

CITY OF LAGO VISTA

RESOLUTION 24-2068

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGO VISTA, TEXAS
CONDEMNING ALL ACTS OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND TARGETED
HARASSMENT.**

WHEREAS, the North Shore Republicans of Travis County and the North Shore Democrats of Travis County have adopted a joint resolution on July 14, 2024, calling for the City Council of Lago Vista to adopt a resolution affirming its commitment to a community free from acts of political violence and targeted harassment, and

WHEREAS, a free and open democratic society depends on the ability of all citizens to participate in the political process without fear of violence or intimidation, and

WHEREAS, political violence and targeted harassment pose grave threats to democratic institutions, civil discourse, and the fundamental rights of citizens, and

WHEREAS, recent years have seen a disturbing increase in incidents of political violence and harassment targeting elected officials, candidates, activists, and ordinary citizens, and

WHEREAS, such acts undermine the foundations of democracy and erode public trust in governmental institutions.

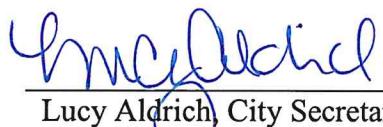
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF LAGO VISTA, TEXAS THAT:**

1. This body unequivocally condemns all acts of political violence and targeted harassment, regardless of the perpetrator's political affiliation or motivation.
2. We reaffirm our commitment to protecting the rights of all individuals to engage in peaceful political activity and express their views without fear of retaliation or harm.
3. We call upon law enforcement agencies to thoroughly investigate all incidents of political violence and harassment and to prosecute offenders to the fullest extent of the law.
4. We urge political leaders, public figures, and media organizations to refrain from rhetoric that may incite violence or encourage harassment of political opponents.
5. We support educational initiatives to promote civil discourse, conflict resolution, and respect for diverse political viewpoints.
6. We encourage the development and implementation of enhanced security measures to protect elected officials, candidates, and others at risk of political violence or harassment.

7. We call for increased cooperation between government agencies, social media platforms, and community organizations to identify and address threats of political violence and harassment.
8. We commit to fostering a political culture that values peaceful debate, mutual respect, and the peaceful transfer of power as cornerstones of our democratic system.

AND, IT IS SO RESOLVED. PASSED AND APPROVED this 1st day of August 2024.

ATTEST:



Lucy Aldrich, City Secretary


Kevin Sullivan, Mayor

On a motion by Councilor Roberts, seconded by Councilor Saum, the above and foregoing instrument was passed and approved.