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Mayor and Council's Statement to the Community
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Over the last two weeks the members of Lawrence Township Council, the Lawrence Township Police Department, and township administration have watched with broken hearts the events across the country and have watched with pride at how our residents have come together to support each other.

Last week, Township Council and the Police Chief came together to show our support for our community and the statement that “Black Lives Matter.” We gathered simply with candles to stand, and kneel, in solidarity with those that are looking for justice. There were no invited guests or speakers as we wanted to be mindful of the prohibition against gatherings of more than 25 people and the curfew that evening.

Since that time, we have received many emails of concern about the curfew and our Police Department’s policies. Rest assured that Councilmembers have already started working on how we can best facilitate a deeper community conversation and reviewing our use of force policy.

We understand that these issues deserve a continual conversation with our community. The municipal government, the school district, our businesses, and our residents all deserve that dialog. We look forward to finding new innovative ways to do that, especially during this pandemic.