



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS REPORT

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: COUNCIL MEMBERS NATALIE MOSER, BARBARA DELGLEIZE, AND DAN KALMICK

DATE: JANUARY 19, 2021

SUBJECT: CONDEMNING THE SEDITIOUS ACTS OF VIOLENCE AT THE U.S. CAPITOL ON JANUARY 6, 2021, AND AFFIRMING THE CITY’S UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES

On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, domestic violent extremists including protestors supporting President Trump violently breached and desecrated the United States Capitol and threatened the health and safety of Congress, staff, and visitors. This event led to the deaths of five Americans, including a Police Officer and has been condemned worldwide as a domestic terror attack against the United States government and the ideals which have made our nation the historical standard bearer for duly elected and democratic self-governance.

Of note, the agitators violated several principles that underpin American democracy, chief among them a commitment to the peaceful transfer of power. While the protestors at the Capitol may have grievances that are reflective of the great political divide and frustration that exists within our communities, the violence with which the protestors acted in an attempt to subvert the will of the country simply cannot be tolerated. These seditious acts must be discussed openly and denounced by community leaders if we are to learn from the mistakes of the past and prevent such heinous actions in the future.

Therefore, I ask that the Huntington Beach City Council join me in unequivocally condemning the act of insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, and affirming our unwavering commitment to American democratic principles. And in acknowledging this violent event, I urge the City Council to recommit to and model democratic practices.

Let us steady ourselves and return to the work of problem-solving through effective policy and thoughtful debate via our representative government and, likewise, between neighbors. And, let us work toward the goals of peace and trust-building in our community.

By taking this action, it is my great hope that we are able to strengthen the democratic ideals that the protestors attempted to undermine, and that the Huntington Beach City Council use this opportunity to both isolate the insurrection as a standalone moment in history that we together overcome and work to heal the divisions which exist within our own community.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

I recommend that the City Council unequivocally condemn the act of sedition and insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, and affirm Huntington Beach’s unwavering commitment to American democratic principles and practices.