



TOWN OF FAIRFAX
STAFF REPORT
April 5, 2017

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution in support of delaying the appointment of any nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution in support of delaying the appointment of any nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court

DISCUSSION

Mayor Reed requested the attached resolution be added to the agenda for the Council's consideration.

ATTACHMENT

Resolution

RESOLUTION 17-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX IN SUPPORT OF DELAYING APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEE TO THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

WHEREAS, there is an ongoing FBI investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 Presidential Election, including the investigation of potential links between President Donald Trump's campaign and the Russian government; and

WHEREAS, there is an ongoing independent investigation by the House Intelligence Committee into Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election, including the investigation of potential links between President Donald Trump's campaign and the Russian government; and

WHEREAS, there is an ongoing independent investigation by the Senate Intelligence Committee into Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election, including the investigation of potential links between President Donald Trump's campaign and the Russian government; and

WHEREAS, until the possibility of coordination between the Trump Campaign and the Russian government to interfere in the 2016 Presidential Election has been eliminated the legitimacy of the Trump presidency is in doubt; and

WHEREAS, President Trump's numerous conflicts of interest, refusal to release tax returns, and information about loans allegedly extended to him by Foreign powers, that could shed light on the extent of benefits to him personally of a wide variety of actions as President, calls into question both the motivation behind actions taken, and the legitimacy of his position; and

WHEREAS, the Emoluments clause of the United States Constitution specifically prohibits the President from receiving benefit from foreign governments, which can occur regularly when officials stay at the numerous hotels and venues regularly used by dignitaries of foreign governments; and

WHEREAS, Republican Senate leaders, relying on the fact that there were only 293 days left of President Barack Obama's term, did not allow a vote on and refused to meet with President Obama's nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court, Judge Merrick Garland; and

WHEREAS, Neil Gorsuch has had a record of siding with corporate interests over the rights of the American People and workers, supported efforts to limit campaign finance laws, sided with efforts to defund Planned Parenthood, agreed that employers should have a say in worker's use of birth control, consistently ruled against rights of the disabled, and has repeatedly declined to hold government authorities accountable for improper searches of people and property; and

WHEREAS, President Trump has nominated Neil Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax hereby supports and encourages the Senate to postpone the confirmation of any nominee to the United States Supreme Court until such time as the pending investigations of the Trump Campaign have been completed and the Trump campaign has been cleared of any wrongdoing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax directs staff to send a copy of this Resolution to Senator Diane Feinstein and Senator Kamala Harris.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted at a special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax held in said Town on the 1st day of March 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

John Reed, Mayor

Attest:
