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Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

Council File #: [20-0718](#)

Title: George Floyd / Protests / Non-Violent Actions / Decline to Pursue Criminal or Financial Penalties

Position: Support

Summary:

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council (HHPNC) extends its support to this motion (20-0718) calling for the City Attorney to drop all charges against protestors whose crimes are curfew violations or failure to comply with orders to disperse. The protestors in question were exercising their right to free speech, and were not engaged in theft or property damage. By choosing to make these arrests, the LAPD diverted manpower, which could have been used to prevent looting and arson occurring nearby. Protecting freedom of speech is essential to our democracy. Our neighbors need to feel safe to demonstrate peacefully without fear of fine or imprisonment.