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## LONGMONT CITY COUNCIL

# Sesquicentennial celebrated

Municipal founding noted, along with consideration of current issues

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Longmont's City Council marked the 150th anniversary of the community's formal incorporation as a municipality Tuesday night with a study session that

covered such current-era issues as air quality, solid waste reduction and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Early in the meeting, Mayor Brian Bagley read a proclamation designating Tuesday to be

"Longmont Day" and saying 2021 will be "a year of celebration of Longmont's sesquicentennial."

Bagley's proclamation stated that "over its 150-year history, Longmont has grown into a city of almost 100,000 residents who

work together to sustain a caring, inclusive community, proud to embrace, support, respect and celebrate each other."

Several council and city staff members sported party hats with special "150th" attachments in a

brief celebration of the proclamation before moving on to the rest of the study session agenda.

Marijke Unger, the citywide communications manager, encouraged people participating  
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## IMPEACHMENT



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Donald Trump speaks near a section of the border wall in Alamo, Texas, on Jan. 12. Impeachment managers denounced Trump's alleged incitement of insurrection as "a betrayal of historic proportions" on Tuesday as they unveiled their arguments against the former president one week before the Senate begins hearing his case.

# Dems make case for conviction

Trump denies allegations

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WASHINGTON — Donald Trump endangered the lives of all members of Congress when he aimed a mob of supporters "like a loaded cannon" at the U.S. Capitol, House Democrats said Tuesday in making their most detailed case yet for why the former president should be convicted and permanently barred from office. Trump denied the allegations through his lawyers and called the trial unconstitutional.

The dueling filings offer the first public glimpse of the argu-

ments that will be presented to the Senate beginning next week. The impeachment trial represents a remarkable reckoning with the violence in the Capitol last month, which the senators witnessed firsthand, and with Trump's presidency overall. Held in the very chamber where the insurrectionists stood on Jan. 6, it will pit Democratic demands for a final measure of accountability against the desire of many Republicans to turn the page and move on.

The impeachment trial, Trump's second, begins in earnest on Feb. 9.

The Democratic legal brief

forcefully linked Trump's baseless efforts to overturn the results of the presidential election to the deadly riot at the Capitol, saying he bears "unmistakable" blame for actions that threatened the underpinnings of American democracy. It argued that he must be found guilty on a charge of inciting the siege. And it used evocative language to conjure the day's chaos, when "terrified members were trapped in the chamber" and called loved ones "for fear they would not survive."

"His conduct endangered the life of every single member of Congress, jeopardized the peaceful transition of power and line of succession, and compromised our national security," the Democratic managers of the

impeachment case wrote. "This is precisely the sort of constitutional offense that warrants disqualification from federal office."

The Democrats' filing made clear their plan to associate Trump's words with the resulting violence, tracing his efforts to subvert democracy to when he first said last summer that he would not accept the election results and then through the November contest and his many failed attempts to challenge the results in court. When those efforts failed, the Democrats wrote, "he turned to improper and abusive means of staying in power," specifically by launching a pressure campaign aimed at state election officials, the Justice Department and Congress.  
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## CORONAVIRUS

# Biden boosting vaccine access

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WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden's administration announced Tuesday that it is moving to expand access to COVID-19 vaccines, freeing up more doses for states and beginning to distribute them to retail pharmacies next week. The push comes amid new urgency to speed vaccinations to prevent the spread of potentially more serious strains of the virus that has killed more than 445,000 Americans.

Starting next week, 1 million doses will be distributed to some 6,500 pharmacies across the country, the White House said. The administration is also boosting by 500,000 the weekly allocation of vaccines sent directly to states and territories for the coming weeks, up to 10.5 million. It is allowing state and local governments to receive additional federal dollars to cover previously incurred expenses relating to the pandemic.

Coronavirus coordinator Jeff Zients announced the moves on a call with the nation's governors Tuesday morning and then detailed them to the public in an afternoon news conference.

Drugstores have become a mainstay for flu shots and shingles vaccines, and the industry is capable of vaccinating tens of millions of people monthly. "This will provide more sites for people to get vaccinated in their communities," Zients said.

"This is a critical step to provide the public with convenient trusted places to get vaccinated in their communities," he added.

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