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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:

I am John Minto, Mayor of the City of Santee. Your life matters, black lives matter, everyone's life matters. We need change, unity and tolerance, and we need to support each other now more than ever! We want visitors, residents, business owners and peaceful protestors to all have their voices heard and to feel safe in Santee. We don't condone looting, rioting or violence, and we don't condone racism or hatred of any kind! None of it is welcome here in Santee.

Unfortunately, social media is playing a big role in people's emotions and actions. Some stories may be true but we know many are not. The Sheriff is currently looking into all the reported crimes. If you are a victim of a crime, please call the Sheriff's non-emergency dispatch number at 858-565-5200 to report the incident or call 9-1-1 if you are in an emergency situation. And please.... there is a curfew in effect and it applies to everyone. We know how much the citizens of Santee and East County want to protect our community and local businesses but let's do this by working together and following public health and curfew orders. The Sheriff is enforcing the curfew. But they have a process they need to follow to disperse these large groups in the safest way, to protect all individuals and our community.

Bad things do happen in our community, like all communities. But as a City as a whole, that is not who we are! We need the Santee community to come together and make it known that we are not divided. We need our voices to be louder than those who are perpetuating the negative stereotypes and the few who are committing these crimes or acts of hatred. We are an inclusive, small town, family-oriented community. As proof, our summer concerts, 4th of July events, Spring Eggstravaganza and Bluegrass Festivals bring thousands of people together from outside and within our community, with no hate and no crime. We are one of the safest communities in the County.

We are Santee! Now let's show them we can Do More, Due East. Be More because Everyone matters!