

# PUBLIC SAFETY

## MOTION

On Wednesday, January 6th, 2021, a group of Pro-Trump protesters gathered outside of City Hall to demand that the results of the presidential election be overturned, and Donald Trump retained in office. These protesters, inspired by the President himself, believe that the election was 'stolen,' despite having no evidence whatsoever of any fraud. During their protest, a number of attendees began harassing a black woman as she passed near the protest site on her way home. This harassment started with racist and sexist slurs at first, and then escalated to physical assault, including the use of pepper spray. The attack would have likely escalated if not for two people pulling her free from her attackers.

Attacks of this nature are unacceptable, and the perpetrators should be identified, arrested and persecuted to the full extent of the law. Due to the racist and sexist nature of this attack, hate crime charges should probably be considered. In order to be as transparent as possible with this investigation, the Police Department should be directed to report to Council on this matter.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department, with the assistance of the City Attorney, be directed to report on its investigation into the attack on a black woman by pro-Trump protesters gathered outside of City Hall on January 6, 2021, and if this crime will be investigated as a hate-crime.

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