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Statement From District Attorney Jackie Lacey

I am saddened by the culmination of injustice in our society that has, once again, resulted in anger and despair erupting into violence in our streets.

I send my sincerest sympathy to George Floyd’s family and friends.

His life mattered.

In death, Mr. Floyd forces us to, once again, confront the racial disparity in all aspects of our society, but especially in the criminal justice system.

My hope is that justice prevails.

My prayer is that we see people exercise their First Amendment right in a peaceful way and that no more lives are lost to senseless violence at the hands of police or civilians.

As we struggle with racial and economic inequality, we cannot condone destroying one person’s American Dream to atone for another’s historic oppression.

All members of our community have a right to be safe and a right to be heard. When these two tenets of our democracy needlessly clash, we all lose.

As the leader of the largest local prosecutor’s office in the nation, I am reaffirming my commitment to fight for justice for all.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.