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Subject: Comment

I've spent a great deal of time reflecting on Chairman Bunek's assertion at last week's Executive Board meeting suggesting that I was 'just making the County look bad' when I referenced the commitments in our Anti-racism Resolution. After much reflection, I think it is responsible for me to say that I disagree. In fact, I believe this board's unanimous agreement to commit our 'full attention to advocating for equality, equity and improved quality of life and health for all residents' speaks well for our County and should be 'a point of pride.'

I do believe that I have the responsibility to be thoughtful and open to how best to continue our conversations on the issue of race in order that we can move forward to meet the commitments identified in our Resolution. I commit to moving forward knowing that we must be open, patient, and thoughtful. I also commit to working with all Commissioners to identify a 2021 goal that will honor our commitment to anti-racism while, at the same time, respecting the views of the other Commissioners.

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