RESOLUTION NO. _____ **- 2023**

EXPRESSING the opinion of Council that Donald Trump is ineligible to be a candidate for the presidency of the United States; and **REQUESTING** that the Ohio Secretary of State exclude Donald Trump from the 2024 primary election ballot.

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution states: "No person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, or elector of President and Vice-President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any State, who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof"; and

WHEREAS, on and leading up to January 6, 2021, then-President Donald Trump encouraged and helped coordinate a violent attack on the United States Capitol building, hoping to overturn the results of a lawful presidential election; and

WHEREAS, the attack on the Capitol occurred on the day that Congress was set to formally recognize President Joe Biden's electoral victory; and

WHEREAS, in the weeks leading up to the attack, Trump pressured Vice President Pence to overturn the election by throwing out lawful electoral votes; and

WHEREAS, on the day of the attack, when Congress was certifying the results of the election, Trump wanted his supporters to march to the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, during the attack, Trump condemned Vice President Pence for refusing to block the certification of President Biden's electoral victory; and

WHEREAS, after the attack, Trump called his supporters "great patriots" and stated, "These are the things and events that happen when a sacred landslide election victory is so unceremoniously and viciously stripped away" before telling his supporters to "Go home with love" and "Remember this day forever!"; and

WHEREAS, this attack on the Capitol amounted to an insurrection and rebellion against our democratically elected government; and

WHEREAS, bipartisan majorities in both houses of Congress have declared those who attacked the Capitol as "insurrectionists," the United States Department of Justice has declared the attack as an "insurrection," and at least sixteen federal judges have called the attack an "insurrection"; and

WHEREAS, because Trump engaged in an insurrection against our democracy and provided aid and comfort to the attackers on January 6, 2021, the Fourteenth Amendment forbids him from holding any office under the United States; and

WHEREAS, Trump cannot appear on any presidential election ballot, including any ballot in a primary election, if he is ineligible to be elected to the presidency; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That it is Council's opinion that Donald Trump is ineligible to be a candidate for the presidency of the United States.

Section 2. That Council requests that the Ohio Secretary of State exclude Donald Trump from the 2024 primary election ballot.

Section 3. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council, and that copies be provided to the Ohio Secretary of State through the office of Councilmember Victoria Parks.

Passed:_____, 2023

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:_____
                    Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Victoria Parks