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SAN MATEO COUNTY ESTABLISHES COUNTYWIDE CURFEW EVENINGS OF JUNE 2ND AND 3RD | 8:30PM - 5:00AM

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A message from Mayor Shawn Christianson:

We wanted to reach out to you directly at this time, which is not like any other in our collective experience. The twin challenges of the global pandemic and national outrage have our communities looking for answers. The one clear thing is that there aren't any easy ones.



The deplorable events in Minneapolis, as well as others before them, are almost impossibly painful to watch, yet we know that this time, we cannot look away. The turmoil and grief we have been experiencing as a nation are being felt keenly locally as well. Against the backdrop of the continuing pandemic, we are all looking for ways to support those seeking to be positive forces for much needed change, while also ensuring that our communities are safe and healthy for all.

For months, Hillsborough has been supporting the United Against Hate movement. It has never felt more profoundly needed than now. In this difficult moment, our Town Council, Staff and Police Department reaffirm our abiding commitment to treat all individuals with dignity, respect, compassion and kindness. A companion message from our Police Chief Doug Davis below will explain some of the concrete ways in which our officers' selection and training strive to promote these goals.

The men and women of the Hillsborough Police Department have been offering mutual aid to communities throughout the Bay Area over the past week, and will be doing so with our San Mateo County neighbors for the next few days. They are also, as always, devoted to protecting our Town and its residents. A County-wide curfew has been imposed for tonight and tomorrow night, for the hours from 8:30 p.m. until 5:00 a.m., and we ask for your help in honoring it. More information about the curfew is available in the [County press release](#).

We cannot allow our grief and distress to lead to despair. We owe each other more than that. Nelson Mandela said that "Part of being optimistic is keeping one's head pointed toward the sun and one's feet moving forward." As optimists, but also as realists, we need to work with our neighbors to continue to build safe and inclusive communities, standing side-by-side.

Shawn Christianson
Mayor, Town of Hillsborough

A message from Police Chief Doug Davis:

I have received many comments, emails and phone calls over the past week from community members complimenting our staff while also expressing concern for officer safety. I am immensely proud of the men and women of the Hillsborough Police Department for their professionalism and compassion during some of the most challenging working conditions I have seen in my 30 years of law enforcement service.



The Hillsborough Police Department has a culture of exceptional service that is the result of a rigorous hiring process combined with the latest in law enforcement training that emphasizes the value of de-escalation during conflict. Our ongoing officer mentoring program ensures that our staff is committed to the values of respect and ethical and honest interactions which are expected by our community. Each of our officers is empowered to make ethically based decisions focused on problem solving and positive outcomes for our community.

The recent events have had a profound effect on law enforcement. Over the last week, our Department has been working daily to provide a safe environment for those who wish to lawfully demonstrate in our surrounding communities. We can stand with and protect those who choose to advocate for positive change. While we are providing assistance to our allied agencies in the region, our top priority remains the safety and well-being of Hillsborough residents. The Hillsborough Police Department has bolstered patrol staffing and is proactively patrolling our neighborhoods.

We are deeply committed to the Hillsborough community, the families, schools and neighbors we serve. Our department builds relationships based on mutual trust and we know we continually earn this trust one interaction at a time. We are honored to continue our 110 year commitment to this community and thank you for our partnership.

Doug Davis
Chief of Police, Town of Hillsborough

