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OC Human Relations Commission Makes Statement on Death of George Floyd

SANTA ANA, Calif. (6/12/20) The Orange County Human Relations Commission stands with Black Americans and all Americans of goodwill who are outraged by the killing of George Floyd while in custody of Minneapolis police officers. Let our righteous indignation be tempered by the steely resolve to prevent avoidable tragedies like this from happening again. Let us commit to one another, as citizens of a great republic, to love and to serve one another in ways that build empathy, compassion, trust and community.

To these ends, the Commission pledges to mobilize its resources to take concrete action in Orange County, including (1) hosting quarterly dialogues among community members; (2) developing educational curricula that will reduce the potential for interpersonal tension and (3) expanding, where possible, education and training sessions in partnership with law enforcement and our community.

We condemn the violence afflicting our country. We demand that those who are taking advantage of pain and grief to gain power, spread fear, impose chaos and harm others immediately stop doing so. Our brothers and sisters in law enforcement bear a burden for our benefit day in and day out. Law Enforcement does well when engaged in constant evaluation and re-evaluation to ensure justice is for all. And we implore our leaders to lead, to include, and to help us build a stronger and better America.