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February 2, 2021

Mayor and Councilmembers
City of Long Beach
411 W Ocean Blvd
Long Beach, CA 90802

Re: Agenda Item 2 of the February 2, 2021 meeting of the Long Beach City Council

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

I write in support of Item 2, a resolution condemning recent attacks on our democracy.

On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, the world witnessed the appalling attack at the U.S. Capitol, which delayed official certification of the results of the 2020 Presidential election - a long standing democratic tradition cemented into our nation's commitment to a peaceful transition of power. What we witnessed was an attempted erosion of that commitment. The destruction at the Capitol was the result of domestic terrorism and reflected our nation's vulnerable and divided civil society.

Fortunately, our institutions prevailed and our duly elected President and Vice President were sworn into office. With that said, we must remain vigilant in defense of our Constitution.

Our democracy is our nation's best asset aboard and by far our most important weapon in promoting freedom across the world. As a retired Colonel in the United States Army, I fought in defense and promotion of those values. I am saddened to have witnessed not only that ideal being desecrated, but also by the needless loss of life of five Americans, two of which served in the United States Military.

I strongly encourage the members of the Long Beach City Council to denounce violence and support this resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T. Umberg".

Thomas J. Umberg
State Senator, California District 34
Colonel, United States Army (ret.)