

Office of the Mayor



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### **STATEMENT ON APRIL 15, 2017 PROTESTS**

“Berkeley values are rooted in the ideas of free speech and peaceful protest. Unfortunately outside groups chose Berkeley as the location for a confrontation with intentions to create violence. When violence broke out in the streets, the Berkeley Police Department ultimately arrested 20 people and are currently investigating leads on others who were identified as committing crimes. No property damage was reported, and there were no injuries to people uninvolved with the event. We are committed to bringing perpetrators of violence to justice and protecting the right for peaceful assembly. I want to express my appreciation to Chief Greenwood and our police officers for the excellent job they did in responding to this very challenging situation. The safety of our residents and our businesses will continue to be our top priority.”