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MAYOR'S STATEMENT

SUBJECT: TRAGEDY IN SUTHERLAND SPRINGS TEXAS

On behalf of the City of Albany I want to express our condolences to all of those in Sutherland Springs Texas who are suffering from the violence which rocked your community. We grieve with you on the loss of your family and friends. To the many who were injured, we send hope that your healing journey goes smoothly.

We will adjourn this meeting in memory of those who lost their lives and were injured in Texas.

It was only a month ago these same thoughts were shared with you. This week we saw people participating in activities that we in Albany truly appreciate – bicycling and walking along a path specifically designed to keep them safe from passing cars. People worshiping in a place, by its very nature, a sanctuary from the stresses and troubles of the world. Evil found them in the places we trust to be safe.

Last month I challenged all of us to come together as a community to take action to honor victims of violence by recommitting to creating a safe and peaceful community. This morning I reached out to our national, state and county elected officials asking to work with them and with all of you to seek real solutions for the variety of issues which result in these horrific acts. Working in unity to initiate serious conversations not only on firearms legislation but on mental health needs and services, including support for those who have served in our armed forces, is the best way to honor and remember those devastated by violence.

Peggy McQuaid
Mayor