

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 170655)

RESOLUTION

Calling on the City of Philadelphia to stand with Nabisco workers and protect American jobs by supporting a no-buy policy of Nabisco/Mondelēz products manufactured outside the U.S.

WHEREAS, In July 2015, Mondelēz closed its Nabisco bakery in Northeast Philadelphia to send three-hundred and fifty jobs from Philadelphia to a plant in Monterrey, Mexico, where wages can be as low as \$4 a day, after workers refused to accept company demands of \$46 million in wage and benefit cuts annually in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, Over the past twenty years, Nabisco has closed plants in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, PA, Houston, TX, Niles, OH, St. Elmo, IL, and Buena Park, CA, all while earning over \$50 billion in annual revenues; and

WHEREAS, Plant closures and shifts of production to low-wage countries have had a negative impact on communities and families, as well as city and state tax bases; and

WHEREAS, Nabisco has benefitted and continues to benefit from the labor, skill, and dedication of its American workforce who diligently worked to build this iconic brand; and

WHEREAS, While Nabisco has closed plants and taken advantage of low-wage workers, its top executives and shareholders, including Irene Rosenfeld, CEO of Mondelēz, made approximately \$185 million over eight years, while billions of dollars went to the largest investors in dividends and stock buybacks; and

WHEREAS, Bad corporate trade deals and moving jobs overseas, which lowers American pay and sends U.S. jobs offshore, have become the go-to strategies for corporations across the country; and

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WHEREAS, The City Council of Philadelphia supports the Philadelphia Council AFL-CIO in their opposition to any of Mondelēz/Nabisco's future attempts both regionally, nationally, and globally to destroy family sustaining American jobs by moving them to low-wage economies like Mexico; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA, Calls on the City of Philadelphia to stand with Nabisco workers and protect American jobs by supporting a no-buy policy of Nabisco/Mondelēz products manufactured outside the U.S.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Philadelphia adhere to this no-buy policy until Nabisco and its parent company Mondelēz reverse their decision to send production to Mexico and move these family sustaining jobs back to Philadelphia.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the twenty-second of June, 2017.

Darrell L. Clarke
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers O'Neill and Greenlee

Sponsored by: Councilmembers O'Neill, Greenlee, Taubenberger, Parker, Blackwell, Bass, Henon, Domb, Green, Johnson, Gym, Jones, Squilla, Oh and Reynolds Brown