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Statement from Lake Oswego City Manager Martha Bennett regarding BLM sign letter:

"This morning, we learned that a Lake Oswego family recently received an anonymous letter requesting the removal of Black Lives Matter signs from their home. We stand in solidarity with this family.

The City of Lake Oswego is committed to making Lake Oswego a welcoming community for everyone. We envision a place where every person feels safe and supported by each other. We respect our residents' First Amendment rights for free expression, and we believe in constructive dialog that allows people to discuss their differences of opinion face-to-face.

As a City, we value our BIPOC community members, and we stand for anti-racism. Everyone should be able to thrive in Lake Oswego without worrying about how the color of their skin affects their opportunities. No one should have to live with suspicion and fear of one's neighbors.

We are committed to making Lake Oswego a community for all and we need the help of every person. Please join us in stamping out racism, intolerance, and fear in Lake Oswego."

*~ Martha Bennett, City Manager*