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Community Leaders and Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement Call for Justice, Unity and Peace

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Community leaders and federal, state and local law enforcement partners join together to condemn the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis and to call for justice, unity and peace, U.S. Attorney McGregor W. Scott, FBI Special Agent in Charge Sean Ragan, Sacramento County District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert, Sacramento County Sheriff Scott Jones, Sacramento Chief of Police Daniel Hahn, and the following community leaders announced.

Sacramento NAACP
President Betty Williams
Vallejo NAACP
President Jimmie Jackson
Madera NAACP
President Gloria Brown
Kings County, Hanford Unit, NAACP
Dr. Crystal Jackson
The 100 Black Men of Sacramento
President Richard Cornelius
MLK Celebration Committee
President Toni Greenwell
Organization of Chinese Americans
Sacramento
President Jinky Dolar
Church of Scientology of Sacramento
President Mike Klagenberg
Sacramento Afghan Community
President Abdul Karim Yusufzai
West Sacramento Gurdwara
Public Relations Officer Darshan Mundy
Racial Healing Project
President Jan Merrill

Interfaith Council of Sacramento
President Edrine Ddungu
Public Relations Officer Akram Keval

Interfaith Council of Elk Grove
President Dr. Richard Shankar

Islamic Center of Vallejo
Secretary Najim Khan

Sikh Community of Fresno
Ike Grewal

Japanese American Citizens League
President Janice Luszczak

International Faith Based Coalition
Bishop Ron Allen

Sacramento Regional Coalition for Tolerance
President Susie Wong

Gethsemane Lutheran Church of Sacramento
Reverend Jason Bense

Twin Rivers Unified School District
Trustee Ramona Landeros

Greater Solomon Temple Community Church
Pastor Bishop Ron Allen

Jewish Federation of Sacramento
CEO Willie Recht
President Deborah Gonzalez

Jewish Community Relations Council
Chair Bruce Pomer

Benito Juarez Association of North Sacramento
Founder Ramona Landeros

Mi Familia Vota
Calif. State Director Samuel Molina

La Raza Lawyers Foundation
President Michael Terhorst

Sacramento Valley Family Federation for World Peace
Pastor Charles de Watteville

Leonard M. Friedman Bar Association
President Misha Igra

North State Relief
Secretary Joshua Cook

Interfaith Explorers
President Rachel Lyman and Reverend Dave Lyman

Yeshua Helping Hands, Inc.
Pastor Elizabeth Mass
Peaceful protest is a time-honored tradition in our country that is protected by the First Amendment. The peaceful protests in Sacramento, Fresno, Bakersfield, and around our country are addressing real and legitimate concerns about what happened to Mr. Floyd. Law enforcement supports the community’s right to peacefully protest and strives to protect this important right. But violence and destruction are not acceptable in our community nor in any other city in our country. It endangers our community, including those exercising their right to protest peacefully and those protecting that right.

“In this difficult time for our country, we stand together as one community to call for unity and peace, not division,” said U.S. Attorney Scott. “We stand together to call for justice, not violence and lawlessness. We call on our community to model peaceful protests like the one Chief Hahn and other community leaders joined in Sacramento on June 3.”

“Our mission is to protect the American people and uphold the Constitution,” said FBI Special Agent in Charge Ragan. “The FBI respects the First Amendment right to peacefully protest and be heard. Our investigative focus is on those who sow seeds of violence and destruction. These acts interfere with the rights of protestors and harm the community.”

On June 1, U.S. Attorney Scott convened the U.S. Attorney’s Hate Crimes Task Force, including community leaders, the FBI, and local law enforcement, to hear the concerns of community leaders and to identify positive steps to take going forward. The U.S. Attorney’s Office, FBI, Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office, Sacramento County Sheriff’s Department, Sacramento Police Department, and other federal, state, and local law enforcement are committed to safeguarding the constitutionally protected right to peaceful protest and continuing to work together with our community leaders to promote justice, unity, and peace for all.

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