

# **Restore Democracy**



Dear Democrat,

This January 6, the United States confronted a day of infamy, when our very own President, in an attempt to overturn the results of a free and fair election, fomented an insurrection which has left five people dead and rocked our country to its core.

If the rule of law is to prevail, then the President, those who aided him, and those who looked the other way for four years while he trampled on our democracy must be held accountable.

The House of Representatives has rightly impeached President Trump. We are also calling for the **investigation**, **sanction and possible expulsion** of those in Congress who voted to delegitimize the election results. As for those elected officials who have been complicit by their silence, we commit to opposing them at the ballot box in the 2022 midterms and the 2024 presidential elections.

We ask that you stick with us in this fight. It will be neither easy nor short, but it will be worthy.

Already we have accomplished much. Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, public servants who cherish our Constitution, will be inaugurated on January 20 as the President and Vice President of the United States. And with the swearing in of Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff as the U.S. Senators from Georgia, Democrats will control both chambers of Congress, giving Biden the chance to move his progressive agenda forward.

There is much work to be done to build back the guardrails of our democracy, and in the months ahead, we will share with you steps each of us can take.

If you're wondering what you can do right now, here are some things to consider:

## **Promote a National Reckoning**

- Sign on in support of Rep. Cori Bush's bill to investigate and potentially expel the members of Congress who violated their oath of office by voting to overturn the election based on false claims of fraud
- Join us in <u>our call for investigation</u> of why the Capitol police failed to protect Congress
- Support statehood for the District of Columbia, giving D.C.'s citizens long-overdue representation in Congress, and giving its leaders the ability to call up its own National Guard when needed to put down an insurrection sign up <u>here</u> to receive updates
- Write op-eds or letters to the editor of <u>The Mercury News</u>, <u>Metro</u> <u>Silicon Valley</u>, or the <u>San José Spotlight</u>, calling on GOP leaders to speak out against Phil Reynolds, a member of the Santa Clara County Republican Party's central committee, for <u>posting on Facebook</u> during the storming of the Capitol, urging citizens to "take arms"

#### Support Biden and Harris – and our communities

On January 18, two days prior to the inauguration, Biden and Harris are calling on all Americans to join a <u>National Day of Service</u>. On January 19, one day prior, they are <u>inviting cities and towns</u> across the country to illuminate buildings and ring church bells as a memorial to the more than 350,000 Americans who have lost their lives to COVID-19.

To support the Day of Service, we have launched a fundraiser for the Second Harvest Food Bank, with results to be announced virtually on January 18 at 11 a.m.. Donate <u>here</u> and sign up <u>here</u> to attend the virtual announcement.

We have also asked cities and towns in our county to participate in the memorial for COVID victims. San Jose will illuminate its City Hall, and we expect other cities and towns to follow suit. To join in, light a room at the front of your home at 5:30 p.m. Pacific time.

Finally, with all that happened last week, now more than ever we should come together to celebrate our peaceful transition to the Biden-Harris Administration. Join us via Zoom starting at 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday, January 20, to hear Joe Biden take the oath of office at 9:00 a.m. Pacific time, and to listen together to his inaugural address.

### Stay united in battling COVID-19

If you have questions about anything related to COVID-19, visit the county public health department's site <u>here</u>.

For information on state aid available to small businesses in California, go <u>here</u>.

### And remember:

In acting together, we gain amazing strength!

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