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# IMPEACHED AGAIN

■ A historic and bipartisan House rebuke makes Donald Trump the first president to be subjected to the dishonor a second time.

■ He is charged with “incitement of insurrection” for a speech he delivered shortly before a mob attacked the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6.



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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi leads the final vote for the impeachment of President Donald Trump on Wednesday for his role in inciting an angry mob to storm the Capitol on Jan. 6.

BY LISA MASCARO, MARY CLARE JALONICK, JONATHAN LEMIRE AND ALAN FRAM  
Associated Press

**P**resident Donald Trump was impeached by the U.S. House for a historic second time Wednesday, charged with “incitement of insurrection” over the deadly mob siege of the Capitol in a swift and stunning collapse of his final days in office.

With the Capitol secured by armed National Guard troops inside and out, the House voted 232-197 to impeach Trump. The proceedings moved at lightning speed, with lawmakers voting just one week after violent pro-Trump loyalists stormed the U.S. Capitol, egged on by the president’s calls for them to “fight like hell” against the election results.

Ten Republicans joined Democrats who said Trump needed to be held accountable and warned ominously of



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In a statement Wednesday, President Trump said, “Mob violence goes against everything I believe in.”

a “clear and present danger” if Congress should leave him unchecked before Democrat Joe Biden’s inauguration Jan. 20.

Trump is the only U.S. president to be twice impeached. It was the most bipartisan presidential impeachment in modern times, more so than against Bill Clinton. **See IMPEACHED, 18A**

## Were lawmakers part of plot?

Claims of coordinating with a right-wing activist and “reconnaissance” tours of the Capitol arise.

BY TEO ARMUS  
Washington Post

Weeks before a mob of President Donald Trump’s supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol, right-wing activist Ali Alexander told his followers that he was planning something big for Jan. 6.

Alexander, who organized the “Stop the Steal” movement, said he hatched the plan — coinciding with Congress’ vote to certify the Electoral College votes — alongside three GOP lawmakers: Reps. Andy Biggs of Arizona; Mo



Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez says she feared her congressional colleagues would reveal her location to the mob inside the Capitol.

Brooks of Alabama; and Paul Gosar of Arizona, all of whom are staunch Trump supporters.

Alexander made his claim hours after Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., said she worried during the storming of the Capitol on Jan. 6 that her own colleagues in Congress might divulge her location to the mob outside, putting her at risk for kidnapping or worse.

### How did they vote?

Members of Congress from Florida voted along party lines. **18A**

She didn’t name the lawmakers she thought might jeopardize her safety, but said some of her colleagues hold white supremacist beliefs.

In the midst of the chaos, she revealed Tuesday night, “I had a very close encounter where I thought I was going to die.” She said she could not go into specifics for security reasons.

### Ocasio-Cortez alleges ‘betrayal’ by police

Ocasio-Cortez said it was “not an **See LAWMAKERS, 13A**

### LITTLE CLARITY ON VACCINE ROLLOUT

At a rare public appearance, Florida Surgeon General Scott Rivkees is unable to answer key questions from state lawmakers on herd immunity and vaccine appointments. **3A**

### More cold fronts

8 a.m. Noon 4 p.m. 8 p.m.



53° 63° 64° 56°

10% chance of rain

More, 7C

### PUBLIX EXPANDS VACCINATION SITES

But there’s a downside. While the Lakeland-based chain will offer COVID-19 shots in 105 stores across 12 counties, tripling its program, none of the sites is in the Tampa Bay area. **5A**

### IN TAMPA, HOPES TO CLOSE AN I-275 EXIT

It’s just a thought for now, but an advisory committee is brainstorming ways to reconfigure downtown Ashley Drive so that interstate traffic doesn’t come rushing down the street. **3A**

## Sick chief: ‘This is not something you want’

Tampa’s Brian Dugan says his COVID-19 case has been like “a roller coaster.”

BY TONY MARRERO  
Times Staff Writer

TAMPA — Tampa’s police chief woke up Sunday morning with what he figured was a sinus infection.

Brian Dugan had a headache, stuffy nose and a fever of just over 100 degrees. He didn’t think

it could be COVID-19. He’d been so careful, and he got the first shot of the vaccine the previous Monday. He was prone to sinus infections, and this felt like one.

Dugan followed department protocol by reporting his symptoms to an occupational health nurse with Tampa Fire Rescue, who told Dugan to go to an Advent Health clinic for a rapid COVID-19 test.

“I said, ‘I don’t think that’s necessary, and she said, ‘We got to make sure,’” Dugan, 54, recalled Wednesday in a phone interview



Police Chief Brian Dugan, in a selfie Wednesday, showed symptoms Sunday.

with the *Tampa Bay Times*. “I about fell out of my chair when they said, ‘You tested positive for COVID-19.’”

And with that, Tampa’s top law enforcement officer joined the ranks of public officials

whose job duties have been subsumed by the pandemic and then find themselves diagnosed with the virus. The department announced Dugan’s diagnosis in a news release on Monday.

“It’s been a little bit of a roller coaster,” he said. “I feel sorry for the elderly who have to go through this. I can see how if you were elderly, this could really kick your butt.”

Experts have said the first vaccine will give recipients about 50 percent protection from COVID-19. **See DUGAN, 12A**