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Statement from the County Human Relations Commission

The Leon L. Williams San Diego County Human Relations Commission (HRC) promotes positive human relations, respect, and the integrity of every individual regardless of gender, religion, culture, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, or citizenship status. Respect, and the integrity of every individual regardless of their background is at the core of the mission of the HRC. Given our commitment we feel it is important to denounce acts of hate and support efforts to heal when and where we see them.

LGBTQIA Rights are Human Rights

Recent events related to use of a locker room at a Santee YMCA have raised concerns for the HRC. We commend the YMCA in upholding the right to use the restroom and locker room that align with their members' gender identity.

As a Commission we know all too well the complexity of this work as we have had our own challenges as we learn to foster spaces of understanding, even when we disagree, and have civil discourse. But we want to make it abundantly clear that the HRC stands in solidarity with the LGBTQIA community and denounces any incidents of bias, bigotry, and racism.

The HRC stands ready to work with entities and community residents in finding solutions to promoting positive human relations. All are welcome to reach out and join our Commission.

Holding Law Enforcement Accountable

The Commission denounces the murder of Tyre Nichols at the hands of law enforcement.

This goes beyond race. The system we live and work in continues to send the message that some do not deserve to be treated like humans. It is time to reject those systems and come together to hold law enforcement accountable. We must rebuild our systems so that they work for all of us. That includes comprehensive change at every level within our justice system, from law enforcement and policymakers to neighborhood watch groups and beyond.

We have seen this video before: Tyre Nichols, Eric Garner, George Floyd, Mike Brown, Keenan Anderson – the list goes on, and on, and on. Enough is enough. Never forget there is someone at home waiting for them, they have a life, and a beloved community they belong to.

Join us in creating change. The Commission invites community members to participate in Public Safety subcommittee meetings focused on promoting positive community-law enforcement relations.

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