

CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION 31985

A RESOLUTION calling on federal government officials to immediately remove U.S. President Donald J. Trump from office by any means permitted by the U.S. Constitution, including impeachment, for violating his oath of office on January 6, 2021 or for committing any other high crimes and misdemeanors.

WHEREAS, an article of impeachment has been introduced in the House of Representatives of the United States of America in the name of itself and of the people of the United States of America, against Donald John Trump, President of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, its impeachment article charges him with “incitement of insurrection” in violation of his constitutional oath to faithfully execute the office of President of the United States and, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and in violation of his constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed—Donald John Trump has abused the powers of the Presidency by attempting to unlawfully overturn the results of the November 2020 Presidential election in the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council supports impeachment articles for action taken on January 2, 2021, when President Trump violated his constitutional duty when, on a recorded call, he named unspecified consequences if Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger did not overturn the finalized and verified results of the November 2020 Presidential election in the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, President Trump has repeatedly made false claims that he won the November 2020 presidential election and, according to ABC News,¹ said on January 6, 2021, “*We will*

¹ ABC News: <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/trump-told-supporters-stormed-capitol-hill/story?id=75110558>.

1 *never give up, we will never concede,*” even though it has been confirmed by election
2 officials and the courts that President-elected Joe Biden not only won approximately
3 7,000,000 million more popular votes but also earned 306 electoral votes compared to the
4 loser Trump, who earned only 232 electoral votes under the election process established
5 by the U.S. Constitution; and

6 WHEREAS, Donald John Trump has abused the powers of the Presidency to incite violence and
7 orchestrate an attempted coup against our country when, on January 6, 2021, he
8 encouraged individuals to travel to Washington, District of Columbia with the intent of
9 inciting violence and obstructing Congress in engaging in its constitutionally mandated
10 legislative business of certifying the electoral college results of the 2020 election; and

11 WHEREAS, Donald John Trump incited a crowd of supporters in Washington, D.C. to violently
12 attack the United States Capitol while both chambers of Congress were in session, saying
13 “You’ll never take back our country with weakness. You have to show strength and you
14 have to be strong,” and after those supporters had violently breached the Capitol, he put
15 out a further statement repeating his false claims of election fraud and telling the
16 members of the mob, “We love you, you’re very special;” and

17 WHEREAS, these and other false or inciting statements encouraged – and foreseeably resulted in
18 – imminent lawless action at the Capitol, in which a mob unlawfully breached the
19 Capitol, injured and killed law enforcement personnel, menaced Members of Congress
20 and the Vice President and staff, interfered with the Joint Session’s solemn constitutional
21 duty to certify the election results, and engaged in violent, deadly, destructive, and
22 seditious acts; and

1 WHEREAS, on the same day that Donald John Trump incited supporters in Washington, D.C.,
2 to violently attack the United States Capitol, a crowd of his supporters, some of them
3 bearing weapons, gathered at the Washington State Governor’s residence in Olympia,
4 broke through a security fence in contravention of law enforcement in an act of
5 intimidation, requiring the emergency evacuation of the Governor and First Lady, and left
6 only when law enforcement officers were called in from additional jurisdictions to repel
7 them; and

8 “WHEREAS, King 5 News² reported several Washington State elected officials, including
9 Governor Jay Inslee and the members of Congress representing Seattle, have called for
10 President Trump’s removal from office;” and

11 WHEREAS, Donald John Trump has consistently demonstrated that he will remain a threat to
12 national security and democracy if allowed to remain in office; NOW, THEREFORE,

13 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**
14 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

15 Section 1. Donald John Trump, by the conduct listed in the recitals to this resolution, warrants
16 impeachment and trial, removal from office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of
17 honor, trust, or profit under the United States of America.

² King 5 News: <https://www.king5.com/article/news/politics/washington-lawmakers-trump-removal-25th-amendment/281-94cef4df-34de-4fe2-85ca-bc1dd31f39ab>

1 Adopted by the City Council the 11th day of January, 2021,

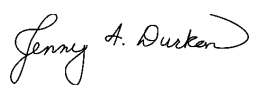
2 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 11th day of

3 January, 2021.



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5 President _____ of the City Council

6 Concurred by me this 15th day of January, 2021.



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8 Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

9 Filed by me this 15th day of January, 2021.



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11 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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