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PUBLIC STATEMENT MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOBBY DUNCAN AT  
THE JUNE 8, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

I wish to clarify my comments related to my conversation with District Attorney Jason Anderson prior to the event of the night of June 1, 2020, here in Yucaipa.

About one week ago, I called District Attorney Jason Anderson to speak with him regarding the current state of affairs as it related to the protesting and riots seen across the country. Out of concern for the safety of the residents and business owners in the City of Yucaipa, I asked Mr. Anderson what the definition was of “brandishing a firearm.” After explaining to me that he was prohibited by law to give legal advice, he explained to me the definition. I didn’t communicate this properly at the council meeting on June 8, 2020, when I made mention of speaking with the District Attorney.

Mr. Anderson explained to me that anyone having possession of a firearm, must do so legally. Business owners may possess a firearm on their property; however, they cannot use a firearm to protect their property. This includes drawing, exhibiting or displaying a firearm in a manner which would be menacing or to instill fear in another person.

I spoke with Mr. Anderson’s office this afternoon regarding my statements. Out of either a misunderstanding on my part or simple miscommunication, I misspoke at the council meeting. That was certainly not my intent.

Mr. Anderson’s office expressed to me that their concern was that those who are in lawful possession of a firearm do so in a safe manner, use common sense, and always abide by the applicable laws.

Councilmember Bobby Duncan