ImpeachDonaldTrumpNow.org Guide for Local and State Resolutions in Support of Impeachment

What is the goal of local or state resolutions in support of impeachment? While the formal impeachment process must be conducted by Congress, local and state governments can play an important role: they can pass resolutions calling on the U.S. House of Representatives to begin the impeachment process. These resolutions can help build public support for impeachment, and make Representatives understand that their constituents favor starting the impeachment process. Representatives and their staff follow the local political mood, and resolutions in support of impeachment resolutions in their home districts and states may help influence them.

The key point is that you are not asking your local or state government to *itself* begin an impeachment investigation. Rather, you are asking your local or state government to pass a resolution calling on the U.S. House of Representatives to open an impeachment investigation. We recommend this model resolution.

Where should I start—my city/town, my county, my state legislature . . . ? Any of these are good, but it's probably easiest to start with your hometown. These guidelines apply to any level of local or state government.

How do I find out whom I should contact in my local and state government? For your local government, visit https://www.usa.gov/local-governments. For your state representatives, visit https://openstates.org/find_your_legislator/.

What is the process for passing a resolution? It's different in all 50 states and in local governments around the country.

What should I say?

You are asking your local or state government to pass a resolution calling on the U.S. House of Representatives to open an impeachment investigation.

While your local or state government cannot *itself* participate directly in the impeachment process, it can almost certainly pass a resolution *asking Congress* to open an impeachment investigation. It is fairly common for local and state governments to pass resolutions asking Congress to take various actions.

What should the resolution say?

We recommend starting with our <u>model local resolution</u>, although of course it can be modified as needed.