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Issue/Event: Police Officers Shooting in Dallas, TX

In light of the horrific tragedy in Dallas, Texas, last night, I felt compelled to send this brief message of compassion today to the residents of the Ocotillo District and all first responders in Glendale.

This morning I contacted both Police Chief Black and Assistant Police Chief St. John to offer my support of them and the entire Glendale Police Department. I am very proud of the job that Glendale's finest do in serving and protecting all citizens, and it is important that they know how grateful I am of the risks they endure as they put their lives on the line for our safety each and every day.

For all police officers, women and men of all colors, sworn or unsworn, your sacrifices do not go un-noticed or un-appreciated. The work that you do is often taken for granted, and the actions of certain individuals in other parts of the country occasionally paint your profession in a bad light. I for one do not believe that the events of the past few days, which have unfortunately culminated in the shocking events of last night, paint this department in a negative light, and do not diminish the work that you do every day.

However, I want to remind our citizens the importance of embracing diversity in our city, state, and our nation. While violence has dominated the headlines, I ask the community to focus on the positive work of the various and diverse organizations in our city that have a significant impact on our youth and in the inner city. In the coming weeks I will work with our administration, including the Glendale Police, on efforts to continue to strengthen relationships with our families, and to continue to work on adopting diversity as a policy within the City of Glendale. It is imperative that we advocate for a ONE COMMUNITY mentality.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the victims and their families in the tragedies of the past few days.

Thank you,
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