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From: leConge Ziesenhenné, Monique
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:34 AM
To: Palo Alto Art Protest
Cc: Fine, Adrian; Council, City
Subject: Re: University Avenue Youth Art Protest - August 8th

Good morning,

Thank you for your email message. I am sorry you felt there was a lack of communication on this issue.

As mentioned, the City supports peaceful protests in our community. The City retains the right to remove items placed in the roadway and other right of way areas without warning or reason.

The vandalized posters no longer shared your intended message. The negative comments added were intended to harm one aspect of our community. We believe in supporting our whole community and they were removed accordingly.

Best Regards,



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