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Dear Residents of Surprise,

This is an important time to reflect on our history, one in which, we must have honest dialogue about race and inclusivity; and listen intently to these conversations.

We must be mindful that our children, our future, are watching us. Our actions and our words matter.

As a City Council, we are proud of the great work that is being carried out here in Surprise.

To the peaceful demonstrators in Surprise, thank you, for sharing your voice with our community. We are listening and learning from you.

To the many residents that exercise their freedom of religion to pray for our community and our police officers, thank you.

To the men and women of the Surprise Police Department, thank you, for setting an example of what it is to serve with respect and dignity. Our officers take great pride in engaging with the community, and this has resulted in a wonderful partnership between YOUR Surprise PD and you, our residents.

Our residents come from many different backgrounds. We are seniors, college students and young families. We represent various races and ethnicities. This Council is united in condemning racism and discrimination in any form.

That's why the conversations happening right now are so important. This is how we get to know one another and learn from each other's experiences. This is what builds a strong community. It is this compassion and understanding that has Surprise recognized as a Golden Rule City, by the Arizona Interfaith Movement.

Please, great residents of Surprise, keep these conversations going with each other and continue to respect and value one another.

Together, we will keep Surprise a safe and welcoming community for residents, visitors and businesses.

Sincerely,

Surprise City Council