

## **Resolution on the Pro-Trump Assault on Congress**

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Whereas the peaceful transfer of power is fundamental to a functioning democracy;

Whereas there is no doubt that Vice President Joseph Biden and Senator Kamala Harris won the 2020 presidential election with 306 electoral votes;

Whereas President Trump was caught on tape pressing the Republican Secretary State of Georgia to “find 11,780 votes,” with his request being flatly rejected by the Secretary;

Whereas President Trump has a history of lauding and encouraging violent behavior by his supporters;

Whereas on January 6, 2021, President Trump declared to a rally of his supporters on the White House Ellipse that “We're going to walk down and I'll be there with you... we're going to walk down to the Capitol-- And we're going to cheer on our brave senators and congressmen and women and we're probably not going to be cheering so much for some of them. Because you'll never take back our country with weakness. You have to show strength and you have to be strong;”

Whereas, after President Trump’s speech on the Ellipse, rightwing seditionists invaded the U.S. Capitol to prevent Congress from counting the 2020 electoral votes as required by Article II Section 1 of the Constitution;

Whereas these seditionists vandalized government property and terrorized members of Congress and congressional staff, with their actions resulting in at least five deaths, including a police officer;

Whereas U.S. Presidents take the following oath: “I solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States;”

Whereas it is self-evident based on the events that unfolded on June 6, 2021, that President Trump failed to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution to the best of his ability;

Whereas there was a visible and stark difference between the police response to the sacking of the Capitol by the overwhelmingly white crowd of Trump supporters and the response to the

diverse and largely peaceful demonstration that occurred in Washington, D.C. over the summer of 2020 in response to George Floyd's murder; and

Whereas the United States can only move past the darkness of the Trump years and come together if justice is duly served and our leaders show through their words and actions that they support the rule of law. Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved* that the Alexandria Democratic Committee—

- 1) calls on the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate to swiftly convene, impeach, convict, and remove President Donald Trump to address the harm he has done to the Constitution and the nation;
- 2) condemns the mendacious efforts of Congressional Republicans, including Senators Josh Hawley and Ted Cruz, to groundlessly cast doubt on the outcome of the 2020 election and disenfranchise millions of Americans through abuse of the Electoral Count Act;
- 3) demands the swift arrest and prosecution of all individuals who engaged in sedition, insurrection, homicide, incitement, vandalism, trespassing, and other illegal activities associated with the invasion of the United States Capitol complex; and
- 4) calls for a thorough investigation of the failed police response on June 6, 2021, and for steps to be taken to ensure that no group of protestors experiences a discriminatory and excessive use of police force due to the group's race or ideology.