

*Santa Coloma de Gramenet, 16 de*

*May de 2023*

*Your Excellency Sir*

*Joseph Robinette Biden Jr.*

*President of the United States of America*

*Washington, D.C.*

*Dear Mr. President,*

*On behalf of the Puig Castellar Institute of class 2nB, we introduce ourselves as; Ainhoa Cañete López, Serage Eddin Al Mlake, Imran El Yemlahi, Unax Fernández Oliver, Inés Angelica García Curleanca, Alejandro Nogales Ávila y Naiara Martínez Vázquez.*

*We come from Santa Coloma de Gramenet, a city that is located within Catalonia, an autonomous community that is within Spain.*

*To begin, we would like to tell you about our city, its social, political, economic and cultural situation.*

*Our city, Santa Coloma de Gramenet, is one of the most populated in Catalonia and is made up of a multicultural population that has come from different countries around the world.*

*In recent years, the population has grown so much that many houses have had to be built. Therefore, there is a wide range of educational, cultural and health services. In addition, from the city council, social inclusion programs have been created to guarantee the equality of its inhabitants. However, the number of people living on the poverty line has grown due to different economic crises during the last decades.*

*Regarding its economy, as it is located in the metropolitan area of Barcelona, many inhabitants go to work there and thus, it favors the economy of Santa Coloma de Gramenet.*

*In addition, our city has electronics, food, technology, automotive and construction companies.*

*The citizens of our city are approximately 117,981 and the majority have a lower-middle class or specifically lower. This factor is affected by deindustrialization and globalization, leading to the closure of companies, factories and loss of employment in the past. However, some consequences of this are still present today.*

*The tertiary sector is the most present in our city with 78.12% of municipal licenses, the vast majority within the commerce and restaurant sector. Santa Coloma de Gramenet has a large commercial network of more than 1,000 shops.*

*In reference to the political situation, Sant Coloma de Gramenet has been governed by the political party PSC (Catalan Socialist Party) for 19 years. Soon there will be new municipal elections and it will be known if the PSC party will continue to lead.*

*Our mayoress, Núria Parlon Gil, is also 4th vice president, deputy for participation policies and member of the Executive Commission of the Government Junta. It has helped our city by promoting social policies such as care for the elderly, promotion of gender equality and support programs for families to guarantee the well-being of citizens.*

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*We would like to give you our point of view of the current world, both how it affects us and how we live it in general.*

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*Let's not forget very important causes such as the Covid-19 pandemic and the 2020 Ukrainian War that has affected the entire world and its consequences are still in force.*

*The pandemic has come to an end, but the problems it has generated have not been in vain, such as the public health crisis and the socioeconomic impact, with business closures, job losses and financial insecurity. Education has been very important due to the closure of schools, causing an increase in mental health illnesses.*

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*Last but not least, the future. We all agree that we would like a world without injustice, without famine, without poverty and free. Although we also agree that the world will never be perfect, there will always be at least one person who does not agree with these ideas.*

*But if we must idealize it without fantasies and keeping our feet on the ground, we would like a world with more equality among all the inhabitants, where there are not so many injustices such as poverty and hunger. As well as putting an end to the lousy distribution of food, which is there for 12 billion people but is, unfortunately, poorly distributed.*

*But all this can be achieved.*

*We all want to have a stable future, without depending on your economic resources or your personal and social situation, each and every one of us deserves a decent future if there is work and effort behind it, and this opinion is a reality.*

*Having said that, sir, I hope you will reflect on this opinion intimately addressed to you by boys and girls who want a decent future. A future worth living.*

*Sincerely,*