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**Message from the Hemet Police Department**

**Hemet, CA** — The Hemet Police Department is fully aware of the ongoing situation in Los Angeles and the protests and unrest occurring in that area. We want to assure our community that we support the rights of individuals and groups to peacefully assemble and express their viewpoints, which is a fundamental constitutional right.

We also want to clarify that our department does not have any involvement in detaining or deporting individuals. Those responsibilities are handled by federal immigration authorities and are outside the scope of our duties. Our primary responsibility is to maintain peace, order, and safety within our community.

While we support the right to peaceful protest, we want to emphasize that any individuals or groups who commit crimes or threaten public safety will be held accountable swiftly and appropriately. Our duty is to protect the safety and rights of all residents, visitors, and businesses.

We appreciate our community and thank you for your trust and cooperation!

Respectfully,

Michael A. Arellano

Chief of Police

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