



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A Resolution opposing the Republican National Convention in Nashville and Davidson County.

WHEREAS, Nashville is a city for all people that has a history of coming together in times of need and working alongside one another regardless of political party; and

WHEREAS, Nashville is protective of its citizens and will not tolerate any potential threat to its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the primary mission of the Republican Party is to elect Republicans who support the United States Constitution and share its values; and

WHEREAS, despite this national mission, and at great detriment to our nation, candidates promoted by the Republican National Convention (RNC) have become increasingly volatile; and

WHEREAS, while individuals of all political alignments were once able to work together, some members of the Republican Party now sow hatred and spread misinformation; and

WHEREAS, some elected Republicans have refused to condemn white supremacy and have spread misinformation about the COVID-19 virus and the COVID-19 vaccination; and

WHEREAS, some elected Republicans have also refused to accept the results of the 2020 presidential election, leading to the insurrection at the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of January 6, many Republican officials have supported or refused to condemn the attempted insurrection; and

WHEREAS, many Republican officials also continue to oppose common-sense gun ownership, despite more than 250 mass shootings in the United States so far this year, including 27 school shootings in which 56 people have been injured and 24 children killed; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the City of Nashville stand together to oppose violent rhetoric and ideology displayed by some in the Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, in this unstable political time, inviting a political convention of any party to Nashville and Davidson County brings with it security concerns as well as concerns over increasingly divisive rhetoric; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is also under consideration as the site of the RNC in 2024; and

WHEREAS, the RNC's presence in Nashville in 2024 is inappropriate, both due to the increasingly hateful rhetoric in the Republican Party and the cost and security concerns that a major political event brings with it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY

Section 1. That the Metropolitan County Council hereby goes on record as opposing the Republican National Convention within Nashville and Davidson County.

Section 2. That the Metropolitan County Council discourages other city leaders, including leaders in commerce, education, and elected office, from participating in or supporting any political convention, especially

financially, within Nashville and Davidson County.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.