A Resolution Condemning Political Violence and the Assassination of Charlie Kirk

Resolution No. 2025-10-02

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 Constitution and Bill of Rights guarantee the freedoms of speech, press, religion, and assembly, which are essential to the preservation of a free and self-governing people; and

WHEREAS, the assassination of Charlie Kirk, a national political and religious leader and advocate, is a tragic and intolerable act of political violence that strikes at the very heart of these constitutional freedoms; 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, 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, 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, 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;

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

The Clark County Council unequivocally condemns political violence in all its forms, including the assassination of Charlie Kirk, and declares that acts of violence shall never be tolerated as legitimate tools of political expression. This Council 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.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Clark County Council this 14th day of October, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Attest:

Clerk to the Council

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

By: Christine Cook

By: Vay Marshall Chair

Sue Marshall, Chair

Glen Yung, Councilor

By: Michelle Belkot, Councilor

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