

RESOLUTION

2021-01

SUBJECT: Any and all political violence from any party or group be denounced emphatically.

PRESENTED BY: Dustin Sherman

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Whereas the Abbott Loop Community Council and all of its residents wherein denounce any and all forms of political violence;

Whereas community councils were established in the municipality in order to provide a form of robust debate about issues to the community, neighbors and individuals who participate and have dialog germane to the area in which they reside;

Whereas in a democracy the system is predicated on robust conversation with the understanding we may not always agree; policies are best hammered out through sometimes difficult dialog and policies settled through the civil process;

Whereas we have 245 years of history the broad majority of which the citizens have figured out how to disagree and maintain civility;

Whereas that of late, the conversation has become tense and difficult, at time characterized by violent rhetoric and actions;

Whereas during 2020 while many places saw disagreements break in to civil unrest and violence, so far in Alaska we have continued to find ways to disagree without resorting to violence, but instead have used the civil means available to us, such as peaceful protests in public settings, appealing to our representative government to redress our grievance, turning to the courts when those grievances aren't heard; all the means are recognized in our constitution, and that have evolved over the centuries of the American experiment in self-governance;

Whereas that despite all of the positive elements present in or community there exists in darker places, threats of violence that are becoming more present in the light;

Whereas that we have a responsibility to ourselves and to each other to build towards a better community;

Whereas groups such as Antifa, Proud Boys, KKK, The Sharps, Oathkeepers and the NFAC and individuals who subscribe to the idea of ACAB (All Cops Are Bastards) have all contributed to the violent rhetoric that we have seen over the last 4 or 5 years and have no place in a civilized democracy; and

Whereas the Abbott Loop community council strongly denounces any and all political violence and violent rhetoric; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Abbott Loop Community Council:

1. denounces any and all political and violent rhetoric that endangers our republic and sovereignty;
2. supports ongoing and robust civic engagement and denounces violent political rhetoric or action and calls on Anchorage residents to continue maintaining civility in the process;

3. asks the Anchorage Assembly to pass this Resolution as well.

Mover: Dustin Sherman, ALCC Board Member

Seconded:

Passed this day, February 25, 2021.