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For the record, I sent the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager the proposed Proclamation.

Thanks again for your help in participating in Zoom Council.

best wishes, Gaby

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From: **Gaby Dolphin**
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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,:

Since January 6th Alameda has felt growing tensions in the streets, in our schools and local social media (Nextdoor). Sometimes a “pause” is needed to punctuate the moment and, in so doing, state unequivocally where our City stands at the most basic level. With the on-going flood of mis-information coming on the heels of the “big lie” it just needs to be said. Is it too dangerous to do so? May I ask if one or more would be interested in “taking a deep breath” with our community and recommitting?

I appreciate any consideration you might give this Proclamation.

Thank you for all you are doing

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Warm wishes,
Gabrielle Dolphin

ALAMEDA'S 2021 PROCLAMATION IN DEFENCE OF DEMOCRACY

Whereas: on January 6th, 2021 insurrectionists attacked the U.S. Capitol intent on stopping the constitutionally mandated certification of the official 2020 election results and thereby interrupt the peaceful transition of governmental power, and

Whereas: the FBI has determined anti-government, White Supremacist and racists militias to be the driving ideologies behind the organization and implementation of the attempted insurrection, and US national intelligence directors tell us the danger has not passed and the gravest threat to our country is domestic violent extremist; and

Whereas: domestic violent extremists are radicalized by the “big lie” promoted still by a former president, on social media and extremist right wing “news” outlets; and

Whereas: the national escalating conflict between democratic and authoritarian principles and ideologies is a conflict felt in the City of Alameda, on our streets, in our schools and in our “local” social media; Alameda like the nation as a whole is faced with a fundamental choice: democracy or autocracy. Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: The City of Alameda condemns in the strongest terms the insurrection of January 6th on our Nation’s capital and the violent domestic extremism that caused it, and

BE IT RESOLVED: The City of Alameda pauses at this moment to re-affirm our commitment to the institutions, customs, and norms of democracy; that we are a nation under law, with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all.