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Hello City Clerk:

Due to sudden schedule changes, I might not be able to attend the council meeting for presentation of my issue for public-comment-period. I request you to pass on the Council Members and City Manager for immediate attention to the issue.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Ram Kakkar

Commentsfor Next Council Meeting of the City
Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

You are all aware about the news of shooting in Milwaukee Sikh Temple of August 5; it was an act of senseless outrage against innocent people that has shattered many lives. In fact, the peace-loving & hardworking Sikh community has been the target of mistaken identity ever since 9/11. In this tragic event, seven innocent people were killed there. Any loss innocent life is a sad event. However, when it happens at a place of worship where people peacefully gather for prayer to offer

thanks
to God, it is a grave tragedy.

Countless Americans, faith leaders, civic leaders, law enforcement officials and others have already shared expressions of sympathies and solidarity over the shooting.

In a response to this mass-shooting, President Barack Obama ordered flags at all U.S. government facilities both at home and abroad to be flown at half-staff at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

Most state governments are following with their own proclamations for flags at state facilities. California State Assembly has already condemned this senseless killing. I request the City Council to express its thoughts of solidarity with an appropriate resolution and send a condolence letter to aggrieved families through local Sikh temple in the City of Buena Park. Indian residents in the city, especially the Sikh community will highly appreciate your support.

It is worth mentioning here that the Sikh community has a lot of gratitude for law enforcement officers for their prompt and brave response to the massacre there.

Lt. Brian

Murphy- was among the first to the scene...; he got “ambushed” by the shooter while he started helping the

victims there. Though Lt. Murphy suffered eight to nine gunshot wounds; he still waved off to other officers who came to his aid, urging them to first enter the temple and attend to other potential victims. Later on, the officers carried Lt. Murphy to Froedtert

Hospital for surgery on Sunday. This brave officer, Lt. Murphy is expected to be okay. He is a real hero to the community.

“Ram Kakkar”