

Template: City Council Resolution urging Divestment from Tesla and Musk Businesses

Note: sections highlighted green should be added in with local details.

A RESOLUTION calling on the pension and treasury systems of **CITY / STATE** to divest from Tesla, and calling on all government agencies to cancel contracts and commit to doing no future business including procurements, tax liens, subsidies or other investment of public monies in Tesla, SpaceX, Starlink, xAI, Boring Company and any other Musk-controlled business entity.

WHEREAS, Elon Musk, the world's wealthiest man by assets, donated more than [\\$288 million](#) to help elect Donald Trump as the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Elon Musk has spread xenophobic and racist disinformation in [the US](#), [the UK](#), and [Germany](#), and voiced his support of far right parties across the world that are counter to the state values of **CITY/STATE**; and

WHEREAS, at the Inauguration Day event Elon Musk gave a salute that many historians and experts, including Yale University professor and fascism expert, Jason Stanley, believe was [a deliberate Nazi salute](#); and

WHEREAS, since taking office, President Trump has installed Elon Musk as the head of the so-called Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE); and

WHEREAS, in his role at DOGE, Musk has been responsible for actions that many experts believe to be unconstitutional and illegal; and

WHEREAS, one of DOGE's first major acts was to effectively shut down USAID, shutting down more than 5,200 global programs, locking staff out of systems and facilities without warning, and closing the agency's headquarters; and

WHEREAS, on Feb 2nd, Elon Musk bragged about his work destroying USAID on his social media platform, X, writing that "[we spent the weekend feeding USAID into the woodchipper](#)"; and

WHEREAS, on March 18th, a US federal judge ruled that Musk and DOGE's shutting down of USAID "likely violated the US constitution" and ordered a halt to efforts to terminate USAID officials and contractors, and reinstated former employees' access to their government email, security and payment systems; and

WHEREAS, as of April 17th, according to Boston University School of Public Health, the Musk-led unconstitutional act of shuttering of USAID had caused an additional [64,991 deaths of adults and 135,614 deaths of children](#) that would have been avoided if funding for USAID had not been cut; and

WHEREAS, [leaked documents](#) from USAID show that the cuts could result in an additional 18 million cases of malaria, 200,000 children paralyzed by polio and hundreds of millions of infections, and 1 million children not being treated for acute malnutrition, which is often deadly; and

WHEREAS, in early February, the acting commissioner of the Social Security Administration, Michelle King, assured Members of Congress that Elon Musk and DOGE who not be granted access to the Social Security Administration which keeps access to the medical information, tax data and other sensitive personal information on more than 70 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, the following week Ms. King and her Chief of Staff were forced out of the jobs and the Trump Administration had elevated a relatively low level official into the position of the acting head of Social Security, and

WHEREAS, Elon Musk and DOGE then gained access to the Social Security Administration which keeps access to the medical information, tax data and other sensitive personal information on more than 70 million Americans

WHEREAS, on March 20th, a federal judge issued [a temporary restraining order](#) barring the Social Security Administration from granting Elon Musk and members of his Department of Government Efficiency access to sensitive records stored in the agency's systems, or from holding onto sensitive data they had already taken; and

WHEREAS, on February 14th, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), seemingly operating at the behest of Elon Musk, sent an email to staff at the Center for Disease Control (CDC), announcing that all probationary workers would be fired, and

WHEREAS, on February 15th, according to [the Economist](#), roughly 750 people received termination emails from the OPM, and those emails stated: "Your ability, knowledge and skills do not fit the Agency's current needs, and your performance has not been adequate," the email said, without providing any evidence to that effect; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that thousands of other federal probationary workers were fired by the OPM at around the same time; and

WHEREAS, on February 28th a federal judge ruled that "[no statute, anywhere, ever](#)" granted the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) the authority to order probationary firings, and 180 workers were called back; and

WHEREAS, cuts made by DOGE under direction from Elon Musk have [resulted in tens of billions of federal dollars lost for municipal, county and state governments](#), and

WHEREAS, cuts directed by Musk have directly led to the loss of at least **[\$XX]** in critical revenue needed to fund operations of **[[CITY/COUNTY/STATE]]**, and

WHEREAS, Elon Musk's political activities with DOGE have resulted in widespread backlash with hundreds of protests taking place at Tesla showrooms as part of the grassroots "Tesla Takedown campaign" in the past month, including **[[INSERT INFO ABOUT LOCAL PROTESTS]]**; and

WHEREAS, between December 24th and March 24th, Tesla's share price has declined by approximately 37%, wiping hundreds of billions off of the company's stock market valuation; and

WHEREAS, according to a New York Times report, Tesla sales decreased in Germany by 76% in February 2025 compared with a year earlier. Tesla sales have also decreased in France, Denmark, Sweden, and Norway; and

WHEREAS, in the U.S., various reports show a significant decrease in sales this year, coming after annual sales dropped in 2024 for the first time since 2011, and sales of EVs from General Motors, one of Tesla's biggest competitors, jumped 50% in 2024; and

WHEREAS, in China, the world's largest car market, Tesla sales dropped 49% in February from a year earlier and BYD, the largest Chinese car makers sales rose 161%, as BYD also announced, on March 18th, that it had created a charging system that could charge an EV in under five minutes; and

WHEREAS, Tesla posted a \$2.31 billion profit in the fourth quarter of 2024, marking a 71% drop from the \$7.93 billion it earned during the same period in 2023. Tesla's vehicle profit margin also fell to 13.6% in Q4, missing analysts' expectations; and

WHEREAS, Tesla remains one of the most anti-union companies in the U.S. while publicly and regularly opposing internal collective bargaining efforts, and it has experienced continuing widespread allegations of workplace discrimination and harassment. Further, Tesla most recently scored 0.0% in the 2024 CPA-Zicklin Index of Corporate Political Disclosure and Accountability, which reflects Tesla's deep lack of transparency in corporate political spending, and

WHEREAS, every public dollar invested in Tesla, spent on Tesla products, or used to procure products and services or subsidize Elon Musk's business empire may be used later to undercut the same government and the people it serves,

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) **[[City/State]]** shall not use its cash pool to purchase investment securities in Tesla, and shall immediately divest any shares that it currently holds in Tesla; and

- 2) The City Council and Mayor hereby urges the **[[NAME OF CITY PENSION FUND]]** to not make any new investments in Tesla; and
- 3) The City Council and Mayor urges the **[[NAME OF CITY PENSION FUND]]** to divest any shares that it currently holds in Tesla stock by a date no later than June 30th, 2025; and
- 4) The City Council and Mayor hereby require all **[[NAME OF PLACE]]** government agencies to review existing contracts, subsidies and liens with Musk's companies including Tesla, xAI, the Boring Company, SpaceX and Starlink, and propose and execute a plan to terminate those contracts at the earliest possible window; and
- 5) The City Council and Mayor hereby require all **[[NAME OF PLACE]]** government agencies to identify proposed contracts, subsidies and liens benefiting Musk's companies and immediately deny the applications therefore; and
- 6) The City Council and Mayor hereby order that no **[[NAME OF PLACE]]** government agency shall procure products or services from any Musk-controlled business entity