

January 20, 2021

Chairpersons Amy DeGise and Barbra Stamato,

The insurrectionist attack on the US Capitol this month was a direct threat to American democracy and the peaceful transfer of power. The attack threatened the lives of US legislators, the staff of the US Capitol complex, and resulted in five deaths. The violent challenge of an election result is an assault on our democratic government at all levels. The threat of political violence after this attack has already disrupted our own state legislature. Members of both parties should, rightly, condemn these attacks and the politicians who fueled this insurrection with lies, misinformation, and calls to action.

The enablers of this violent insurrection exist both on national and local level. Last Wednesday, Jersey City Councilperson Richard Boggiano was the only councilmember to abstain on [a resolution](#) condemning these attacks and calling for the impeachment of President Trump. In his statement on the vote he said that he feels Jersey City Council has no place condemning the President. This is wrong. A threat on democracy at the national level is a threat on democracy at every level of government. This builds on his career that has included introducing right-wing conspiracy theories at council meetings, standing against police accountability, and aligning himself with the 'All Lives Matter' racial grievance movement.

The vote in council in favor of this resolution was unanimous, less Boggiano's vote. This mirrors the unanimous vote of the Democratic caucus in the House of Representatives on the articles of impeachment and a [similar resolution](#) on the state level. On this issue Democrats at all levels speak with one voice.

As Committee persons in the Hudson County Democratic Organization and the Jersey City Democratic Committee, we call on you to take action to condemn Councilperson Boggiano's vote and the injection of Trump's politics into local government. We also ask that you pledge to not spend any HCDO or JCDC funds on Councilperson Boggiano's city council race. Funds raised by the Democratic party should not be spent to endorse a candidate whose views are so opposed to the ideals of our party and our community.

Signed,

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