

# The Delray Democrat

Unfit to Serve<sup>1</sup>

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Donald Trump is an existential threat to our Republican form of government and our democracy. There is no question that he lost the 2020 election or that his claim it was stolen was a barefaced and brazen lie; there is even evidence that Trump knew it was a lie. More than 60 judges, including judges appointed by Trump, rejected lawsuits asserting that the election had been fraudulently stolen.

What he could not win fairly and legally Trump sought to gain through violence and illegal schemes. He unleashed a mob on the Capitol, a mob that ran amok through Congress, a mob that erected a scaffold to “hang Mike Pence.”

Pence’s crime? He refused to take part in Trump’s scheme to reject the slate of electors certified in each of the seven swing states that delivered the election to Biden on the ground that there was an “alternate” slate of electors. This would have thrown the election to the House of Representatives, where Trump would have fraudulently been declared the winner.

Trump’s vice-presidential pick J.D. Vance has promised that, if given the opportunity in 2028, he will do what Mike Pence refused to do in 2020. He will violate his oath of office and help steal an election.

I imagine that Vance’s pledge factored heavily in Trump’s decision to select him as a running mate. If two men who are so fundamentally unfit to serve in a democracy are elected, the 2024 election may be the last democratic election held in America.

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<sup>1</sup> [The Delray Democrat](#), July 2024, page 7.