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Dear Friends --

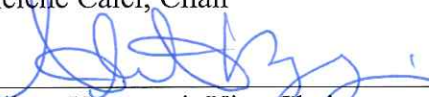
Difficult times like these, given a global pandemic and civil unrest, give elected leaders the opportunity to rise above the fray and find a common way forward for their constituents.

In contrast, on June 1, Joe Gale, a Montgomery County elected commissioner, on official county letterhead abused his elected office by broad-brushing rioters and protesters together in an attempt to delegitimize the protesters' message of systemic discrimination and police brutality, perpetrate destructive stereotypes, and threaten peaceful protesters.

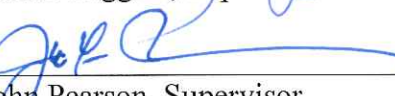
These odious, divisive comments do not reflect the values and commitment to an inclusive community we strive to achieve here in Upper Providence Township. We will continue to work with [Montgomery County Police Chiefs Association](#) by condemning racial injustice and discrimination within our county. And we stand united with other represented townships and residents as well as the Montgomery County Commissioners in condemning Joe Gale's actions and statements, which violate the public trust granted through an election.

So say us all,  
Upper Providence Township Board of Supervisors

  
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