

INTRODUCED: June 12, 2017

A RESOLUTION No. 2017-R034

To oppose the proposed Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2018 released by the Office of Management and Budget on May 23, 2017, and urge the United States Congress to reject this proposed budget and develop a budget that adequately funds the needs of local governments and associated political subdivisions such as the City, the School Board of the City of Richmond, and the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

Patrons – Mr. Agelasto, President Hilbert,
and Ms. Robertson

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: JUNE 26 2017 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2017, the Office of Management and Budget released a proposed Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2018 that included revenue and outlay projections for Fiscal Years 2018 through 2027; and

WHEREAS, it has been reported that this proposed budget reduces spending in a variety of areas that affect local governments in general and the City of Richmond in particular, including a reduction in grant funds to the City, the School Board of the City of Richmond, and the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority; and

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: SEPT 25 2017 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Richmond believes that it is in the best interests of the City of Richmond that the City express its opposition to this proposed budget and urge the United States Congress to reject this proposed budget and develop a budget that adequately funds the needs of local governments and associated political subdivisions such as the City, the School Board of the City of Richmond, and the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That the Council hereby opposes the proposed Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2018 released by the Office of Management and Budget on May 23, 2017, and urges the United States Congress to reject this proposed budget and develop a budget that adequately funds the needs of local governments and associated political subdivisions such as the City, the School Board of the City of Richmond, and the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That, upon the adoption of this resolution, the City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to each United States Representative and United States Senator who represents all of any part of the City of Richmond.



Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

Office of the Council Chief of Staff

Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Allen Jackson, Richmond City Attorney
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THROUGH Lou Brown Ali *LB*
Council Chief of Staff

FROM William E. Echelberger, Jr, Council Budget Analyst *WLB*

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TITLE Opposition to the Proposed Federal Budget (Revised)

This is a request for the drafting of an Ordinance Resolution

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Parker C. Agelasto, 5th District Representative
Chris A. Hilbert, 3rd District Representative
Ellen F. Robertson, 6th District Representative

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Land Use, Housing, and Transportation

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

The Patron requests a resolution expressing the opposition of Richmond City Council to the proposed federal budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Further, Council requests that Congress reject such proposed budget and develop a budget that adequately meets the needs of America's local governments, and citizens in the 21st century.

BACKGROUND

Summary:

- The proposed 2018 federal budget plan includes spending and revenue projections for the 2018 to 2027 period.
- According to an analysis published by the New York Times the following highlighted reductions are proposed over the ten year period covered by the budget proposal. All dollars are in billions:

(\$23)	Social Security
(\$68)	Medicare
(\$2,020)	Health
(\$472)	Income Security
(\$154)	Veterans Benefits and Services
(\$356)	Education, Training, Employment, and Social Services, including:
	(\$183) Higher education
	(\$72) Elementary, Secondary, and Vocational Education
	(\$48) Social Services
	(\$25) Training and Employment
(\$261)	Transportation
(\$132)	Natural Resources and the Environment
(\$76)	Community and Regional Development
(\$49)	Disability Insurance Reforms

- The annual Single Audit Reports of Federal Expenditures document the amount of federal funding expended by the City of Richmond and Richmond Public Schools:
 - FY15 \$105.0 million
 - FY14 \$96.0 million
- These proposed federal budget reductions will adversely affect the City of Richmond, and its residents, due to the high poverty rate in the City. According to the Richmond Office of Community Wealth Building, the following statistics describe poverty rates in the City of Richmond for the 2010 to 2014 period:
 - Poverty Rate 25.50%
 - Child Poverty Rate 39.50%
 - Persons in Poverty 51,295
 - Children in Poverty 15,101
- This high poverty rate will make the City, and it's residents, more vulnerable to reductions in federal spending.
- The Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) estimates that, for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the proposed budget for the Department of Housing and Urban Development will result in a (\$7.3) million (-15%) reduction in funding for its housing programs, including reductions of:
 - (\$4.3) million (-68%) in Capital funding, which will adversely impact maintenance of the existing housing stock.
 - (\$1.9) million (-11.4%) in funding for low income housing, which will impact RRHA's ability to support residents and to support Low Income Public Housing operations.
 - (\$1.0) million (-4.2%) in funding for the Housing Choice Voucher program, which will impact RRHA's ability to RRHA's ability to support about 131 families.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes No

Budget Amendment Required Yes No

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact

Attachment/s Yes No