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Mayor Garcia and City Council
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Dear Mayor Garcia and City Council,

On Wednesday January 6th, 2021, the day during which a Joint Session of the United States Congress was to procedurally certify our presidential election, I found myself fearing for my safety, the safety of my colleagues, and the security of our democracy.

As the duly elected Representative for California's 47th Congressional District, I strongly condemn the insurrection that took place, threatening my own life and the lives of thousands of innocent people. I, therefore, wholeheartedly support agenda item 28, a discussion regarding the City taking a position to condemn the attack on the Capitol, and respectfully encourage the Council to join me in denouncing the violence enacted by domestic terrorists and those who incited the assault against our democracy.

Ultimately, while this attack was insufficient to prevent Congress from fulfilling its constitutional duties and certifying our nation's elections, it was not without a cost. As of today, five lives were lost, including that of Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick who died in defense of the Capitol and our democracy. I would also like to acknowledge the subsequent passing of Capitol Police Officer Howard Liebengood who dedicated his life to protecting the halls of the Senate. It is with their sacrifices in mind that I believe, now, more than ever, we must stand united for our institutions and republic at every level of government.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to the Council's discussion.

Sincerely,

Alan Lowenthal
Member of Congress

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January 19, 2021

Long Beach City Council
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Dear City Councilmembers,

Thank you to Councilmember Roberto Uranga for requesting a resolution to condemn the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. President Trump incited and encouraged his followers for months by pushing baseless election conspiracy theories – culminating in a speech on January 6 where he said, “We’re going walk down to the Capitol, and we’re going to cheer on our brave senators, and congressmen and women. We’re probably not going to be cheering so much for some of them because you’ll never take back our country with weakness.” A violent mob then descended on the Capitol and attempted to stop the valid certification of a free and fair election. These rioters thankfully failed in their attempt. Undeterred by this attempted insurrection, Congress continued with the people’s business of certifying the electoral victory of President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris from our great state of California.

Thank you to the leadership of Mayor Garcia and the entire Long Beach City Council for requesting this resolution and for ensuring the safety of our community during these challenging times. I would also like to commend the City for the roll out of your vaccine distribution program and for ensuring residents and businesses are provided the support they need to get through this pandemic.

I will continue to fight in Congress to ensure our constituents receive the federal resources they need and I look forward to passing President Biden’s COVID relief package with more relief for working families and local governments.

Sincerely,

Nanette Diaz Barragan

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Member of Congress

California State Senate

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LENA A. GONZALEZ
THIRTY-THIRD SENATE DISTRICT



January 19, 2021

The Honorable Robert Garcia and City Council Members
Mayor of the City of Long Beach and City Council
411 West Ocean Blvd, 11th Floor
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Honorable Mayor and Members of the Long Beach City Council,

I write to express my strong support for item 28, which directs the City Attorney to prepare a resolution condemning the insurrection and violence at the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021.

As State Senator representing California's 33rd Senate District, I condemn the egregious and unlawful behavior at the U.S. Capitol. The attack on the U.S. Capitol was shameful and a dangerous attempt to stand in the way of our democratic elections. The violent insurgents damaged the Capitol building, vandalized its halls and offices, stole government property, menaced members of Congress and their staff, and occupied the United States Senate Chambers, which delayed the Joint Session of Congress performing its duty to count the Electoral College vote. Tragically, five people lost their lives, including Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick, who was beaten to death by the insurrectionists.

Our country will overcome the dark events, which transpired, and our democracy will prevail against these horrible transgressions. We must stand united together as Americans now more than ever. I continue to send my good thoughts to all those affected by the U.S. Capitol attack and truly thank our congressional representatives who continue to fight for justice.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at (562) 256-7921 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lena Gonzalez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Lena Gonzalez
Senator, Senate District 33