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# Resignation & Agenda Item 22-1060

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Supervisor Turnboo,

Thank you for having me on the Veterans Commission. At this time I am resigning effective immediately.

Sincerely,

Chris Cockrell



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# Proud Boy Zachary Johnson - another Congressional highlight of EDC ties to the U.S. Capitol attack

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Dear Supervisors: Today, the congressional select committee held its second public hearing into the events of January 6, 2021. They concluded by linking the hearing's evidence to the physical attack carried out against the U.S. Capitol, highlighting yet another member of the extremist group "Proud Boys," who planned and carried out the attack with others, as approved of by Commissioner Chris Cockrell in previous documentation submitted to you.

The individual pictured wearing goggles below is Zachary Johnson of Florida. He has been indicted with four other Proud Boys from that state for civil disorder and assaulting officers, among other counts. Many other Proud Boys from Florida were also present at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, including Joseph Biggs, one of the group's leaders charged with seditious conspiracy.



### Jan. 6 rioters explain how they were inspired by Trump's bogus fraud claims

Ryan J. Reilly

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The House Jan. 6 committee ended its second hearing on Monday by playing video clips of Jan. 6 participants explaining how Trump's voter fraud lies fueled their actions.

The first individual featured in the video was not named in the presentation, but he's Zachary Johnson, a Proud Boy from Florida who was known to online sleuths as #GogglesMan. Johnson, a 33year-old from St. Petersburg, Florida, was arrested in Jan. 2022. A federal grand jury indictment alleged that Johnson possessed both a sledge hammer and pepper spray, which he used to aid and abet an attack on officers.

"Fake election! They're gonna cheat us out of our vote?" he said on camera. "It ain't f----- happening."

Mr. Johnson and the others he is indicted with were part of the most violent acts at the U.S. Capitol. They fought for hours against Capitol police officers guarding a tunnel entrance from the inaugural stage into the Capitol. Despite numerous assaults the police line held and was not breached that day. Nevertheless, police officers were dragged into the crowd and assaulted, including officer Michael Fanone. He was beaten, tased multiple times at the base of his skull, suffered a heart attack, and was rendered unconscious, all in the same span of time that you allow for public comment--three minutes that could have ended his life.



Mr. Johnson and his fellow Proud Boys, including a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, were within arm's reach of officer Fanone as he was dragged from the tunnel, and as he was assaulted. They celebrated that assault as a group with fist-bumps, and the flashing of the group's divisive "OK" sign, as pictured below. That was one of the most despicable moments of the entire Capitol assault, acts carried out by groups and individuals supported by Commissioner Cockrell.



I will be submitting the full details of officer Fanone's attack for the record, as you continue to support other commissioners with ties to the Proud Boys......Sincerely, Joseph Connolly