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**TOWN COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING  
VIRTUAL MEETING**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Mayor Paterna called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**3. Roll Call**

Members Present: Mayor Andrew Paterna  
Deputy Mayor Liz Pendleton  
Councilor Audrey Delnicki  
Councilor Erica Evans  
Councilor Mary Justine Hockenberry  
Councilor Cesar Lopez  
Councilor Karen Lydecker  
Councilor Janice Snyder

Members Absent: Councilor Lisa Maneeley

Others Present: Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager  
Vanessa Perry, Asst. Town Manager/Director of H.R.  
Drew Guild, Systems Administrator/Project Leader

**4. Mayor's Remarks**

Mayor Paterna stated that there is controversy regarding the Black Lives Matter Movement. If you look at the names of Black Americans that have been killed over the past few years, the most recent being George Floyd and Rayshard Brooks, these names put people on notice that something must change. Mayor Paterna stated that he stands with the students and residents of the Town of South Windsor when it is stated that Black Lives Matter, and he believes that everyone is committed to build a more just America. Mayor Paterna read a letter from Karl Reichle into the record regarding his support to eliminate racism.

**5. Adoption of Agenda**

Councilor Lydecker made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Deputy Mayor Pendleton seconded the motion.

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**ITEM:**

**5. Adoption of Agenda (Continued)**

Deputy Mayor Pendleton made a motion to amend the agenda by moving Item 13. H. after Item 6. Councilor Hockenberry seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Mayor Paterna called for a vote on the amended motion; it was approved unanimously.

**6. Communications and Reports from Town Manager**

Mr. Michael Maniscalco reported on the following items:

- The organizers of the Wapping Fair have decided to cancel the fair this year due to COVID-19.
- The Town has made its first FEMA application in the total amount of \$1,295,583.78.
- The Town has been evaluating a drain on Beldon Drive and is planning to do some maintenance work replacing the headwall and adding some rip rap to minimize the amount of erosion.
- The Police Department has moved the radar monitor to Laurel Street. Modifications will be made in accordance with the results of this monitoring.
- The infection rates for COVID-19 are down in Connecticut. This is due to the diligence of everyone wearing masks and social distancing. It is important for residents to continue doing this to ensure that a second wave of COVID-19 does not begin.
- The collection rate for last year was 99.31%.
- The COVID-19 Tax Deferral program has had 141 applications, with 71 applicants meeting the requirements and being approved for tax deferral.
- The Parks & Recreation Department opened the pool at Veterans Memorial Park. There are day passes available at a reduced rate.

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Maniscalco explained that hazard pay is eligible for FEMA reimbursement and has been included in the request to FEMA for reimbursement. The South Windsor Public Library is slated to open around July 17, 2020. Mrs. Etter has ordered safety items and is waiting for these items to be delivered. The Library has increased its curbside delivery service to the public.

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Councilor Evans explained that the process for the Curbside Pickup Program at the Library is great. A resident can go on-line, review the books that are available, and submit the books they would like. The Library will call the person requesting the books and let them know when the books can be picked up on the curb. Councilor Evans stated that she put a request in on a Sunday and picked up the books on Tuesday.

Councilor Lydecker requested to receive a report on how much the Town has made on the composting program? Also, it was stated in the Park & Recreation Department's report that there is an estimated loss in revenue in the amount of \$758,000. Councilor Lydecker questioned if that loss is in the self-sustaining user fees or in next year's budget? Mr. Maniscalco stated he would get a formal response to those questions.

Answering further questions, Mr. Maniscalco explained that he expects it to be multiple months, if not a year or more, for FEMA to get back to the Town on their request for reimbursements.

