



CITY OF TAMPA

— OFFICE OF THE MAYOR —

Jane Castor, Mayor

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Dear Residents,

Many have taken to the streets to march in peaceful protests, demanding racial justice and systemic change. Our City has been listening to these concerns, we have been evaluating our own policies, and working with community leaders to take actionable steps forward together.

That being said, we recognized that the recent protests have caused disruptions to many of our daily lives, including blocking roads and closing certain parts of our city.

We understand that this is a difficult period for our community, with tensions running high on all sides. From the protestors marching for human rights to community members sitting in traffic, and to our officers who are trying to create a safe area for protestors without impacting their first amendment rights.

Last weekend we hosted a community task force on policing, a series of meetings with a vast cross-section of the Tampa community who will come together to identify actionable steps forward to heal, improve public safety, and create a brighter and more equitable future for generations to come.

Remember, if you see something say something and if you witness illegal activity please call 9-1-1. The Tampa Police Department stands ready, as always, to keep our community safe.

We appreciate your understanding as we continue working to balance the needs of our community members and the needs of demonstrators as they march to create a brighter future for all in our city.

Thank you,

Mayor Jane Castor