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May 12, 2021

Joseph Biden, President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20500

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 173-21

Dear President Biden:

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