

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD MEMBER INITIATIVE**

SUBJECT: Resolution to Call for the Resignation of 33rd District
Delegate Dave LaRock

ELECTION DISTRICT: Countywide

CRITICAL ACTION DATE: January 19, 2021

STAFF CONTACTS: Rey Banks, Chief of Staff to Supervisor Briskman
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PURPOSE: To seek a vote to demand accountability, condemnation, and resignation of General Assembly Delegate David LaRock, who represents Loudoun County, for his inaccurate and divisive language and actions surrounding the insurrection on the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION: Supervisor Briskman recommends approval of the attached resolution.

BACKGROUND: On November 3, 2020, Joseph R. Biden defeated the sitting president, Donald R. Trump in a free and fair election. The Electoral College officially declared Joseph R. Biden as the winner on December 14, 2020. Congress set the date of January 6, 2021 to officially certify the results of the election. Leading up to the day of certification, numerous right-wing extremist groups widely publicized and disseminated plans to converge upon the U.S. Capitol in an attempt to disrupt and stop the certification, at the urging of the sitting President, through violence and intimidation. The insurrection resulted in damage, numerous injuries and the deaths of five people, including that of a U.S. Capitol Police Officer, and was well documented for the entire world to witness. Law enforcement has cited disinformation as the leading cause that contributed to a peaceful protest becoming a violent mob that invaded the U.S. Capitol. As evidenced by his [official website](#) and [Facebook](#) page, Delegate David LaRock (R-33) spread disinformation that the 2020 election was fraudulent, despite documented and litigated proof that no such fraud exists. Del. LaRock also has attended at least two Stop the Steal Rallies, on November 15, 2020, in Loudoun County and January 6, 2021, in Washington, D.C., which culminated in the insurrection on the Capitol. He encouraged and supported the insurrection through his word by continuing to spread a harmful and false narrative, and through his actions by attending the rally in D.C.

In the intervening days, several arrests have been made by law enforcement agencies, including the FBI. Many former supporters of President Donald J. Trump, his appointed cabinet members and staff, and legislators have issued full-throated condemnations of these activities and of his

incitement of the incident. Trump is now being impeached for a second time for encouraging and inciting the insurrection. Others, including the subject of this resolution Del. David LaRock, have issued statements that continue to claim that the election was stolen and that the insurrectionists were not Trump supporters but rather Black Lives Matter and Antifa. This is false. Steven D'Antuono, the assistant director in charge of the FBI's Washington Field office, told reporters that investigators had seen "no indication" Antifa activists were disguised as Trump supporters in Wednesday's riot.

DRAFT MOTIONS:

1. I move that the Board of Supervisors condemn in the strongest language the disinformation spread by Delegate LaRock that the 2020 election was fraudulent and stolen, his active participation in at least two Stop the Steal Rallies, and his refusal to condemn the actions of the rioters while claiming that the insurrectionists were not Trump supporters but rather Black Lives Matter and Antifa. And that the Board further call for his immediate resignation.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Resolution Calling for the Resignation of Dave LaRock

Loudoun County Board of Supervisors

Resolution Calling for Resignation of Delegate David LaRock

WHEREAS Since the founding of America, the peaceful transition of power after a Presidential Election has always been a hallmark of our democracy and a shining example for other countries to follow; and

WHEREAS On November 03, 2020, Joseph R. Biden prevailed in the Presidential election earning 306 Electoral College votes and on December 14, 2020, the U.S. Electoral College declared Biden winner of the Presidential election, therefore designating him U.S. President-elect, and set the date of January 06, 2021 for the U.S. Congress to convene and certify the election result and Biden’s win; and

WHEREAS False allegations of who prevailed in the 2020 Presidential election were promulgated and repeated by elected officials at the federal, state and local level, various “stop the steal” events attracted protesters and hate groups who made themselves known publicly through social media and broadcast their intentions to converge on the U.S. Capitol to disrupt the certification, commit violence against legislators and attempt to overturn the results of a free and fair election. These seditious actions led to injury, destruction of property, and the death of five people, including a U.S. Capitol police officer; and

WHEREAS Virginia State Delegate David LaRock (R-33) attended a “Stop the Steal” rally on November 15, 2020 and repeated false information that the 2020 election was “rigged,” and fraudulent votes were cast. Delegate LaRock also attended the “Stop the Steal” rally on January 6, 2021 in Washington D.C., where that same false narrative was repeated, and which culminated in an attempted insurrection at the United States Capitol, putting in danger the lives of 535 members of Congress and the Vice-President of the United States; and

WHEREAS Del. LaRock continues to promulgate disinformation about a certified free and fair election; misleads the public by making false assertions of who stormed the U.S Capitol and has not lived up to his oath of office to protect and defend the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Virginia against all enemies foreign and domestic and has demonstrated that he is unfit to represent Loudoun County with honesty and integrity and should resign from office forthwith.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors does condemn the actions of Delegate David LaRock and demand he resign from his seat representing the 33rd District of Virginia, which includes Loudoun County, immediately.