

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

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Resolution Condemning Political Violence and Promoting Peaceful Political Discourse

WHEREAS, the Democratic National Committee (DNC) is committed to upholding democratic principles, including the right to peaceful assembly, freedom of speech, and civil discourse in the political process; and

WHEREAS, political violence undermines the foundation of democracy, creates divisions within communities, and threatens the safety and well-being of citizens; and

WHEREAS, incidents of political violence and intimidation have demonstrated the urgent need for a unified stance against such actions, in order to foster a safe and constructive environment for political engagement; and

WHEREAS, Donald Trump has repeatedly threatened his political opponents with prosecution and the use of military force, refused to condemn acts of violence on his behalf, used violent and dehumanizing rhetoric about those with opposing political views, and praised perpetrators of political violence; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2021, Donald Trump directed a violent mob to march on the Capitol in an effort to overturn the results of a free and fair election, leading to 140 law enforcement officials being injured and police officers losing their lives; and

WHEREAS, not only did Donald Trump refuse to take any action for hours on January 6 as his supporters stormed the Capitol threatened lawmakers, but he has also defended and pledged to pardon insurrectionists who were convicted for their roles in the assault on the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, the DNC recognizes that political violence in any form, including physical attacks, intimidation, threats, and harassment, is antithetical to the principles of democracy and the values of the Democratic Party; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee unequivocally condemns all forms of political violence and intimidation, regardless of ideology or affiliation, and affirms its commitment to ensuring that political processes remain free from violence and coercion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DNC encourages all political candidates, public officials, party members, and supporters to engage in respectful and peaceful discourse, even in the face of disagreement or protest; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DNC calls upon law enforcement agencies, community leaders, and other political organizations to work collaboratively to prevent violence, de-escalate tensions, and protect the rights of individuals to participate safely in political activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DNC supports ongoing efforts to provide education and training on de-escalation, conflict resolution, and nonviolent communication for party members and the public; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution shall be communicated to all members of the Democratic Party, shared widely with the public, and reaffirmed as an essential commitment to upholding democratic values and creating a safe and inclusive political environment for all.