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Hon. Bruce A. Blakeman Nassau County Executive 1550 Franklin Avenue, Second Floor Mineola, N.Y. 11501

RE: Denouncing former President Trump's Nov. 22 dinner with Kanye West and Holocaust denier Nick Fuentes

Dear County Executive Blakeman:

We write today to urge you to join us in denouncing former President Trump's disgraceful Tuesday, Nov. 22 Mar-A-Lago dinner with notorious Holocaust denier and white nationalist hatemonger Nick Fuentes and Kanye "Ye" West, whose recent public rhetoric has been littered with an abundance of disgusting antisemitic tropes and Jew hatred.

As reported by <u>The New York Times</u> on Nov. 25, 2022, Fuentes is "a Holocaust denier and unabashed racist" who has openly advocated for fascistic totalitarianism, "openly uses hateful language on his podcast" and has recently called for "the military to be sent into Black neighborhoods and demand[ed] that Jews leave the country." West in his own right has unleashed a torrent of antisemitic rhetoric in recent months. His hateful actions are perhaps most succinctly crystallized by his <u>Oct. 9, 2022</u> tweet in which he states he is "going death con 3 on JEWISH PEOPLE" and his frequent wearing of "WHITE LIVES MATTER" t-shirts in public.

In the days following this incident, prominent Jewish Republican leaders across the country have been among the scores who have loudly and unequivocally condemned Trump and his association with and mainstreaming of virulent antisemites and racists. On the contrary, your failure to date to denounce Trump's despicable embrace of these individuals has been extremely disappointing.

We implore you to immediately utilize your platform and stature as Nassau County's first Jewish County Executive to denounce Trump's destructive decisions and make clear that you reject his reckless emboldening of our society's most poisonous and bigoted voices.

Sincerely,

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