



City of Piedmont California

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Fellow Piedmonsters,

The events of the last few days have been overwhelming in their scope and effect on our nation and our region. Following the tragic death of George Floyd at the hands of police in Minneapolis, the nation has reacted strongly in protest. Much, if not most, of the reaction has been peaceful exercise of the right to free speech as guaranteed in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Section 2 of the California Constitution, but in many areas, the protests have turned to property damage, vandalism, and violence.

As Chief of Police Jeremy Bowers mentioned in his phone call to Piedmonsters last night, the Piedmont Police Department stands ready to respond. We are actively monitoring the situation and staffing appropriately as events unfold. The City is also in direct contact with our county partners who are prepared to provide assistance if needed.

The City of Piedmont fully supports the right to free speech and will work to facilitate residents desiring to exercise that right. We are heartbroken by the death of Mr. Floyd and outraged by the actions and inactions of the involved officers.

Mr. Floyd's death, the pain it is causing in our communities, and the violence that has followed are truly tragic events. The City of Piedmont fully appreciates that these events reflect larger systemic issues to be addressed as we move forward. The City also stands ready to facilitate peaceful responses to these events by our residents. We do not condone violence and will take appropriate action to protect the safety and rights of all residents.

Sincerely,

CITY OF PIEDMONT

Sara Lillevand
City Administrator