasury.
3. Veterans Care: Our military is all volunteers. Veterans should be treated better after their service. Putting them back into society without better care is a danger to them and to us.
4. Cabinet Nominations: The cabinet nominations are designed to destroy the very departments they have been appointed to head. We need to work to protect education, energy, environment, national lands, water, air, animals, etc.
4. Climate Change: Why plan on moving to Mars after we destroy the earth we live on. Only the very well to do will be able to afford to go there. And nothing else will be as good as we have it here.
5. Freedom of the Press: Granted, some members of the American press have brought disrespect on themselves by treating President Trump as a cash cow by not doing proper investigating in the beginning, and for not calling out his lies. An active, free press is essential to our freedom. We need to put pressure on the press to do their jobs, but supporting them when they do is essential.
6. Leaking Government Information: We need to protect those who leak important information even if we disagree with them for doing it. How else are we going to find out what a secretive government is doing in our name.
7. Justice Department and the Bill of Rights: Protecting our freedoms is also essential. The first attack is on LGBTG and Transgender people. But we are all in danger of having our rights taken away. Our right to practice the religion of our choice is already in danger. We have to make sure the Justice Department is doing its job in a non-partisan way. And we need to make sure moderate judges are put in place.

These are just a few of the many important issues that require our vigilance immediately. I recommend concentrating on these more important issues and delay an impeachment vote until there is more evidence to base that decision on.

Respectfully,

Dorothy Freeman

cc: Lara Weisinger