

**STATEMENT FROM PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING COMMISSIONER
JOSEPH GALE'S PRESS STATEMENT**

We, the Board of Supervisors of Perkiomen Township, stand together in condemning Montgomery County Commissioner Gale's comments made in his press statement dated June 1, 2020. The Board found his comments offensive, divisive, and categorically untrue.

Systemic racism is not a false claim. It has existed in some form for 400+ years. Black Lives Matter is a movement that began in 2013 to end systemic racism and inequality. While the Black Lives Matter movement is working to resolve the wedge that exists today, Commissioner Gale's comments only serve to increase that divide.

Like the rest of America, Perkiomen Township serves a diverse population. This diversity demands that the Board be sensitive to many different points of view when dealing with the day-to-day issues that come before us. We are committed to listening and working toward a future that serves the needs and interests of all our residents, including their constitutional right to freely express themselves.

We stand with those municipal officials who condemn Commissioner Gale's press statement and we urge him to retract it or to vacate his post. By coming together with likeminded municipal officials and private citizens, we hope to achieve our common goal of eradicating systemic racism.

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