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January 12, 2022

The Honorable President Joseph R. Biden The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20500

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 573-21

Dear President Biden:

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