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President Donald Trump delivers his inaugural address at his inauguration as the 47th president in the Rotunda at the Capitol in Washington on Monday morning.

Trump is sworn in as 47th president

BY PETER BAKER
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WASHINGTON

Donald John Trump completed an extraordinary return to power Monday as he was sworn in as the 47th president of the United States and promised an immediate blitz of actions to begin drastically changing the course of the country and usher in a new "golden age of America."

In a triumph of the man and his movement, Trump took the oath of office during a ceremony in the Capitol four years after he was evicted by voters, reinvigorated for another term aimed at remaking America in his vision. He wasted no time outlining an ambitious program of often divisive policies to "reclaim our Republic" and purge its enemies and his own. "My recent election is a mandate to completely and totally reverse a horrible betrayal and



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Donald Trump is sworn into office by Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts as Melania Trump holds the Bible in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda on Monday in Washington, D.C. Donald Trump takes office for his second term as the 47th president of the United States.

all of these many betrayals that have taken place, and to give the people back their faith, their wealth, their democracy and,

indeed, their freedom," Trump said during a 29-minute inaugural address as former President Joe Biden looked on.

"From this moment on, America's decline is over."

Feeling vindicated by voters after impeachments, indictments and conviction on 34 felony counts, Trump claimed a personal mandate as well as a political one. "Many people thought it was impossible for me to stage such a historic political comeback," he said. "But as you see today, here I am. The American people have spoken."

Indeed, he saw divine intervention in his restoration to the White House, citing his close call during an assassination attempt this summer. "I felt then, and believe even more so now, that my life was saved for a reason," he said. "I was saved by God to make America great again."

Trump was inaugurated in the same building where a mob of his supporters rampaged four years ago in a failed effort to reverse the results of an election that he lost, culminating a political comeback unlike any in U.S. history. In a stark sign of the changing power structure in America, Trump planned later in the day to pardon or commute the sentences for hundreds of rioters convicted for their roles in the attack.

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Trump announces national emergency at southern border

BY JOE FISHER
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Donald Trump became the 47th president of the United States in Washington, D.C., on Monday, and right away announced a series of changes, including declaring national emergencies at the southern border and on energy.

Trump, after being sworn in as president for the second time shortly after noon, announced he will sign a slate of executive orders.

He spoke from the Capitol

Rotunda where four years earlier a mob of Trump supporters violent attempted to prevent the certification of Joseph Biden election.

"All illegal entry will immediately be halted and we will begin the process of returning millions and millions of criminal aliens back to the places from which they came," Trump said. "We will reinstate my 'remain in Mexico' policy. I will end the practice of catch and release and I will send troops to the southern border to repel the disastrous invasion of our country."

Trump also said the U.S. government will take the official position that there are "only two genders: male and female."

The inauguration ceremony began at 11:45 a.m. EST at the Capitol Rotunda and ended shortly before 1 p.m.

They came there in a motorcade from the White House.

President Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden greeted Trump and his wife, Melania, as they arrived there.

Vice President Kamala Harris and Vice President-elect J.D. Vance also greeted each other.

"Welcome home," Biden told the Trumps as they arrived at the White House.

Inside the Executive Mansion, they participated in a tea.

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Trump took the oath, administered by Chief Justice John Roberts, at 12:05 p.m. EST. His children and wife stood by with Biden and Harris looking on. He acknowledged the living former presidents in attendance before announcing to the crowd that the "golden age of America is right now."

"The vicious, violent weaponization of our Justice Department will end," Trump said. "Our top priority will be to create a nation that is proud, prosperous and free. America

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Biden pardons 5 members of his family in final minutes in office

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WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden pardoned five members of his family in his last minutes in office, saying in a statement that he did so not because they did anything wrong but because he feared political attacks from incoming President Donald Trump.

"My family has been subjected to unrelenting attacks and threats, motivated solely by a desire to hurt me - the worst kind of partisan politics," he said in his last statement as president. "Unfortunately, I have no reason to believe these attacks will end."

Biden's action pardoned James B. Biden, his brother; Sara Jones Biden, James' wife; Valerie Biden Owens, Joe Biden's sister; John T. Owens, Owens' husband; and Francis W. Biden, Joe Biden's brother.

The White House announced the pardons with less than 20 minutes left in Biden's presidency, after he had already walked into the Capitol Rotunda to witness the swearing-in of Trump before leaving the Capitol for the last time as president.

The pardons were a remarka-

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City Council approved Chan's additional year in 2019

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There was hardly any discussion at a Sacramento City Council meeting just over five years ago when they approved an amendment to Howard Chan's contract that included a provision guaranteeing him an additional 12 months as an assistant city manager if his job as city manager ended.

On an agenda item that included a 209-page city staff report, the council spent less than two minutes discussing and voting to approve the amendment to Chan's contract.

Among the eight council members who voted to approve Chan's contract in September 2019 was Councilmember Eric Guerra. Last month, he voted not to renew Chan's contract because it contained the assistant city manager guarantee.

"It's the condition of the contract that that's a concern," Guerra said last month while voting to reject Chan's contract renewal. "Moving forward, the way the contract is drafted actually creates a two-year employment guarantee, and not necessarily a one-year scenario here."

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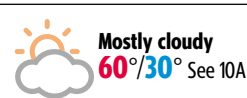


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