

**SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH COMMISSION
RESOLUTION #26-01**

Resolution Condemning President Donald J. Trump's Unconstitutional Actions and Threats to American Democracy

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States establishes a system of checks and balances to uphold a democratic governance and secure individual liberties;

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump has, on multiple occasions, taken actions that have undermined constitutional norms. This includes but is not limited to military and foreign policy violations, election and transition interference, civil rights and liberties violations, and citizenship and immigration power abuse.

WHEREAS, the ordered airstrike on Iranian targets that occurred on June 25, 2025 was a blatant violation of the War Powers Clause (Article I, Section 8) which vests exclusively in Congress the power to declare war and to authorize uses of the U.S. military. By ordering strikes without seeking a formal declaration of war from congressional authorization and by notifying lawmakers only after the bombs had fallen, President Donald J. Trump violated the procedures laid out in the 1973 War Powers Resolution.

WHEREAS, the events surrounding January 6, 2021, including the violent attack on the United States Capitol, were preceded by rhetoric and actions from President Trump, such as urging supporters to “fight like hell”, which incited unrest and challenged the legitimacy of democratic institutions. President Trump’s engagement in insurrection and aid to those violently seeking to overthrow the lawful certification of vote, and his efforts to nullify the results of a free and fair election led to the violation of the Insurrection Disqualification Clause (14th Amendment § 3) and Guarantee Clause (Article IV, Section 4).

Whereas, President Trump has repeatedly dismissed judicial rulings, attacked members of the press, and sought to delegitimize lawful investigations into his conduct, thereby eroding public trust in foundational democratic institutions. He has directed ICE to detain peaceful protestors and has forced illegal immigrants to be deported without due process, a right that is extended to all persons within U.S. borders. His administration has also issued directives that have barred federal agencies from using nearly 200 terms, among them “DEI,” “diversity,” “equity,” “inclusion,” “LGBTQ,” “black,” and “discrimination”, in official announcements and publications, effectively censoring all government affiliated media or communications on these topics. On January 21, 2025, Trump signed an executive order terminating all programs related to DEI. His actions have directly violated the First Amendment (Free Speech and Assembly) and the Fifth Amendment (Due Process).

WHEREAS, President Trump’s discrimination against those from an immigrant background culminated in a threatened executive order to end jus soli (right of soil) citizenship on November 2, 2018, and he has retained this sentiment throughout his second term. This is a violation of

the Fourteenth Amendment, where all persons born or naturalized in the United States automatically acquire American citizenship. President Trump's threatened executive order declaring that children born in the U.S. to parents who lack legal status or hold only temporary visas would no longer receive automatic citizenship contradicts the Constitution's settled definition of birthright citizenship.

WHEREAS, such behavior poses a grave threat to the rule of law, the integrity of elections, and the peaceful functioning of American democracy. It violates the "supreme law of the land", and thus threatens the very fabric of our country.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South San Francisco Youth Commission condemns President Donald J. Trump's unconstitutional actions and rhetoric that threaten the democratic principles upon which the United States was founded;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body reaffirms its commitment to upholding the Constitution, defending democratic institutions, and ensuring that no individual—regardless of office—is above the law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be transmitted to relevant federal, state, and city authorities, and that continued vigilance be maintained to protect the democratic process from future threats.

REGULARLY PASSED AND ADOPTED

AYES in favor of resolution

Attest