



## **Elmhurst Neighborhood Association**

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Vice Mayor Eric Guerra  
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Dear Vice Mayor Guerra,

We are writing to express our concern about the police presence and actions in our neighborhood on Monday, March 4, 2019 in conjunction with a demonstration being held in protest of the District Attorney's decision to not charge the officers that killed Stephon Clark.

Instead of allowing demonstrators to disperse, the police encircled them and then conducted a mass arrest of 84 individuals, including some Elmhurst residents. The police detained these individuals for several hours in the cold on the 51<sup>st</sup> Street overpass unnecessarily blocking a major point of access to our neighborhood creating an unsafe situation for those detained individuals as well as the neighborhood.

The massive presence of police and their aggressive response to these non-violent demonstrators, and the unprecedented number of arrests seem clearly uncalled for, as evidenced by the fact that all charges against those arrested were dropped within a few days.

This unnecessary show of force has cost the City and police community goodwill. We would like to know what this cost the city of Sacramento in terms of our tax dollars. We also want a full investigation done on the conduct of police at this demonstration and want a report of that investigation.

We plan to hold a neighborhood forum on the larger issues of police conduct raised at this protest and the legislative (SB 392) and policy remedies (including those suggested by the Police Commission and community organizations) being proposed to address those.

Sincerely,

Elmhurst Neighborhood Association Board of Directors

email cc: Mayor Darrell Steinberg, City Manager Howard Chan, Police Chief Daniel Hahn, Assemblymember Kevin McCarty, Chief of Staff Erin Teague