



Nora Vargas

CHAIRWOMAN

San Diego County Board of Supervisors

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President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The County of San Diego thanks you for your leadership at this dark and troubling time around the world. The acts of violence perpetrated by Hamas on October 7th against Israelis shocked our community and the continued acts of violence bring with them great unease to so many here in San Diego.

In remembrance of the innocent lives lost, the County would like to honor their memory by lowering our flags to half-staff. As local elected officials, we are unable to do so without direction from the White House or the Governor of California. Proclamation 3044 from March 1954 grants the President of the United States the authority to lower flags to half-staff "on occasions...which they consider proper." We encourage your team at the White House to call for the lowering of flags to half-staff as many across our county and country continue to mourn lost loved ones.

We hope you will consider our request and look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

NORA VARGAS
Chair, San Diego County Board of Supervisors
Supervisor, First District