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To: PublicComment

Subject: Racial injustice, racial inequality and income inequality.

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Dear Town Council,

As a resident of this great town in the High Desert of California, that I've called home for five years with that anniversary coming soon, I came to California as part of my own dream; to live the California Dream that I started to want when I was 18 years old and living in a different state. I came here, knowing that California offers so many pros; near year round warm weather in SoCal, Cannabis, Peace, Buddhism, Environmentalism, the fight for racial justice and so many other things. I watched the 1992 LA Riots from Tennessee and was horrified to see Rodney King violently, and senselessly, beat on. I came here with my ideals and philosophies and I knew that California was the place to be able to exercise those beliefs without much fear, if any at all.

To be here, watching the protestors in LA, across the state and nation, I feel it's ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE that we turn to our neighbors, even if we don't agree with them, and say, I love you! Let's be a happy and joyous community and work together, peacefully, to find solutions to the disease called RACISM and INCOME INEQUALITY.

But let me tell you something and I mean this and I hope this grabs the hearts of everyone: There's only ONE RACE: human!!! And ONE PLANET with no borders! All of us are humans with different colors. There's no caucasians, no african americans, no latinos, NO RACES. For we are all ONE RACE: human. We pull on our clothes the same way. We bleed the same color of blood. We breathe the same air. We all have a brain and the same internal organs, just different in sizes, shapes and colors.

On the issue of inequality such as the massive income inequality where only a few select demographics get lots of money and others don't, THIS MUCH CHANGE. It's not fair that someone in retail only gets to make the State minimum wage and has a College degree and then someone who works for a big logistics company called BNSF, who hasn't got a single bit of College Education or had previous work experience before they were handed a \$30 per hour job. And, lighter skinned people get more benefits than people who have different colors and women fair worse out of all of us.

That's UNFAIR and UNEQUAL. We speak of Equality then equality must be had ACROSS THE BOARD. The people need equal wages, equal access to education, equal access to EXCELLENT HEALTHCARE, and equal access to EVERYTHING!!

I want to see this racial crap come to an end and it's going to take the citizens of this town and the Town Council working together to do this and I'd recommend having a way for our communities to be able to see any resolutions you draft and have the ability to comment and vote on them as well. We must have EQUAL community participation in order for our community to become one for all and all for one. An app, a website, a phone number to call and place a vote, something has to be done to give complete and total equal access to EVERY SINGLE person in this community.

We're hurting. It hurts me horribly to see my fellow humans hurt, not just physically, but economically, educationally and so forth, only because of the color of their skin. That's sickening.

This is NOT the America I wanted to grow up in. And this is California. We've got a mighty and HUGE voice and we have, are and will continue to raise that voice LOUDLY until someone listens to us for once!

Police Officers are supposed to be our friends and helping us look out for each other. Or so I thought that was the whole point behind a police force. Lately, those beliefs are being challenged. I grew up around and respecting police officers and I'll be damned if an officer of the law who was put there by the community, lays a harmful hand on anyone, anymore.

You don't get to wear a badge and a utility belt that sports a firearm and carry out hate on people who look different than you. That's a disgrace to the uniform, the department AND THE COMMUNITY. If you're an officer and you hide your racist thoughts and actions behind a badge and a gun, SHAME ON YOU!!! You're a disgrace if you do that.

From one source of light, we refract into a rainbow of colors. The Sun shines on all of us, equally and we're the rainbow of colors that make up that light.

I demand action and I demand it now. Thank you.

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Kind regards,

Charlie Luna

"May the Force be with you always"