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PEACEFUL PROTEST PLANNED FOR AUGUST 29, 2020

SEAL BEACH, CA — The City of Seal Beach and the Seal Beach Police Department are aware of a peaceful protest that is planned for this Saturday, August 29, 2020. The Seal Beach Police Department is committed to ensuring the safety and security of residents, visitors and business owners, as well as the safety and security of protestors who are engaging in their lawful exercise of First Amendment rights.

The Seal Beach Police Department has no information that this protest will be anything other than a peaceful exercise of the demonstrators' right to assemble. However, as seen on a national level, planned peaceful protests have at times evolved into situations of civil unrest. The Seal Beach Police Department is prepared to keep the peace, protect the Constitutional rights of all persons, protect property, and enforce the law fairly and impartially.

"It is the right of every citizen to protest and peacefully assemble," said Chief of Police Philip L. Gonshak. "It is a critical component of our democracy and is at the very heart of the First Amendment."

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