

A Resolution Condemning Political Violence
Resolution No. 2025-_____

WHEREAS, the United States was founded upon the principles of liberty, justice, and the inherent rights of all people as recognized in the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, the recent assassination of Charlie Kirk is a tragic and intolerable act of political violence; and

WHEREAS, political violence has become too common in the United States, including the recent assassinations of Melissa Hortman and her husband as well as the hundreds of politically motivated killings and other violent acts that have occurred in recent years; and

WHEREAS, political violence in any form undermines the rule of law, threatens civil order, and attempts to silence lawful expression through fear and force; and

WHEREAS, our nation's founders recognized that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and that consent must be expressed through free debate, lawful assembly, and fair elections — not by coercion or bloodshed; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Council affirms that while citizens may differ in their views, such differences must always be expressed through peaceful and lawful means, never through threats, intimidation, or violence; and

WHEREAS, Clark County, as a government entity and an employer of more than 1,700 people, is committed to inclusiveness and protection for the constitutional rights of all residents, which include a diversity of viewpoints and speech protected under the first amendment; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of both government leaders and private citizens to reject violence, defend constitutional liberty, and uphold the natural rights endowed by our Creator; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that all members of our community come together to resolve conflicts peacefully and seek unity in our shared values of mutual respect; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL, STATE OF WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS

The Clark County Council unequivocally condemns violence in all its forms, including the assassination of Charlie Kirk, gun violence in schools and communities, and threats to elected officials and residents. This Council declares that acts of violence against other people shall never be tolerated as legitimate tools of political expression and urges all citizens to reaffirm their commitment to the principles of the Constitution and Bill of Rights, to resolve differences peacefully, and to protect the freedoms that secure our Republic. This Council commits itself to be deliberate and intentional in its efforts to engage one another and the community in

36 constructive, honest, and substantive dialogue in order to improve the quality of life for our
37 residents and create a culture where violence has no place in our politics.
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39 ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Clark County Council on this 21st day of October, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Attest:

Clerk to the Council

By: _____
Sue Marshall, Chair

Approved as to Form Only:
ANTHONY F. GOLIK
Prosecuting Attorney

By: _____
Glen Yung, Councilor

By: _____

By: _____
Michelle Belkot, Councilor

By: _____
Wil Fuentes, Councilor

By: _____
Matt Little, Councilor