



37th Annual MVHSMUN Conference

“Opus Justitiae Pax”

The Work of Justice Shall be Peace

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Hi delegates, my name is Nishan Kaura and I will be your head chair for this committee. I am a senior at Laguna Hills High School and this is my fourth year in MUN. Outside of school, my hobbies include: arranging Skittles by color, putting my shoes on backwards, and skating. I look forward to seeing all of you in committee !

Hello and welcome delegates! My name is Kylie Uehara and I am so excited to be your vice chair for Novice US Senate at MVHS MUN. I am a sophomore at Mission and this is my second year in MUN. Aside from MUN, I am part of the MVHS softball team and I play softball outside of school as well. When I am not studying or on the weekends, I spend most of my time catching up on the sleep I miss out on due to taking a first period. I am looking forward to meeting you all soon!

Topic #1: Donald Trump Impeachment

I. Background of Topic

This complex issue began with a phone call that Donald Trump made on July 25. The President asked the president of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky, to investigate Hunter Biden (son of former vice president Joe Biden). Hunter Biden used to be a chairman of Ukrainian oil company Burisma. Burisma is the largest natural gas provider in Ukraine. The oil company has been investigated for corruption multiple times, both in 2012 and 2014. Trump wanted information on whether the son of the former vice president had been involved in any corruption in his time with Burisma. In order to ensure that Trump would receive the information he was seeking, the President withheld \$391 million dollars in aid. Ukraine uses a large part of their aid from the US for defense purposes, such as securing its border with Russia. This information was made public in mid-September by a whistleblower who is known to be a top White House Official. There are numerous people involved, from White House officials, to lawyers, to the President and Vice president themselves. However currently there are known actors who are confirmed to be directly involved with the scandal: Donald Trump who made the efforts to withhold aid to discover information about his political opponent. Vice President Mike



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Pence, who conveyed messages from Trump to Ukraine, and was consulted on the actions taken by Donald Trump. Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, who is known to have been on the phone call with Donald Trump. William Barr, who Donald Trump used as his main method of communication from the US to Ukraine. Rudy Giuliani who was also used as an envoy to Ukraine. This issue is deep and complex and involves more than the people listed. In mid-September, speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi formally began impeachment proceedings. These proceedings began for multiple reasons. The primary charges against Donald Trump are: soliciting campaign contributions or help from foreign nationals, extortion, bribery, and misappropriation of taxpayer funds. This is due to the fact that Trump claimed he would withhold aid until the investigations on the Bidens began.

II. Impeachment Proceedings

The first step in the impeachment process is an investigation. These investigations are normally done by a House Judiciary Committee, however this is not always the case. For Trump's allegations, the investigation is being held by the House Intelligence Committee. After the investigations, the House of Representatives will hold a vote to formally confirm the allegations made against the President. If the vote passes with a simple majority, the President is considered impeached, however not removed from office. After this, the senate will try the accused President. Once the accused has been tried, the Senate will deliberate on whether or not to convict the official. When members of the Senate have been given a chance to voice their opinions, the vote takes place. The Senate vote requires $\frac{2}{3}$ of those present to convict. If the senate votes to convict, the President is removed from office. For our purposes we will be focusing on the Senate side of the proceedings. We will assume that the House has voted to impeach Donald Trump, and the Senate has already tried the President. Committee will take place in the deliberation section of the impeachment process. In committee, delegates will voice whether or not to impeach based off the information given during the trial. Delegates will be provided the conclusions of the House investigation, and current information at the start of the committee.



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III. Party Positions

Delegates will be representing either a Democratic or Republican senator. Each senator will have a different stance. Democrats normally favor impeachment, and Republicans are not so favorable towards the concept. However this is not always the case; senators can change their stance at anytime. It is important to research how each senator stands on the impeachment of the president, and represent that in committee.

IV. Guiding Questions

1. Is what Donald Trump has done worthy of removing him from office?
2. The Senate has specific requirements to remove an official from office. The convictions crime must fall under “Treason, Bribery, High Crimes or misdemeanors.” Do the allegations placed on Donald Trump fall under these categories?
3. How should the Senate handle other officials involved in this issue ?