

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-22**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA,  
DEFENDING DEMOCRACY AND THE SACRED RIGHT OF VOTING AND  
CONDEMNING THE EVENTS OF JANUARY 6, 2021, AT THE CAPITAL BUILDING**

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**WHEREAS**, voting for our elected officials is a sacred right enshrined in the US Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, a violent mob attempted to prevent the peaceful transfer of power to allow the will of the people to install Joe Biden as the 46<sup>th</sup> President of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6 insurrection found “evidence from multiple witnesses,” and “documents on file” revealing that Congressman Scott Perry (R-PA) used an encrypted texting app, documenting that “the president was watching television coverage of the attack from his private dining room adjoining the Oval Office” and that “[e]ven after the crowd ultimately dispersed late in the day, then-President Trump, through his legal team, continued to seek to delay or otherwise impede the electoral count”; and

**WHEREAS**, there is evidence that former President Trump made phone calls in the hours before January 6, pressing his allies into a scheme to replace Biden’s certified electors with uncertified electors pledged to him; and

**WHEREAS**, insurrectionist Robert Palmer of Florida, who threw a fire extinguisher at police on January 6 in the worst of the fighting at the U.S. Capitol, blamed Trump for lying to supporters that the election was stolen and calling on them to “stand up to tyranny.” Palmer was sentenced to more than five years in prison. Others have likewise implicated Trump in their defense pleas; and

**WHEREAS**, former President Trump’s Chief of Staff Mark Meadows had encrypted material on his cell phone which included a PowerPoint outlining how to overturn the election and emails about the National Guard protecting pro-Trump protesters, as well as texts with members of Congress about undermining the election results; and

**WHEREAS**, text messages Mark Meadows had exchanged as the attack was ongoing with Republican lawmakers, Conservative media personalities, and the former president’s eldest son revealed that Trump and his allies were well aware of the attack on the Capitol and did nothing to stop it for a full three hours; and

**WHEREAS**, this raises the question of Donald Trump corruptly seeking to obstruct or impede Congress’s proceedings, which would be a dereliction of duty and this is a serious federal crime; and

**WHEREAS**, multiple lawsuits found no evidence of voter fraud, eight senators and 139 representatives voted to sustain objections to the official vote count; and

**WHEREAS**, preservation of democracy requires honoring the sacred right of voting, which is a basic Human Right which must be defended.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of the Richmond City Council, do hereby call on all of our fellow residents to defend this Human Right and to stand against all foes foreign and domestic that attempt to subvert or take this right away.

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I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held January 11, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin,  
Willis, Vice Mayor Johnson III, and Mayor Butt.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTENTIONS: None.  
ABSENT: None.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN  
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND  
(SEAL)

Approved:

THOMAS K. BUTT  
Mayor

Approved as to form:

DAVE ALESHIRE  
Interim City Attorney

State of California            }  
County of Contra Costa        }       : ss.  
City of Richmond                }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 1-22**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on January 11, 2022.



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Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond