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(Houston, Texas) Harris County District Attorney Kenneth Magidson issues the following statement:

“We respect the rights of all citizens to exercise their Constitutional provisions of free speech and free assembly. Those rights are cherished and are inherent to all Americans. As long as people are acting lawfully and complying with state and local laws, they should be able to gather and protest.

We also have a duty as prosecutors to ensure the public trust by working with law enforcement agencies to see that the laws of the State of Texas are adhered to. All cases are judged on the law and the particular facts that comprise them. We will continue to perform the duties of our office with honor and integrity.”

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