



Legislation Text

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Resolution condemning President-elect Donald Trump for threatening the institutions and norms of democracy.

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Whereas, The formal authority of the President is set out in Article II of the United States Constitution;
and

Whereas, Practically speaking, however, Article II sets out only a small portion of the power and authority bestowed upon a President by the American people; and

Whereas, The United States presidency is largely governed by unwritten traditions and expectations that are often referred to as “norms”; and

Whereas, Donald Trump spent his first terms as president threatening the institutions and norms of democracy; and

Whereas, Donald Trump campaigned for President of the United States on threats to the institutions and norms of democracy; and

Whereas, In his first term as president, and in his three presidential campaigns, Donald Trump repeatedly undermined the norms of civility in American politics; and

Whereas, Donald Trump has mocked his political opponents, calling them demeaning names and insulting their looks; and

Whereas, According to the Washington Post fact checker, Donald Trump lied more than 20,000 times by the end of his first term in office; and

Whereas, Donald Trump has repeatedly and baselessly accused his political opponents of treason; and

Whereas, Formal conflict of interest statutes technically do not apply to the president, but all other modern presidents have chosen to follow them; and

Whereas, Donald Trump is the only modern president not to follow federal conflict of interest laws; and

Whereas, Donald Trump is the only modern president who failed to place his financial holdings in a blind trust; and

Whereas, Donald Trump is the only modern president to own and profit from a private business while president; and

Whereas, During his first term in office, Donald Trump's privately held businesses directly profited from his presidency; and

Whereas, Donald Trump has threatened to use the military against an "enemy from within"; and

Whereas, Donald Trump has said that he will be a dictator on his first day as president; and

Whereas, During his 2024 presidential campaign, Donald Trump threatened to punish his political opponents and other perceived enemies over 100 times; and

Whereas, Donald Trump has threatened to imprison members of the congressional committee that investigated the January 6, 2021 attack on the United States Capitol; and

Whereas, Donald Trump has targeted the transgender community, promising to end title IX protections for transgender students; and

Whereas, Donald Trump has threatened to eliminate legal recognition of transgender people; and

Whereas, Donald Trump has threatened to deport millions of non-citizens; and

Whereas, Donald Trump has promised to enact ideological screenings for visa applicants; and

Whereas, Donald Trump has undermined the legitimacy of United States elections; and

Whereas, Donald Trump has falsely claimed that the 2020 presidential election was rigged, thereby undermining voter confidence in election outcomes; and

Whereas, Although foreign interference in United States election is prohibited, Donald Trump explicitly

welcomed the assistance of foreign nations in his first presidential campaign; and

Whereas, Donald Trump was impeached for inviting foreign interference into American policy; and

Whereas, Donald Trump was impeached for inciting an insurrection against the United States government; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York condemns President-elect Donald Trump for threatening the institutions and norms of democracy.

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