**13. New Business**

**H. Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to Submit a Grant Application to the United States Department of Agriculture**

WHEREAS, the goal of this grant is to create a resilient urban agricultural community empowered by innovative Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA); and

WHEREAS, this is proposed to be accomplished by using energy-efficient and alternative energy technologies to lift up the areas that have been plagued by low food access; and

WHEREAS, this is proposed to be within a greenhouse, a building, or a shipping container, as locations for Controlled Environment Agriculture, with the goal to locate the first growing facility in South Windsor, CT; and

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WHEREAS, the Town of South Windsor will partner with Dr. Richard Fu of Agrivolution to plan and collect data on the feasibility of fuel-cell-powered urban farms that provide combined heat, power, and CO2 (CHP+) to boost year-round growing; and

WHEREAS, the South Windsor Hunger Action Team, and the South Windsor Food Alliance will explore with local farmers and growers and facilitate direct sales and distribution to the residents in Low Income/Low Access areas of Hartford County, including the South Windsor Food Bank; and

WHEREAS, since the Town of South Windsor will submit the grant and administer the financial aspects of the potential grant award, the Town will receive \$46,000 in funding for staff time to process invoices for payment or receipt of money for the grant operation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby authorizes Town Manager Michael Maniscalco to submit the grant application to the United States Department of Agriculture for the Controlled Environment Agriculture farming grant.

Was made by Councilor Hockenberry  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Pendleton

Dr. Richard Fu came before the Council and explained that he had written the grant along with Elizabeth Kendal. Dr. Fu has a business in South Windsor. This business has been involved in controlled environmental agriculture, which is basically a form of a greenhouse or indoor farming practice. What is being proposed is to use technology in the form of a fuel cell in greenhouses and therefore achieve high efficiencies. It is expected to get approximately 80% to 90% use of efficiency in terms of energy usage in the form of electricity, heat, water, and carbon dioxide. If the grant is approved, the greenhouse would be in South Windsor. The grant application is ready to be submitted and is due today by midnight. In the early part of August, the Town will find out the status of the grant.

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Dr. Fu gave the Council his background and his credentials and then stated that the greenhouse would be paid for by the grant.

Mr. Maniscalco informed the Council that the Town would be the fiscal agent and would have fiduciary responsibilities for the grant. The Town would be reimbursed for its administrative responsibilities.

Dr. Fu explained to the Council that one container would take up approximately 1/10<sup>th</sup> of one acre. A few years ago, Dr. Fu explained that he was involved in an agricultural venture with strawberries using a controlled environment, and this venture resulted in the production of strawberries for 11-12 months. The usual production of strawberries in Connecticut is approximately 2-3 weeks in June.

Mayor Paterna explained that if this resolution is approved, the grant would be submitted, but it does not guarantee that the Town will receive any dollars from the USDA.

Mayor Paterna called for a vote on the motion; it was approved unanimously.

**7. Public Input**

James Burn from Berry Patch in South Windsor called in regarding the huge yellow sign that is outside on the driveway of Town Hall. It has been there for about two weeks, and he finds it offensive. Mr. Burn stated that he believes that Black Lives Matter as well as all lives, but does not believe it should be painted on Town property.

Kathy Daugherty **(Exhibit A)**

Carolyn Venne, Executive Director, Wood Memorial Library & Museum

**(Exhibit B)**

Nancy Walker **(Exhibit C)**

Kathleen Lux-Scimone **(Exhibit D)**

Janet Hobby stated that she is in favor of a write-in ballot for the Presidential Election.

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Jeff Layaw (**Exhibit E**)

Diane Mazzadra, 785 Chapel Road (**Exhibit F**)

Amit Tandon (**Exhibit G**)

Mark Hood, 500 Clark Street (**Exhibit H**)

Kathy Daugherty stated that she supports the Black Lives Matter Movement and does not have a problem with the painting in the driveway, but does have a problem with the process that was used. It was never discussed in a Council meeting. Our Town is run by a Town Manager form of government, which means the Town Manager makes the day to day decisions, and no one on the Council has the right or the authority to make any decisions including, our Mayor. The Mayor presides over the Town Council meetings and performs such other duties consistent with his office as may be imposed by the Council. He shall be recognized as the official head of the Town for all ceremonial and military purposes. The Mayor permitted the painting and paid for the paint without consulting the other Council members and without a public hearing. This was done against the advice of the Town Manager. The Council needs to make sure the Charter is being followed, and there is a need to have a greater understanding of the rules and procedures. Mrs. Daugherty stated that she supports the Police Department and is formally requesting that the Town Manager allow the Thin Blue Line Emblem to be painted on the Town Hall driveway as well.

