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Statement of the Natick Select Board

Our Shared Responsibilities to Democracy

The Natick Select Board joins with leaders at the local, state, and federal levels and in the private sector in condemning the shocking and disgraceful events of last Wednesday on Capitol Hill.

We support the right of all people to engage in peaceful protests, the right to petition, and the right to free speech. The unlawful actions of last week, however, were an attempt to thwart the will of the American people as expressed in a legally conducted election. It was an attack on democracy itself, and we strongly condemn it. We call for accountability for those who acted unlawfully and for the leaders and others who encouraged or supported such actions by words and deeds.

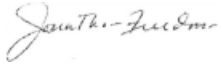
In light of the flagrant expressions of racist, anti-Semitic, and anti-LGBTQ speech that characterized the event, we reaffirm our commitment to the value of all people.

We mourn the loss of Capitol Police officers Brian Sicknick and Howard Liebengood. We extend our gratitude to those members of law enforcement who risked their lives to protect our country, and who continue to do so.

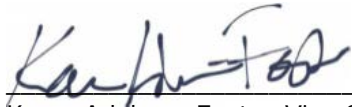
We call on the community of Natick – and ourselves – to do better. To remember that words matter, and truth matters. And we call upon our community to remember that, as Americans, far more unites us than divides us.

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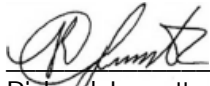
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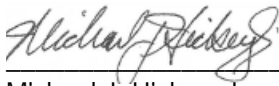
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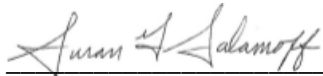
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