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Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 5:59 PM
To: Lara Weisiger
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item # 2020-8038

Lara, public comment on item #2020-8038.

Representing the West Alameda Business Association please consider the curfew for the City of Alameda to reflect the curfew of Alameda County, through June 5th. If necessary this can be rescinded at anytime. Thank you for your consideration. Linda

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From: Rob Szykowny <robszykowny@gmail.com>
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Council members, not only should you not ratify the decision of the City Manager to impose this tinpot fascist curfew order, but it should be rescinded immediately. Moreover, you should take any available steps to lodge the City's dissent from the County curfew. Your colleagues in the City of Santa Clara have already taken those steps.

Beyond doubt, nothing that has happened on the island this week remotely justifies the extraordinary limitation on citizens' freedom of speech and movement. Curfew orders do not keep us safer. They serve as a legal fig leaf for the police to initiate violent confrontations with unarmed protesters. To impose this curfew is to ratify and stand with the actions of authoritarians like the President, and to equate the brutal police violence we have seen all over the nation in the past week with the chanting and marching of protesters calling for an end to brutal police violence.

A progressive city like Alameda should be making every effort to oppose police violence, raise up the voices of oppressed communities that are the most frequent victims of police violence, and demonstrate that our City rejects the quasi-military weaponization of police forces nationwide, and the turning of those weapons against poor black and brown people. Please do your duty to stand with the George Floyds of the world, and against the Derek Chauvins. Oppose curfew.

Thank you,
Rob Szykowny