

**RES15-033**

Wilmington, Delaware  
June 18, 2015

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Sponsors:

Council  
President  
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**WHEREAS**, The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is a “trade agreement” that abolishes our citizens constitutional right to direct expenditures of our tax dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, a great deal of the TPP grants new multi-national corporate rights, which limits our sovereign right to regulate matters related to land use, natural resources, financial services, healthcare, energy, food safety, labor, government procurement and others, all important to the City of Wilmington, other local jurisdictions, and the State of Delaware; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPP has been negotiated in secret between the United States of America and 11 Pacific Rim nations, which is unacceptable in a democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, the President has asked Congress to approve the TPP under “Fast Track” or the Trade Promotional Authority (TPA), procedural rules, whereby Congress cedes to the Executive Branch its power under Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution, to regulate commerce with foreign nations; and

**WHEREAS**, Fast Track does not require Congress or any independent body to review a trade deal before it is finalized to ensure that it will have a positive impact on the U.S. trade balance, and serves in the best interest of the American people and our local residents; and

**WHEREAS**, trade policies under Fast Track do not ensure that all workers can freely exercise their fundamental labor rights, including freedom of association and collective bargaining; and

**WHEREAS**, Fast Track deals do not require enforceable rules against the use of currency manipulation, which has cost American workers millions of jobs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON**, that the Council urges congress to oppose “Fast Track” authority (TPA) in its current form for the TPP, and instead urges the President

and Congress to conduct a fully transparent and inclusive legislative process for consideration of the TPP.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Council fully supports fair trade that provides greater transparency, robust opportunities for citizen, Congressional participation in trade negotiations, and clear accountability mechanisms, to ensure the Executive Branch initiates trade deals that will benefit the U.S. trade balance, create good family-wage jobs and ensure that state and local governments can continue to legislate and regulate in the best interest of its citizens.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Council urges President Obama and United States Trade Representative Michael Froman to negotiate a Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement that meets the above principles.

Passed by City Council,  
June 18, 2015

Attest: Maribel Seijo  
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 18<sup>th</sup>  
day of June, 2015.

Mary Pilnick  
First Assistant City Solicitor