

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE RECALL OF OAKLAND MAYOR SHENG THAO**

WHEREAS, Oakland Mayor Sheng Thao was elected by the majority of Oakland voters and was sworn in on January 9th, 2023, where she inherited the largest budget deficit in Oakland history, an unprecedented increase in crime that began in 2020, and a City recovering from a global pandemic that led to an economic downturn nationwide: and

WHEREAS, Mayor Sheng Thao has shown her commitment to improving community safety by investing in a robust and constitutional police department, strong violence prevention efforts, and new technology, while rebuilding the highly effective Ceasefire program which was defunded by the previous Administration after it reduced crimes to record lows in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Thao's commitment to equity, justice, and a fair economy have made her a target of far-right forces who have recently announced their intention of recalling a Mayor Sheng Thao, not even waiting for her to serve her first year in office before trying to overturn a democratic election; now

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RE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club condemns the effort to recall Oakland Mayor election, before her policies can even have the desired impact, and recognizes:

The recall is being organized by a candidate Thao beat for Mayor who has been charged with illegal gun use. denies that Mayor Thao won the election. spreads hateful anti-LGBTQ+ rhetoric, and has threatened to sue local journalists for reporting on the facts.: and

The recall would cost the City of Oakland millions of dollars of taxpayer money during a historic budget deficit; funds which are better spent on community safety and homelessness; and

The recall fails to acknowledge the reality that many of the issues facing Oakland today have been going on long before Mayor Thao was sworn in, and can't possibly be attributed to her alone and also will not be solved overnight and Oakland is stronger when it is united under its shared values of stronger community safety, more affordable housing, an economy that works for everyone, and a humane response to poverty and homelessness; now

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club shall provide support for educational and electoral efforts to the campaign to stop any potential recall of Oakland Mayor Sheng Thao.