

RESOLUTION NO. 17-4963

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN OPPOSITION TO
THE PROPOSED EXCESSIVE INCREASES IN
MILITARY SPENDING AND DEEP CUTS TO VITAL
FEDERAL PROGRAMS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DOES
HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, in his proposed federal fiscal year 2018 budget, President Trump is planning to increase military spending by \$54 billion, about a 10% increase, and cut nonmilitary programs by the same amount; and

WHEREAS, the Trump administration said it would exempt Medicare, Social Security, veterans' benefits and law enforcement efforts from the budget cuts, which would lead to deep reductions in federal programs that focus on the environment, education, humanitarian aid, human services, and anti-poverty programs; and

WHEREAS, the long list of programs that are proposed to be cut includes the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, also known as food stamps), student loan programs, federal retiree benefits, disability payments, EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit for the working poor and families with children), federal reimbursement for women's health care services provided by Planned Parenthood, and affordable housing programs such as the Community Development Block Grant and HOME programs; and

WHEREAS, the budget proposes the total elimination of funding for several federal agencies including: the Corporation for National and Community Service; the Corporation for Public Broadcasting; the Institute of Museum and Library Services; the U.S. Trade and Development Agency; the National Endowment for the Arts; the National Endowment for the Humanities; the United States Institute of Peace; and the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, fractions of the proposed military budget could help provide free, top-quality education from pre-school through college, convert the U.S. to clean energy, provide clean drinking water everywhere it's needed on the planet, build fast trains between all major U.S. cities, and double non-military U.S. foreign aid rather than cutting it; and

WHEREAS, the budget proposal illustrates the President's misguided priorities, highlighting the administration's lack of vision for the country and the world's future; and

WHEREAS, the president's budget proposal is not consistent with the City of West Hollywood's core values of Respect and Support for People, Responsiveness to the Public, Public Safety, and Responsibility for the Environment; and

WHEREAS, education, healthcare, transportation, clean water, arts and culture, humanitarian aid, and assistance to refugees, are among the City's priorities, not the unnecessary expansion of the country's military; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of West Hollywood hereby opposes the President's proposal for increased military spending and deep cuts to vital federal programs and urges the United States Congress to move our tax dollars from militarism to human and environmental needs.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 5th day of June, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	D'Amico, Horvath, Meister, Mayor Pro Tempore Duran, and Mayor Heilman.
NOES:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None.



JOHN HEILMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK