

RESOLUTION RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2018, President Donald Trump signed a 'Section 232 Proclamation' imposing a 25% tariff on steel imports and a 10% tariff on aluminum imports, effective March 23, 2018; and

WHEREAS, President Trump has indicated that the tariffs are intended to reinvigorate American industry and protect national security by boosting domestic aluminum and steel manufacturers as foreign products become more expensive; and

WHEREAS, other sectors of American manufacturing could be hurt by rising steel and aluminum prices since the tariffs would raise the cost of raw materials for companies such as Ford, General Motors, Boeing, and Anheuser-Busch, and adversely impact jobs in factories owned by those companies; and

WHEREAS, the tariffs could have a negative ripple effect on product pricing if manufacturers pass on the increased cost of steel and aluminum to consumers; and

WHEREAS, currently, only Canada and Mexico are exempt from the tariffs as the U.S. continues to negotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement with both countries; and

WHEREAS, President Trump is using an obscure trade law that allows action to defend national security to impose the tariffs; however, critics claim that this move by the President undermines the rules of the World Trade Organization, and could disrupt the whole global trading system; and

WHEREAS, many politicians, businesses, and nations have denounced the tariffs, and there is growing concern over an impending trade war;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-2018 Federal Legislative Program OPPOSITION to President Donald Trump's Executive Order that imposes tariffs on steel and aluminum imports.

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