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Texas Organizations Call For Resignations After Attack On U.S. Capitol

Press Conference demands accountability from Texas officials

AUSTIN, TX (January 23, 2021) – A coalition of 70+ organizations from across Texas organized a virtual press conference on Saturday, January 23, 2021 to call for the resignations of the Texas officials complicit in the domestic terror attack on the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. Speakers included **Neil Aquino** of Indivisible Houston, **Dr. Candice Matthews** of Texas Coalition of Black Democrats, Harris County Chapter, **Chanté Davis** of Sunrise Movement Houston, **Rep. Ron Reynolds** of Texas House District 27, **Cristina Tzintzun Ramirez**, founder of JOLT and Latino Families Forward, and 2020 U.S. Senate Candidate; and **Alexander Montalvo** of Indivisible TX Lege.

The coalition released a statement on January 8, 2021 officially requesting the resignations of all those complicit in the January 6th attack, and re-iterated this demand in the press conference, adding their support for the efforts to expel, censure, disbar, begin ethics investigations into and cease campaign donations to the complicit congressmen, as well as continue the impeachment hearing of Donald Trump.

“This attack on our democracy was enabled by extremist politicians, many of whom represent Texans,” Montalvo said. “This behavior cannot be normalized, and in order for us to heal and move forward, we need accountability.”

Reminding viewers of the purpose of the day, Tzintzun Ramirez also highlighted Ted Cruz and his Republican allies’ efforts to suppress the votes of BIPOC Texans, to undercount immigrant Texans in the census, and Ted Cruz’s fundraising email during the insurrection asking supporters to help him subvert democracy on the floor of the senate. Speaking in both English and Spanish, Tzintzun Ramirez brought the focus of the press conference to the forefront.

“We’re here because there is no greater crime against the American people than the treasonous act of trying to end our Nation’s over 220-year-old tradition of the peaceful transfer of power,” Tzintzun Ramirez said. “We represent millions of Texans that share one simple belief - if you don’t believe in American democracy, you have no place serving in it. “

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In addition to demanding accountability, the coalition called for all Texans of conscience to speak out.

“This is beyond politics - this is about the foundation of our democracy,” Dr. Matthews said. “We need republican leaders who will stand up and fight to protect our democracy. We need political leaders in Texas who truly believe in justice, equality and democracy. Where are you?”

Though many of the speakers were seasoned activists and leaders, Davis stood out as the sole voice of Texas’ youth. A junior in highschool, Davis reminded viewers that grassroots activists have been calling for the resignation of Ted Cruz since before the insurrection on January 6th, citing his environmental policies and inadequate leadership.

“The actions of these so-called leaders have made grassroots organizing harder than it needs to be,” Davis said. “They have darkened the light of democracy for future generations.”

Echoing the words of Dr. Matthews, Rep. Reynolds made the point that accountability should not be a partisan question, but a question of fulfilling the oath that these officials swore when they took office.

“It is time to speak truth to power and hold them accountable,” Rep. Reynolds said. “I stand 100% with the coalition in support of removing these office holders. They have failed in their constitutional duties.”

The original statement by the coalition has now been signed by over 70 grassroots and professional organizations across the state, as well as more than 850 individual Texans. The coalition is still adding organizations and individuals to the signatories daily, and asked that anyone interested in supporting their efforts sign on at the Indivisible Texas Lege website.

Speaking from the original statement Aquino re-iterated “We believe in the power of democracy and the power of the People. Those who have proven that they would prefer to destroy the country must surrender their power permanently. Their power is vested in us, and they have shown themselves willing to use it abusively.”

To view the full statement, a list of coalition members and the list of lawmakers the coalition is asking to resign, please visit indivisibletxlege.org/statement.

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ABOUT INDIVISIBLE TEXAS LEGE

Indivisible TX Lege is an all-volunteer, grassroots organizing group focused on the Texas Legislature. Using the [Indivisible tactics](#) of holding elected representatives in the Texas State Legislature accountable, organizers are ensuring Texas lawmakers are listening to and following the lead of all their constituents in order to create a better future for Texans of all kinds. For more information on our organizing huddles and priority issues, please visit indivisibletxlege.org

ABOUT THE COALITION

The coalition behind the call for resignations is made up of over 70 grassroots and professional organizations from all over the state. To view the full list of coalition members, please visit indivisibletxlege.org/statement.