June 4, 2020

Dear Neighbor:

Like so many of you, I was horrified to watch as Minneapolis police officers took the life of George Floyd – the most recent example of the targeting and violence directed at innocent Black men, women and children. Mr. Floyd's death was not an isolated incident but one in a long pattern of brutality, prejudice and racism that has plagued this nation from coast to coast.

In the days since this murder, tens of thousands of Americans have taken to the streets to protest racism and injustice, both here in New Jersey and across our country. Their anger is justified and righteous. Yet at the highest levels of the federal government, officials chose to turn their back on due process and the constitutional right to assembly, instead to divide Americans at a time when so many have joined together to protest against injustice.

To those of you whom have watched these events with horror, I want to assure you that Piscataway will never be a place for hate and division. Every family that calls Piscataway home must know that our diverse community is united in bolstering the civic safeguards that we cherish and on which we rely.

In Piscataway, we are all entitled to be treated with respect. We will continue to strengthen our shared bonds in order to expel the scourge of racism and repair the fabric of our democracy.

Sincerely,

Brian C. Wahler

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Mayor