Phil Koboski, 1909 Main Street, stated that flying the organization flags in South Windsor has caused quite a bit of division in Town. There are no issues with the organizations themselves, but there is an issue with the decision where these flags will be flown. To eliminate the decisiveness and help to bring the Town together, the Republican Town Committee is willing to donate a 20-foot flagpole, including installation wherever the Town Council decides. The work will be done under the supervision of the Town. This will enable the Town to fly a flag that is approved by the Town Council and to eliminate the flags from being flown on the Town poles that already have an American Flag flying. When there is no organizational flag to be flown, Mr. Koboski suggested that the Town Flag be flown on the pole.

Jeff and Heather Trachtenberg (**Exhibit I**)

Patricia L. Hood, 500 Clark Street (**Exhibit J**)

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Cynthia and Lawrence Polite, 124 Long Hill Road  
Linda Magnotta, Long Hill Road (**Exhibit L**)  
Bruce Lefebvre, 1496 John Fitch Boulevard (**Exhibit M**)  
Sanjeev Grover (**Exhibit N**)  
Sree Pal (**Exhibit O**)  
Pawal Rana (**Exhibit P**)

Mike, Chapel Hill Road, stated he is appalled to see the Black Lives Matter painted on the driveway of the South Windsor Town Hall without any approval or discussion. It does not belong there and needs to be removed. This Town has always done things efficiently. If this painting stays there, Blue Lives Matter and the flag should be put on the driveway. Social issues should be presented to the public from residents' homes, not on Town property.

Billy Carroll (**Exhibit Q**)  
Tom Field (**Exhibit R**)  
Linda Smith (**Exhibit S**)  
Roy Normen (**Exhibit T**)  
Tim Shepard (**Exhibit U**)  
John Phillips (**Exhibit V**)  
Paul Mozzicato (**Exhibit W**)  
Edward Gawlinski (**Exhibit X**)  
Roland Morrisette (**Exhibit Y**)  
Justin Calabrese (**Exhibit Z**)  
Joanne Oliver (**Exhibit AA**)  
Clifford "Skip" Fisher (**Exhibit BB**)

Dan Edwards, 131 Hilton Drive, stated that he is appalled by the way the Town has ignored the way the Town Manager form of government works. The advice of the Town Manager is disregarded by the Town Council members.

Emil Bruce Botti, 428 Niederwerfer Road (**Exhibit CC**)  
Dayton Stimson (**Exhibit DD**)  
Kent Carlson, 970 Avery Street (**Exhibit EE**)  
Roland Morrisette (**Exhibit FF**)  
Stuart G. Rosen (**Exhibit GG**)

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Keri & Adam Soltoski (Exhibit HH)  
Rebecca Burton (Exhibit II)  
Taylor Baker (Exhibit JJ)  
Shani Kibara (Exhibit KK)  
Katie Robidoux (Exhibit LL)  
Karell Rose (Exhibit MM)  
Zoe Calhoun (Exhibit NN)  
Sandra C. Jeski, 32 Davewell Road (Exhibit OO)  
Molly Cole (Exhibit PP)  
Kylie Robinshaw (Exhibit QQ)  
Alana Ceppetelli (Exhibit RR)  
Kyle Jones (Exhibit SS)  
Nicole Kapralos (Exhibit TT)  
Scott Kapralos, 48 Blue Ridge Drive (Exhibit UU)  
Matthew Davis (Exhibit VV)  
Matthew and Kim Davis (Exhibit WW)  
Elizabeth McGuire, 89 Heritage Drive (Exhibit XX)  
James Byrne, Jr. (Exhibit YY)  
Joan and Lawrence Murphy (Exhibit ZZ)  
Alan Cavagnaro (Exhibit AAA)  
Olawunmi Sodipo (Exhibit BBB)  
Genevieve Coursey, 65 Lewis Drive (Exhibit CCC)  
Zakiya Evans (Exhibit DDD)

Madison Gonsalez, Organizer for Black Lives Matter, stated that through the difficulties, response to this movement has been positive. Black Lives Matter is not intended to threaten white people; in fact, the movement in and of itself is to highlight the racism that one group consistently faces. While all lives matter is an all-encompassing statement, it was developed to undermine the things that Black Lives Matter fights for, and that includes Blue Lives Matter as well. There have been hundreds of community members and strangers that have come to the past two events, which have ranged in race, ethnicity, age, and identity. There are over one thousand followers on social media. There is a petition with 2,500 signatures, and counting, in order to keep the painting in front of the South Windsor Town Hall. Madison then read three other letters that were in support of the Black Lives Matter Movement.

