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Mayor Brosnan Statement on Racial Justice

Please find below a statement to the Livonia Community from Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan.

PUBLIC STATEMENT ON RACIAL JUSTICE

Last Monday, George Floyd was murdered in Minneapolis. His death leaves me heartbroken, angry, and wondering how many more people of color will utter the words, “I can’t breathe” before taking their last breath. I am saddened for George Floyd and for the loved ones suffering his loss, as our society once again says to itself, “racism has to stop.”

I applaud those who are demonstrating powerfully and peacefully in George Floyd’s honor, including those right here in Livonia, who are working to bring attention to the inequality and unjust treatment of people of color in America. As mayor, I will not tolerate those who engage in violence, distracting from that narrative with destructive, dangerous, and irresponsible behavior.

I believe it is important that we respect peaceful protests, that we offer clear and regular communication on the issue of racial injustice, and that we engage community leaders in our efforts to bridge the racial divide that exists across society, fully recognizing that Livonia is not an exception.

Sadly, this movement in which we are engaged is not a one-time occurrence, but it is my most sincere hope that this time will lead to lasting change. So, while individually, each peaceful march, demonstration, and rally may not make things better, we can use this moment to teach the next generation that they must take a stand.

Together, we need to stand with them in seeking justice. We need to stand with them demanding change. And stand beside them, in the spotlight of our history, to act with conviction to make things better starting today.

That's why together with the Livonia Police Department, we want to extend a hand to those looking to peacefully protest and affirm their First Amendment right to free speech in our City. I encourage those looking to organize a demonstration to reach out to us to help ensure a safe environment for all involved.

I am proud of the Livonia Police Department and the work they do to keep our community safe, ever mindful of the great challenges and tremendous public trust we hold. I am immensely grateful to the men and women who report to duty every day, with a mission to keep us safe and protect us from harm, who carry out their mission with dignity and honor, and especially to those who give their lives keeping us all safe. They are there in times of violence, domestic conflict, death and sadness, mental health and substance use crises, mass shootings, terrorist attacks, and pandemics. Through all this, the Livonia Police Department strives to uphold fairness, equity, procedural justice, transparency, and accountability – the values that build trust. I look forward to continuing to work with LPD leaders and officers to strengthen that trust.

And because more work is always needed to achieve these goals and bolster that trust, today I am announcing a new vision for the Livonia Human Relations Commission. This board will be charged with working directly with me and my office to make recommendations regarding diversity, equity and inclusion across the City of Livonia and its government.

Starting early next week, I will be meeting with all the commissioners to ensure we move quickly to bring recommendations to the community.

The task of deconstructing prejudice and inequality will be incredibly difficult work. But the good news is that, in the midst of tragedy, change is possible. Indeed, it is already well under way. Together, we are capable of ensuring everyone is treated fairly—regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, or any other identity—starting right here and right now in Livonia.

With much respect,



Maureen Miller Brosnan

Mayor, City of Livonia

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