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*Today we are unified in calling on residents and visitors to our respective communities to refrain from violence in the exercise of our First Amendment rights to free speech and to peaceably assemble.*

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Black Lives Matter.

Violence has no place in civic engagement and protest.

Throughout 2020, and in too many years prior, we have born witness to instances of racial injustice, police brutality and the rise of white supremacist rhetoric throughout our country, and right here at home. Even now we are experiencing unhelpful and inflammatory comments and acts, from many quarters, including the highest office in the land. The overwhelming majority of our community who have risen to protest for social justice and against racial inequities have done so peacefully, in keeping with public health guidelines and within the bounds protected by our state and federal constitutions.

Unfortunately, there are some individuals who have chosen violence over peaceful protest, violence towards other protestors, violence towards police officers and even an instance of deadly violence experienced recently in downtown Portland. While we recognize the outrage toward racial injustice is the foundation for the past 100+ days of protest, we call on everyone in our community seeking to confront racial injustice and to demand police accountability to forgo the path of violence.

We invite every member of our respective communities to continue to engage with our governments, to hold us accountable and to contribute to and facilitate a transformation away from racist systems and towards a more equitable, just community.

Similarly, we ask those who may want to demonstrate to do so peacefully and safely. The challenging work of our law enforcement agencies is only made more so when protests turn violent. We must speak up against violence, all violence.

We have zero tolerance for outside provocateurs bringing hate into our communities.

We acknowledge Oregon's long and difficult history with racism. And we commit to continuing to do the work to dismantle these systems. Our communities have a proud history of supporting the right to free expression, of recognizing a wide array of political viewpoints and of understanding the role dissent and debate play in our democracy.

What we ask now is that each of us fully embrace non-violence in the pursuit of these principles.

Thank you.

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