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**MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS**  
SUPERVISOR, SECOND DISTRICT

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The Honorable Eric Garcetti  
Mayor, City of Los Angeles  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mayor Garcetti:

This is an extraordinary time for our nation. Recent movements and civil unrest that have focused on gender and racial equity speak to the widespread divisions and institutional discrimination that continue to afflict our nation.

That is why it was such a historic moment two years ago when The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) elected Gloria Gray as Chairwoman, the first African-American Chairwoman in the nearly 90-year history of the MWD. And it was under your leadership that the City of Los Angeles led the effort to elect Chairwoman Gray.

Chairwoman Gray has been a strong and impactful representative at the helm of the MWD and her presence has offered both racial and gender diversity to MWD and the historically male-dominated area of water activity and governance.

Now Chairwoman Gray is up for reelection. I hope you will continue to advocate for racial and gender progress and inclusion by supporting the reelection of Gloria Gray for a second term as Chairwoman of MWD.

With hope,

**MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS**  
Supervisor, Second District

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