

Statement of Solidarity with Texas

On January 24, 2024, the Governor of Texas, Greg Abbott, stated how the federal government has “broken the compact between the United States and the States.” This Statement of Solidarity is to confirm that the City of Huntington Beach stands with Texas Governor Abbott in believing that President Biden has failed in one of his primary duties as President of the United States in protecting our borders and enforcing our federal laws “and has even violated them.”

In this dereliction of duty, President Biden and his administration have exposed the States to undue threat and sent a message that the United States is lawless and the States have no say in how they govern themselves. President Biden and his administration have attempted to suppress Texas from protecting itself from an invasion into Texas that is affecting the whole country in a very negative manner and is threatening the sovereignty of the United States. President Biden is responsible for the federal government’s overreach in its attempt to prohibit Texas from protecting itself in areas where the federal government has grossly failed (or has succeeded if the Biden administration’s goal is the destruction of the United States that we respect and love).

The City of Huntington Beach is familiar with the effects of a higher government interfering with self-governance. Governor Newsom and his administration have demonstrated a lack of respect for Huntington Beach’s quest of self-governance to protect itself from Governor Newsom’s housing mandates; these mandates that threaten the self-governance and well-being of the City of Huntington Beach are similar to the Biden Administration’s open border policy that is threatening the destruction of Texas and the rest of the United States. These acts of higher government unrighteously exercising and enforcing power over smaller governments as both the Biden and Newsom administrations are doing are the acts equal to that of a rogue bully (an analogy: these acts are similar to a 17 year old schoolyard bully slapping down an 8 year old little child and letting him/her know that fighting back will only make life worse for him/her).

This is a critical time in our history across the country that we (every citizen and all levels of government) need to come together, respectfully work together, and stand together for the future and well-being of the United States of America. We need to stand strong and resolute together as citizens and as governing bodies in respecting the rights of all citizens and in the powers of every level of governance to do what is best for our communities.

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