

## PETITION

### RESOLUTION NO. 5529

#### **Resolution of the Sebastopol City Council calling for a full investigation, impeachment or resignation of President George W. Bush, Vice President Richard B. Cheney, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld and Attorney General Alberto Gonzales.**

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush, Vice President Richard B. Cheney and Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld intentionally misled the citizens of the United States and the Congress regarding the threat from Iraq in order to justify an undeclared war, a High Crime under Article II, Section 4 of the United States Constitution and a violation of Title 18 United States code, Section 371; and

WHEREAS, President Bush, Vice President Cheney and Secretary Rumsfeld authorized and Attorney General Alberto Gonzales defended the torture against human beings in violation of the "Federal Torture Act" Title 18 United States Code, Section 113C, the UN Torture Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhumane, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, and the Geneva Convention, which under Article VI of the Constitution are part of the "supreme Law of the Land"; and

WHEREAS, President Bush disregarded his Presidential duty when he and his administration failed to quickly and adequately respond to the victims of and devastation rendered by Hurricane Katrina, and the needs of these United States citizens and communities are still ignored in a continuing display of gross incompetence and reckless indifference to execute the laws faithfully; and

WHEREAS, President Bush and Attorney General Gonzales have admitted to ordering the National Security Agency to conduct electronic surveillance of United States civilians without seeking warrants from the Congress in violation of the 1978 FISA law, in violation of Title 50 United States Code, Section 1805; and

WHEREAS, George W. Bush and Richard Cheney acted to strip American citizens of their constitutional rights by ordering indefinite detention without access to legal counsel, without charge and without the opportunity to appear before a civil judicial officer to challenge the detention, based solely on the discretionary designation by the President of a U.S. citizen as an "enemy combatant", all in subversion of law; and

WHEREAS, President Bush, under the guidance of Attorney General Gonzales, has taken the law into his own hands over 700 times to-date by the flagrant and secretive issuance, upon the signing of legislation, of the "Statement of Intent".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Sebastopol City Council requests that Congress demand a full investigation, demand accountability and take appropriate action, up to and including impeachment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Sebastopol City Council requests that our congressional representative, Lynn Woolsey, U.S. Senators Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer make every effort to initiate and support the rescission of Public Law 107-243.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Congress be assured of the City Council's endorsement of House Resolution 635 to create an investigative committee to establish grounds for impeachment, H. Res. 636 to censure President Bush and H. Res. 637 to censure Vice President Cheney and Senate Resolution 398 to censure President Bush; and the Council's endorsement of the State Legislatures of Illinois, California and Vermont resolutions to impeach;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council directs the City Clerk to send copies of this Resolution with a covering letter from Mayor Sarah Glade Gurney to our California Congressional delegation: Representative Lynn Woolsey, Senator Barbara Boxer and Senator Diane Feinstein; to Representative F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr., chair of the House Committee on the Judiciary and Senator Arlen Specter, chair of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary with a request that they copy it to all members of their respective committees, to Representative John Conyers and Senator Russ Feingold, and to the State Legislatures of Illinois, California and Vermont.

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2006.

Approved:

Mayor

AYES: Councilmembers Kelley, Litwin, Pierce, Robinson and Mayor Gurney

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:

City Clerk