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With great respect to the majority of officers who put their lives on the line everyday and have lost their lives protecting our community, the death of George Floyd has moved the nation and has forced us to once again examine the interaction of law enforcement within communities of color. I will never know what it’s like to be targeted, marginalized, or feared, simply because of the color of my skin. And I hurt for those in my office, this community, and the world who do.

As district attorney, I’m tasked with executing the due process of the law. Prosecutors must work as swiftly as possible to ensure justice is served. We must examine and prepare a case not just for the filing of a formal charge, but also in a manner that ensures a conviction can be obtained where the evidence warrants. While justice must be swift, it is equally important that it be unbiased, equitable, deliberate and comprehensive. These principles are a hallmark of a fair and just legal system. However, none of us can ignore the fact that our system has inconsistently lived up to these ideals.

What happened to George Floyd is wrong. Modern technology now forces all of us to see these senseless acts with our own eyes. But to truly confront these actions, it is imperative that we acknowledge their persistence throughout the history of this nation for African-Americans.

The sad reality is that the death of George Floyd reaffirms longstanding fears and truths for many. We must all do our part to help those we love feel safer and to call out injustice.

In sincerity,

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