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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TAKE NO ACTION ON CHENEY RESOLUTION

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During the August 14, Board meeting, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors took no action on a Resolution to encourage the United States House of Representatives to initiate an investigation to determine whether the actions of Vice-President Richard B. Cheney warrant an impeachment trial by the United States Senate. The proposed resolution was brought forward by Supervisor David Colfax, 5th District.

Supervisor Colfax stressed the importance of the Resolution, claiming "We are not going to ensure that any action will happen, but it will be an action to record and recognize that what the United States is doing in Iraq is benefiting some elements of this country at the very high cost of not only those in Iraq, but those at home."

The Resolution specifically referenced reports that Vice-President Cheney was involved in the illegal disclosure of the identity of CIA agent Valerie Plame, the authorization of the abuse and torture of military prisoners and has economically benefited from his former, and continuing, association with the Halliburton Corporation.

Supervisor John Pinches, 3rd District, argued that although this is an important issue, it was one that could not truly be addressed by local governments, "This is strictly an issue for the federal government, We have 100 senators and 435 representatives, that's 535 individuals who haven't come to a conclusion on this. We have some real issues to deal with, you've stated your message, but this is not an issue for the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors".

Adding to the Board's decision, Chair Kendall Smith, 4th District, commented "I think we need to focus the work of this Board on what we need to do here locally."