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Dear Mayor Salimi,

It is my privilege to address You and pass the greetings to the good people of Pinole City.

First of all, please allow me to express my highest appreciation to You and the members of Pinole City Council for your strong support of Ukraine, for the proclamation of solidarity with Ukraine and the Ukrainian people on September 20, 2022 at the Pinole City Council meeting.

Yet another sign of solidarity with Ukraine is your willingness to discuss the possibility of Pinole City to become a sister city with the city of Borodianka in Kyiv region of Ukraine. Borodianka city and its community was under Russian occupation first month of the war. The citizens of Borodianka suffered greatly from the brutality of Russian troops, many civilians died, big part of the city's infrastructure was destroyed.

That is why Borodianka citizens are looking at the potential sistership relations with Pinole City as a sign of hope and as at a gesture of real friendship.

These days we really need such signs of solidarity. The people of Borodianka really want to promote research on local traditions and exchanges among schools, as well as through planning the development of cultural activities, exchange best practices, etc. It will help them to rebuild their beautiful city and make their community prosperous and strong, as never before.

We in Ukraine will always remember that during the hardest days in our history the people of the City of Pinole were with us.

With that in mind I hope that the Council members of the Pinole City will support on November 15 the decision to establish sistership between the two communities, and it will be another bright example of your solidarity with the brave Ukrainian people who are fighting for their right to be free.

Please, accept, mister Mayor, the assurances of my highest consideration!

Sincerely,

Dmytro Kushneruk
Consul General