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## City Council Leaders Call for the Impeachment of President Trump Following the “Stop the Steal” Attempted Coup of the US Capitol

**Los Angeles - January 12, 2021** –Today, Los Angeles City Councilmembers introduced a resolution supporting the decision by House Democrats to file an impeachment resolution charging President Trump with inciting an insurrection. Councilmembers Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Paul Koretz and Mitch O’Farrell joined Council President Nury Martinez to introduce the resolution urging Democrat and Republican leaders to impeach the president for efforts to subvert and obstruct the certification of the results of the 2020 Presidential election.

"President Trump calling upon his misguided followers made up of white supremacists, anti-Semites, and racists to overthrow the government is a clear act of sedition seeking to topple our great democracy. It portrays the deteriorating mental state of a madman, not a President of the United States sworn to uphold the Constitution," **said Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz of the Fifth District.** "Trump presents a clear and present danger to our democracy and needs to be removed from office immediately to prevent him from committing any further damage."

"The only way for our communities to heal and come together is by holding accountable those who are responsible for inciting violence through lies and racist rhetoric," **said Los Angeles City Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson of the Eighth District.** "This is a determining moment in our Nation’s history and leaders will be measured by how we respond. This is an opportunity for America to make it clear what our country values, and to reclaim the integrity of our Democracy. As long as he remains in office, Trump represents a clear and present danger to the stability of our nation."

"Donald J. Trump must be held fully accountable for seeking to destroy our democracy and encouraging the seditious, racist and violent attacks by domestic terrorists that left death and destruction in its aftermath at our US Capitol last week," **said LA City Council President Nury Martinez.** "President Trump must pay the price for his leadership role in this stunning attack, whether he has one day or 1,460 days left in office."

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“After the general election in November, Trump’s own cyber security official called it, “the most secure in U.S. history.” Numerous recounts and nearly 60 dismissed lawsuits by the president’s henchmen only reconfirmed that finding. And yet, Trump’s co-conspirators in the House and Senate went along with his big lie that the election was stolen and on Wednesday after the murderous insurrection, led the charge to disenfranchise voters in two states to overturn the election results,” said **Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell of the Thirteenth District**. “Donald Trump and those members of Congress have disqualified themselves from serving in office and must be held accountable for their role in undermining our Democracy.”

In his public address to his supporters, President Trump encouraged members of the crowd to interfere with the Joint Session's solemn constitutional duty to certify the results of the 2020 Presidential election. As a result, the insurrectionists unlawfully breached and vandalized the Capitol, injured and killed law enforcement personnel, and engaged in other violent, deadly, destructive, and seditious acts. The attempted coup resulted in five deaths, a possible outbreak of COVID 19 amongst Congressional members and the mob of insurrectionists, damage to the Capitol and Congressional offices, and disgrace to the American people and our democracy.

Hundreds of rioters were photographed inciting violence while ransacking the building and smiling while looting congressional items such as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's lectern. Many of the individuals involved in the riots have already been identified and are facing federal charges.

In the formal impeachment resolution introduced by the House of Representatives, the City of Los Angeles concurs that, "In all this, President Trump gravely endangered the security of the United States and its institutions of Government. He threatened the integrity of the democratic system, interfered with the peaceful transition of power, and imperiled a coequal branch of Government. He thereby betrayed his trust as President, to the manifest injury of the people of the United States." The Los Angeles City Council is urging Congressional and Senate leaders to vote to impeach the president posthaste.