



## City of Portland

Today in Washington D.C. the United States witnessed an attempted coup from right wing terrorists and white supremacists' intent on destroying our democracy. Our democracy is sacred, and these actions are absolutely reprehensible. The City of Portland condemns these actions in the strongest possible terms. The situation in our nation's capital is incredibly dangerous, destructive and despicable. The City of Portland is closely monitoring the situation and thinking of the safety of Oregon's congressional delegation, staff, journalists, and all those in and around the capitol during this attack.

This is beyond unacceptable. It's disturbing the President would use extreme violence against Black Lives Matter protests while allowing White Supremacists to storm the Capitol so easily. We look forward to a thorough national investigation explaining how this could happen.

This is the culmination of four years of divisive, hostile rhetoric from the White House. As your Portland City Council, we stand united in support of the confirmation of President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris. It's time to move forward. It's time to accept the will of the people.

In Portland, with a new City Council and a long history of working together, we have an opportunity to show the nation and the world what it means to put aside our differences on behalf of the common good. That will require listening, patience, and elected officials making the changes our community desires.

Today, we pledge to work together to find solutions to address the legitimate concerns of our community. We reiterate our support for democracy and the peaceful transition of power. We call on every Portlander to stand with us and condemn this attempted coup.

To the people of Portland, we want to assure you we will continue to monitor the situation and ensure we as a community are safe.

Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty      Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Carmen Rubio      Commissioner Mingus Mapps