

Council President Gabrielle Cahill

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Before we start our meeting tonight, I want to express our shared grief and disgust of the murder of Mr. George Floyd.

While Minneapolis is more than a thousand miles away, we must speak out.

Our residents should know that we as your Council demand justice for this senseless killing.

In this Township, in this nation, there is outrage. Yet, this outrage was not born just a week ago. It is from decades – from generations – of hardship caused by prejudice.

Up and down the streets of America, in its parks and at its civic sites, peaceful protests have called for justice and an end to racism. They ask, as we do, for this country to value and protect equality, liberty and due process.

The Constitution has been trampled – but it has not been torn. The course of our country can be corrected, but it will take millions of citizens to advocate change and marshal good will.

We can renew faith in our institutions, and more importantly, make them work for all Americans. We know this because we can see it in our own Township.

We in Piscataway can be proud of our diversity and harmony. Also, our community and our police department enjoy confidence, respect and appreciation.

Piscataway represents the dream of America. In our Township, we can look into the eyes of a neighbor and see an equal, a friend, and a fellow American.

We encourage our residents to continue to be unified in true purpose. We want every family that lives in Piscataway to know that in our community, America exists as it should. In time, with work, America too will exist like our Township.