

Congresswoman Chaney Writes Trump Not Fit to be President

A book review by Stan Purdy

Congresswoman Liz Chaney has written a memoir of her time In Congress after the 2020 election and her service on the House Select Committee on the Attack on the US Capitol. The book is entitled “Oath and Honor” published by Little Brown Company. Liz Chaney was elected to Congress in 2016 as the Representative at Large from Wyoming. She is the daughter of former Vice President Dick Chaney. She is a lawyer and previously served the government in the State Department. She served as Chair of the House Republican Caucus.

She details her reaction to President Trump’s failure to accept that he lost the 2022 election to Vice President Biden. She reports that the President had been advised by Attorney General Barr and several White House staffers that no measurable fraud had been found. His election security chief, Krebs, told him it was the most secure election ever. That statement got Krebs fired.

According to Chaney, President Trump did not accept that he lost and he and many of his advisors began spinning the lie that the election had been stolen. Despite a tradition of peaceful transfer of power in the United States, Trump and his allies began 60 Court actions contesting the election and lost them all. In December 2020, Trump tweeted to his supporters to come to Washington, DC to “Stop the Steal” on January 6, 2021, and he would speak to them on the Ellipse near the White House. His incendiary language motivated the armed mob to march to the Capitol and attempt stop the counting of the Electoral votes. She describes the horror of the break-in of the Capitol by the rioters and evacuation of the members of Congress from the House floor. She writes how she insisted to her colleagues that they must return to the chamber to finish counting the presidential electoral vote.

Congresswoman Chaney reflects on the aftereffects of the attack on the Capitol. She was shocked that the President did nothing to stop the riot saying it was clearly a failure to do his duty. She details how she became a member of the House Select Committee, the evidence presented to the Committee and writing the final report. She believes the evidence established President Trump mobilized a crowd to attack the Capitol and attempted to overturn the 2022 election. She concluded that Donald J. Trump is not fit to be President in 2024. She believes January 6 was a first attempt and there could be another if Trump is reelected.

Liz Chaney was awarded the “Profiles in Courage” award by the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library.

Her book is a thorough and detailed account of her experience. The book can be ordered from the Brown County Public Library and Union Township Public Library.

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