

★ Roll Call Number

Agenda Item Number

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Date June 4, 2007

Communication from Michael Rentiers, representing Iowa Youth Leadership Town Hall, requesting to speak regarding support for Iowa Town Hall on global trade issues and the manufacturing and agriculture industry.

Moved by _____ to receive and file comments.

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CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

Mayor

City Clerk

REGISTRATION FORM TO SPEAK AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

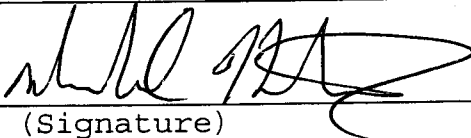
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To: The Honorable Mayor
and
Members of the City Council
City of Des Moines, Iowa
c/o City Clerk

I/We Michael Rentiers / Iowa Youth Leadership Townhall,
(Please Print)

hereby request permission to speak at the Des Moines City Council
meeting of June 4, 2007, regarding

Support for Iowa town Hall on global trade issues,
+ the manufacturing + agriculture industry. In addition,
to encourage participation by the Council Members

Name: 
(Signature)

Address: Iowa State University

Daytime Phone: 803-269-9295

PROCEDURAL RULES OF DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL:

Part III. Agenda

Rule 16. Citizen Agenda Requests. Any citizen may request
the right to have an item placed on the Agenda (including a
request to speak) by filing such request in writing with the City
Clerk prior to noon on the Wednesday preceding the Council
meeting.

Part V. Citizen Participation

Rule 27. Citizen's Right to Address Council. Persons other
than Council Members shall be permitted to address the Council
only upon specific Agenda Items.

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1 A Resolution

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TO REQUEST THAT THE IOWA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND THE IOWA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE MANUFACTURING AND AGRICULTURAL SECTORS AND HARD WORKING FAMILIES OF IOWA, TO SUPPORT STRONG TRADE POLICY, AND TO TAKE SWIFT AND RESPONSIVE ACTIONS TO HALT UNLAWFUL BARRIERS TO FAIR AND FREE TRADE.

Whereas, Iowa's manufacturing sector, as well as suppliers and ancillary businesses, has lost more than 27,000 jobs since 1998; and

Whereas, Manufacturing employs more than 70,652 people in Polk County, accounting for 20 percent of the jobs in the county; and

Whereas, Agriculture employs more than 20 percent of the people in the state of Iowa; and

Whereas, Agriculture in Polk County accounts for nearly 1.7 percent of the jobs in the county, representing a \$1.72 billion effect on the local economy; and

Whereas, Manufacturing is a vital part of the Iowa and American economy, providing tens of millions of families with jobs; and

Whereas, American manufacturing creates, on average, four indirect and support jobs for every one job it creates; and

Whereas, Foreign governments that provide huge subsidies to their domestic agriculture businesses directly and adversely impact Iowa and American farmers. Free trade in agriculture means more global markets would be opened to domestically produced agricultural products.

Whereas, \$136 billion in wages are expected to shift from the U.S. to low-cost nations by 2015; these American jobs go to workers who are paid just pennies per hour in unsafe conditions, and who receive no medical or other benefits; and

Whereas, the United States trade deficit has been fluctuating between \$60 billion and \$70 billion per month, and surpassed \$725 billion in 2005; and

Whereas, Industries that once were the pride of their communities and employed generations of the same families have lost jobs to foreign nations where labor is artificially cheap, where currency is illegally manipulated, and where environmental standards are not enforced, rendering domestic manufacturing unable to compete; and

Whereas, Youth leaders at Iowa State University have joined across party lines to recognize the importance of these issues to all Iowans and Americans and that this council encourages attendance at the Youth Leadership Town Hall Meeting on June 21, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hilton Coliseum on the campus of Iowa State University.

47 Now, Therefore, Be it resolved by the Des Moines City Council:

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49 That the Des Moines City Council, on behalf of the citizens and business of Des Moines, by this
50 resolution, encourage the Iowa General Assembly and the Congressional Delegation of Iowa to
51 stake a strong position on behalf of fair and free trade. Free trade can only succeed if the rule of
52 law is diligently applied; and

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54 Be it Further Resolved:

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56 That the Des Moines City Council urges citizens of Des Moines to support strong trade policy
57 and act in a manner that can best help preserve, protect and defend the vital manufacturing and
58 agricultural jobs and products of Des Moines.

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