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O'Connell Creates UNITE Task Force

Bringing People Together

Taunton, MA . . . Today Mayor Shaunna O'Connell announced that she is creating a new task force called UNITE Task Force, Unified Neighbors in Taunton Empowerment Task Force, which will focus on community harmony and bringing people together.

"Like my fellow Tauntonians, I am appalled at the death of George Floyd at the hands of a police officer," said O'Connell. "His death has prompted action across our country and in our community. Injustice for one is injustice for all. The question is, how do we effect positive change? Today I am creating a task force that will bring our community together, raise awareness, be proactive, and find solutions to challenges," O'Connell said.

Today Mayor O'Connell spoke at the First Pilgrim Church. She supports peaceful protest and people exercising their first amendment rights peacefully.

"While we are all outraged over Floyd's death, I am proud of our local law enforcement that has proudly served our city and is known for positive community involvement and treating everyone equally," said O'Connell.

O'Connell has been working the police to keep the protest peaceful and local citizens and businesses safe. "I commend the relentless work our police have done all week to make sure we are prepared and everyone is protected."

O'Connell has already contacted Pastor Matt Thornton of Christ Community Church to help with the Task Force. "Christ Community Church has been an extraordinarily positive presence in our community, and I look forward to them being a part of the task force."

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