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TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A COMMUNITY ATTITUDE OF RESPECT FOR THE WORTH AND DIGNITY OF EACH INDIVIDUAL REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, OR CREED.

(This is an exact copy of a letter mailed to the La Mesa Police Department on this date.)

December 8, 1970

Chief Glenn B. Adams
La Mesa Police Department
8181 Allison Avenue
La Mesa, California 92041

Dear Chief Adams:

Citizens in the area have reported to People for People, their shock at statements made by Officer Robert Oliver at the "Shoplifting Clinic" sponsored by the La Mesa Chamber of Commerce.

It is almost inconceivable for a person in that responsible a position to be so insensitive to Human Relations as to make derogatory and racist statements before a group of business people.

The efforts of citizen groups such as People for People have been toward fomenting understanding and hopefully the elimination of prejudices for or against any group because of race, creed, or ethnic background. One public statement uttered by a police officer or any other person in a comparable responsible position undoes the efforts of years of work in promoting human understanding.

An incident occurring in one part of the "Greater Grossmont" area affects all people and agencies in the entire area, therefore, while our group is basically El Cajon oriented, many La Mesans are actively involved and we feel justified in reacting to the most unfortunate racist comments attributed to Officer Robert Oliver.

The big question now is what are you going to do about this incident?

Very truly yours,

Nat L. Eggert

Nat L. Eggert, Chairman

cc: Mayor and City Council - La Mesa
City Manager - La Mesa
Chamber of Commerce - La Mesa

PURPOSES

1. COMMUNITY - To promote the assimilation of all people in all areas of community life.

2. INFORMATION - To promote better community understanding through the dissemination of materials and information to the community and its leaders.

3. EMPLOYMENT - To promote fair employment practices without regard to race, color or creed and encourage the establishment of training programs for those who lack necessary skills.

4. HOUSING - To encourage the sale and rental of all property without regard to race, color or creed.

5. EDUCATION - To support school and educational policies and activities which will encourage an attitude among students of respect for the worth and dignity of all individuals, and which will result in a knowledge of the contributions to our society of minority groups.

6. RESPECT - To promote respect for basic human justice and law and order.

7. GOVERNMENT - To support an equal and fair treatment to all people by government and governmental agencies.

8. ASSISTANCE - To assist in the solution of specific problems which come to the attention of this group.