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Tom from South Windsor stated he feels the Black Lives Matter painted on the Town Hall driveway does not belong on Town property and should be removed.

Jenieke Calloway (**Exhibit EEE**)  
Tim Shepard (**Exhibit FFF**)  
Louise Neary (**Exhibit GGG**)  
Rachel Olachea (**Exhibit HHH**)  
Tom Murtha (**Exhibit III**)  
Main Street Resident (**Exhibit JJJ**)  
Jacob Lee, West Hartford (**Exhibit KKK**)  
Jean Howat (**Exhibit LLL**)  
Adam and Keri Soltoski (**Exhibit MMM**)  
Michael Maddock (**Exhibit NNN**)  
John Phillips (**Exhibit OOO**)  
Kevin Chung (**Exhibit PPP**)  
Borsha Sarker (**Exhibit QQQ**)  
Ajeet Sandhu (**Exhibit RRR**)  
Kathleen Sanborn (**Exhibit SSS**)  
Michael Small, 97 Palmer Drive (**Exhibit TTT**)  
Jack Bassilakis (**Exhibit UUU**)  
Annette Murphy, 102 Highland Drive (**Exhibit VVV**)  
Jenna St. Denis (**Exhibit WWW**)  
Amanda James (**Exhibit XXX**)  
Kory Robbin (**Exhibit YYY**)  
Sara Ramos (**Exhibit ZZZ**)

Comment from a public member stated that she is disgusted that people would want to remove the Black Lives Matter painting on the South Windsor Town Hall driveway because as a Town that only has a 2.4% black population, we should be in support of the movement instead of trying to combat it.

Lloxi Amanda Lopez, 319 Oakland Road (**Exhibit AAAA**)  
Borsha Sarker (**Exhibit BBBB**)  
Mukiese Nsakala, 10 Linda Lane (**Exhibit CCCC**)  
Kobe Davis (**Exhibit DDDD**)  
Finn (**Exhibit EEEE**)  
Elizabeth Olson (**Exhibit FFFF**)

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Lauren Somero (Exhibit GGGG)  
Sarah Nickolas (Exhibit HHHH)  
Anitha Elango (Exhibit IIII)  
Kaitlin Smith (Exhibit JJJJ)  
Ritu Goel (Exhibit KKKK)  
Charles Regulbuto (Exhibit LLLL)  
Corie Tracey (Exhibit MMMM)  
Madeline Dugan (Exhibit NNNN)  
Molli DeRosa (Exhibit OOOO)  
Daniel Crovo (Exhibit PPPP)  
Thatcher Richard (Exhibit QQQQ)  
Emily Bently (Exhibit RRRR)  
Claire Sullivan (Exhibit SSSS)  
Rachel Violette (Exhibit TTTT)  
Sonali Chokshi (Exhibit UUUU)  
Veena Bellam (Exhibit VVVV)  
Melissa Gurry (Exhibit WWWW)  
Peyton Silverman (Exhibit XXXX)  
Vaughn O'Brien (Exhibit YYYYY)  
Steve Acanto (Exhibit ZZZZ)  
Rachel Olachea (Exhibit AAAAA)  
Brianna Taylor (Exhibit BBBB)  
Beena Pandit (Exhibit CCCC)  
Lloxci Alexandra Lopez, 319 Oakland Road (Exhibit DDDDD)  
Lucia Palladino (Exhibit EEEEE)  
Sandra Baker (Exhibit FFFF)  
Jill Harrison (Exhibit GGGGG)  
Nandhana Senthilkumar (Exhibit HHHHH)  
Gillian Eppler, University of Vermont (Exhibit IIIII)  
Zoe Anderson (Exhibit JJJJJ)  
Herb Asplund, 56 Tumblebrook Drive (Exhibit KKKKK)  
Alecxa Denoval (Exhibit LLLLL)  
Parth Patel (Exhibit MMMMM)  
Damian Humphrey (Exhibit NNNNN)  
Asli Awale (Exhibit OOOOO)  
Samantha Donovan (Exhibit PPPPP)  
Cynde Acanto (Exhibit QQQQQ)

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Brittany Diaz, University of Connecticut (**Exhibit RRRRR**)  
Muneeka Munir (**Exhibit SSSSS**)

**8. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the following Town Council Meeting: Virtual Special Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2020.

