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Hon. Paul Krekorian
President, Los Angeles City Council
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street, Room 435
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Council President,

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns regarding the USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism's Master of Diplomacy forum on September 30. I always appreciate hearing from you and am particularly appreciative of your friendship these past few years.

I am so sorry for what transpired at USC last Friday. I know how hard this was on so many people, especially considering the timing. We are committed to learning from this experience and putting processes in place to better manage these challenges in the future.

To that end, I have asked Provost Andrew Guzman, Dean Willow Bay of our USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, and leadership from our Department of Public Safety to conduct a thorough review. Once we have a fuller understanding, we look forward to having a productive conversation with you with answers to your questions. I can report that the USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism will not be continuing its agreement with the Yunus Emre Institute.

Our hearts remain with the Armenian community who have been impacted by the grave humanitarian crisis taking place in Nagorno-Karabakh, as well as the many members of our USC community who we know are hurting, as well. I hope we can speak soon.

Sincerely,

Carol L. Folt
President