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Social Concern Minute

**Santa Monica Friends Meeting
A Minute Supporting Our Meeting's Social Action
September 9, 2018**

The Santa Monica Friends Meeting values justice, truth, peace, and freedom. We are neither for nor against individual politicians or political parties.

We believe that all people carry a Divine Spark and thus are inherently equal and deserving of respect, equitable treatment, and the freedom in which to achieve our given potential.

We support honest government that works to achieve a decent standard of living for all, education for all, and health and healthcare for all.

We want a society and government which respect law, science, and knowable fact.

We recognize, too, that we human beings, although but one species among millions, are impacting the Earth's ecosystems with devastating consequences. We need our government to face squarely this reality and to help direct our society's resources toward a more livable environment for Earth's myriad life forms.

Finally, we want our nation to be one that seeks to remove the causes of war—a process that requires a clear look at our own practices and history—by peaceful engagement and dialogue with countries with whom we may have differences.

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