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It is with considerable embarrassment and regret that we acknowledge our oversight regarding the vote on the proposed Charter Amendment to allow voting by non-U.S. citizens in College Park City elections.

Under the terms of our City Charter, as amended in June, a Charter Amendment requires an affirmative vote of six elected officials in order to pass, and this requirement was not met. Therefore the amendment did not pass.

We each accept our responsibility for not realizing the impact of the June charter amendment on Council procedures and we apologize to our residents.

We appreciate the considerable engagement of our community and the time that residents invested in this discussion. We acknowledge that all residents are an important part of the College Park community and we will continue to seek ways to make everyone feel welcome and included in our City.

The Mayor and City Council of College Park