

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2021, Legislative Day No. 13

Resolution No. 33-21

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien

By the County Council, June 7, 2021

1 RESOLUTION apologizing for civil rights violations that occurred under the
2 administration of a former Anne Arundel County Executive

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4 WHEREAS, it is well known that a former Anne Arundel County Executive
5 ordered his executive detail and other county employees to create dossiers on those
6 he perceived as political rivals, as well as women who complained that he harassed
7 or discriminated against them, in the years leading up to 2012; and

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9 WHEREAS, the former County Executive requested and obtained unjustified
10 background searches on at least 11 of his political foes, including a National
11 Security Agency law enforcement official, a former Anne Arundel County
12 Councilman, and a longtime civil rights leader; and

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14 WHEREAS, the dossiers were created unethically and without justification and
15 involved the improper collection of personal information and improper searches of
16 records; and

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18 WHEREAS, the misuse of government resources infringed upon the political
19 freedoms of the targeted individuals in violation of the Constitution and Maryland
20 law; and

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22 WHEREAS, on March 7, 2012, the American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland
23 asked the then sitting County Council to look into these allegations of abuse and
24 misuse of County resources; and

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26 WHEREAS, the former County Executive was indicted on multiple counts of
27 misconduct in office, including counts related to his use of County-provided police
28 security to investigate political opponents and remove campaign signs; and

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30 WHEREAS, the former County Executive was eventually convicted on two counts
31 of misconduct in office; now, therefore, be it

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33 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That it hereby*
34 *apologizes to all citizens of Anne Arundel County for the abuses that occurred during a*
35 *former administration, including in particular the targeted individuals; and be it further*

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37 *Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to County Executive Steuart Pittman.*

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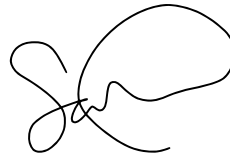
READ AND PASSED this 21st day of June, 2021.

By Order:

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Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 33-21 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

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Sarah F. Lacey
Chair