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FINAL STATEMENT BY THE CITY COUNCIL

I continue to receive some changes, so here is the most recent version. If you are okay with this, can you email or text me and just let me know "OK". I would really like to get this out by the end of the day without any further changes, if at all possible:

The City of Rancho Cucamonga, as an organization that has focused on health and equity as components of the Healthy RC Program for the last 12 years, is shocked and dismayed at the senseless death of George Floyd. We offer our deepest sympathies to his family, the community of Minneapolis, and the communities and people in California and across the country who are experiencing the grieving process. Like so many Americans who have been impacted by this tragedy, we are saddened and deeply disturbed that Mr. Floyd's death threatens the collective progress that so many have worked to further in fostering trust between law enforcement and the diverse communities they serve. It is our hope that the legal system, which is fundamental to our democracy, will hold accountable those who were responsible for his death and work to ensure that similar acts do not reoccur.

Over the last two weeks, we have witnessed local leaders at all levels, law enforcement, citizen protesters and people of faith, coming together to stand for the common causes of equity and justice in our nation. We stand united in support of their voices, reject any suggestions of violence and promote the fundamental freedoms embodied in the First Amendment. The principles upon which this Country was built are for all people no matter where they live, who they are or the color of their skin. Equity and equality know no boundaries and must be accessible for all Americans regardless of any differences between individuals or groups.

One of the founding Healthy RC Priorities, as determined by the community and adopted by the City Council in 2014, is Community Connections and Safety, which focuses on violence-free neighborhoods and families, coupled with a culture of health and community awareness. The City of Rancho Cucamonga has worked diligently to promote and realize this priority, and in 2017 the City was formally designated as a Compassionate Community. This designation makes Rancho Cucamonga a member of a global network of communities committed to effectively preserving healthy, equitable, and resilient communities through inclusion and collaboration.

We are a Compassionate Community and as such we will continue to work to bring together all the voices in our community and the communities around us to build trust and unity of purpose. Whatever the differences that may distinguish us, we have so much more in common as Americans and we need to build on that unity and commonality to create a better tomorrow for our ourselves, our families and our children.

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