

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Norfolk s.s.

Town of Randolph

PETITION TO TOWN COUNCIL – Resolution on Town Council President’s Decorum

We, the below-signed registered voters of Randolph Massachusetts, hereby request that the Town Council conduct a vote of “No Confidence” regarding the President of the Town Council, following his unbecoming behavior in recent Town Council meetings. Council President James Burgess walked out of the June 29 Town Council meeting; he cut off female councilors of color from speaking; and he has repeatedly and unlawfully usurped power from the Town Manager and the people of Randolph since his tenure began in January 2020. At the July 13 Town Council meeting, President Burgess said that he regretted his actions and "I will do all in my power to not let that happen again." But he broke his promise only a week later, at a Charter Review Committee meeting, where the people of Randolph witnessed the same such behavior.

We, the voters of Randolph, believe that Council President Burgess will continue this pattern of behavior, and we believe that the continuous misconduct and behavior of the Council President violates his oath and makes him unfit to continue to serve in this position. We therefore call on the Town Council to introduce a motion of “No Confidence” in Council President Burgess; we call on each Town Councilor to vote affirmatively to recommend the Council President’s removal; and we ask that President Burgess resign his Presidency immediately.

Signed under the pains and penalty of perjury in the county of Norfolk on the dates so assigned.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Address in Randolph</u>	<u>Phone / email</u>	<u>Date</u>
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Instructions: Print on paper; sign; and return to: Randolph United PAC, P.O. Box 448, Randolph MA, 02368; contact Jesse Gordon at 617-320-6989 to help distribute more copies. Note: A vote of “No Confidence” does not require the Council President to step down; that can only be done voluntarily. A motion of “No Confidence” would, however, express the will of the people publicly. Under Town Charter section 7-6, when 150 registered voter signatures are certified, the Town Council is required to vote on this petition and resolution, within one month