

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2021, Legislative Day No. 2

Resolution No. 5-21

Introduced by Ms. Lacey, Mr. Pruski, Ms. Rodvien, and Ms. Pickard

By the County Council, January 19, 2021

1 RESOLUTION condemning the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol Building on January
2 6, 2021, and urging the ~~peaceful transition of power on Inauguration Day~~ disqualification
3 of Donald J. Trump from holding office

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5 WHEREAS, incited by ~~then~~-President Donald J. Trump, on January 6, 2021, a mob
6 unlawfully breached the U.S. Capitol Building, injured law enforcement personnel,
7 defaced and destroyed public property, and menaced Members of Congress and the
8 Vice President as they sat in a Joint Session to certify the results of the November
9 2020 election; and

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11 WHEREAS, those responsible for planning, aiding, and carrying out such actions
12 must be held responsible for their criminal and/or unconstitutional acts; and

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14 WHEREAS, elected officials at all levels of government, including this Council,
15 are sworn to support the U.S. Constitution, to uphold the law, and do their jobs to
16 the best of their ability; now, therefore, be it

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18 ~~Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That it offers its~~
19 ~~deepest condolences to the family of Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick, who gave his~~
20 ~~life defending the Capitol, and applauds the other members of the U.S. Capitol Police who~~
21 ~~faithfully carried out their duty to protect those who were lawfully inside the Capitol~~
22 ~~Building from the rioters and insurrectionists; and be it further~~

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24 Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That it offers its
25 deepest condolences to the families of Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick, who gave his
26 life defending the Capitol, and those of Officers Howard Liebengood and Jeffrey Smith,
27 who took their own lives in the aftermath of the insurrection; and be it further

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29 Resolved, That this Council applauds the other members of the U.S. Capitol Police who
30 faithfully carried out their duty to protect those who were lawfully inside the Capitol
31 Building from the rioters and insurrectionists on January 6, including but not limited to
32 Officer Eugene Goodman, a U.S. Army veteran whose quick thinking and brave actions
33 that day have since been hailed for preventing untold bloodshed and defending American
34 Democracy; and be it further

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates amendments to the resolution.
~~Strikeover~~ indicates matter stricken from the resolution by amendment.

1 *Resolved*, That ~~it~~ this Council acknowledges and affirms the right of the people to
2 peaceful means of protest, as secured by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and
3 be it further

4 *Resolved*, That ~~it~~ this Council denounces the repeated, unchecked dissemination of
5 misinformation, conspiracy theories, and lies by former President Donald J. Trump and his
6 accomplices and surrogates, in particular those which were intended to undermine public
7 confidence in the certified results of the November 2020 election, which he lost; and be it
8 further

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10 *Resolved*, That ~~it~~ this Council condemns the intimidation, harassment, or threatening
11 of any person who is involved in any aspect of conducting and certifying a free and fair
12 election, in an attempt to change the outcome of that election, as well as the incitement and
13 use of violence to intimidate, harass, or threaten such persons or the public; and be it further
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15 *Resolved*, That due to ~~the President's~~ his egregious misconduct in undermining the
16 election results and inciting a violent insurrection against the U.S. Congress and his own
17 vice president, Donald J. Trump should be permanently disqualified by Congress from
18 holding any office of honor, trust, or profit under the United States or any State; and be it
19 further

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21 ~~*Resolved*, That it demands a peaceful transition of power to President Elect Joseph R.~~
22 ~~Biden and Vice President Elect Kamala D. Harris on Inauguration Day, January 20, 2021,~~
23 ~~to be followed by a thorough investigation and prosecutions of the insurrectionists as~~
24 ~~advised by the new U.S. Attorney General; and be it further~~

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26 *Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to U.S. Senators Benjamin L. Cardin
27 and Chris Van Hollen; U.S. Representatives C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger III, John P.
28 Sarbanes, Anthony G. Brown, and Steny H. Hoyer; Senator Sarah K. Elfreth, Chair, Anne
29 Arundel County Senate Delegation to the General Assembly; and Delegate J. Sandy
30 Bartlett, Chair, Anne Arundel County House Delegation to the Maryland General
31 Assembly.

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED: February 1, 2021

READ AND PASSED this 1st day of February, 2021.

By Order:


Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 5-21, AS AMENDED, IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND
DULY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.


Sarah F. Lacey
Chair