

## Belmont Human Rights Commission Condemns Violent Assault on our Nation's Capitol

The Belmont Human Rights Commission strongly condemns the violent assault on our nation's Capitol on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. This was a direct attack on American democracy and illustrates the continued divisiveness that pervades our country today.

Those who were involved in inciting the violence and those who perpetrated it should be held accountable for their actions. Furthermore, we strongly object to the language invoked on the House floor praising the Compromise of 1877 which effectively ended Reconstruction, furthering the cause of a systemically racist government in the American South with reverberations throughout the entire country.

We should hold our elected officials to a standard of integrity and honesty, and we should work together to combat systemic injustice and build a society that upholds the rights and lives of all.

The Belmont Human Rights Commission expresses our deepest condolences to those who lost their lives during this violent assault. We condemn all acts of violence. We support every person's right to peaceful demonstrations. We are dedicated to fighting injustice in all forms and to increasing visibility and awareness of issues regarding diversity and discrimination to all citizens. Please contact us at <u>Belmont.hrc@gmail.com</u> or 617-993-2795.

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