Was made by Councilor Evans

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Pendleton

The motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0 with Councilor Delnicki abstaining.

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the following Town Council Meeting: Virtual Regular Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2020.

Was made by Councilor Lopez

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Pendleton

The motion was approved unanimously.

**9. Communications from Liaisons, Officers, and Boards Directly Responsible to Council (Communications can be emailed to TownCouncilComments@southwindsor-ct.org)**

None

**10. Reports from Committees (Committee Reports can be emailed to TownCouncilComments@southwindsor-ct.gov)**

Councilor Evans explained that the Black Lives Matter Social Justice Sub-Committee met on June 25, 2020. The Sub-Committee felt that it should hear from the community before taking any action. The Sub-Committee has reached out to organizers from previous rally's that had occurred in South Windsor and will meet with them at a later date. The Sub-Committee will be scheduling a meeting the week of July 13<sup>th</sup>. In the future, the Sub-Committee will meet with additional organizations such as the South Windsor Police Department, Human Relations Commission, Youth and Family Services, and the Board of Education.

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**ITEM:**

**11. Consent Agenda**

Councilor Snyder made a motion to approve Agenda Items 11.b.A. for a second reading on the Consent Agenda. Councilor Hockenberry seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

**A. Resolution Appointing Nick Jones (R) to the Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Commission**

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Nick Jones (R) to the Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Commission for a term ending November 30, 2022, to fill an expired term of Jonathan Foster.

**12. Unfinished Business**

None

**13. New Business**

**A. Discussion Item: Sidewalk Installations in the Valley View Drive Area (requested by Councilor Delnicki) (Jeff Doolittle, Town Engineer to be present)**

Councilor Delnicki informed the Council that she received an email on Wednesday, June 24, 2020. The email was regarding the installation of sidewalks in Valley View Drive area. Councilor Delnicki questioned how is it determined where to install sidewalks in an existing neighborhood.

Mr. Jeff Doolittle, Town Engineer, explained that there is a sidewalk priority map that is developed primarily by the South Windsor Walk & Wheel Ways in consultation with residents and others. The South Windsor Walk & Wheel Ways develops a sidewalk priority map that is maintained by Town. The list consists of streets where sidewalks have been requested and where it is felt sidewalks would be valuable. The South Windsor Walk & Wheel Ways prioritizes those in terms of high, medium, and low priority for funding opportunities and further advancement. It is then up to the Council to decide where sidewalks might be installed and to fund those installations. As of late, we have only been installing new sidewalks through grant funds.

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**ITEM:**

**13. A. New Business**

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Doolittle explained that there is not any money in the budget for sidewalk repairs and the Town applies for grants in order to get repairs done. The Town just applied for a grant through CROCOG and using State funding is putting in some sidewalk connections.

Councilor Delnicki stated that she feels Valley View Drive should have sidewalks on it because the road is not wide enough to walk on. Those sidewalks could be brought down to Sand Hill Road to Nevers Road Park. Mr. Doolittle stated that residents should contact the Town. The Town would then see if we could get that on the sidewalk plan and get it prioritized. Sidewalks are usually constructed in the area where it is the easiest to install them. Mr. Doolittle explained that with Valley View Drive, he would guess that they would start on the north side, part way through would transition to the south side, and then connect to existing sidewalks. Councilor Delnicki stated she would like to see that happen.

**B. Discussion Item: In-person Meetings in the Council Chambers  
(requested by Councilor Delnicki)**

Councilor Delnicki explained that the Town of Cromwell has been having live meetings in their Council Chambers. The number of people that can be in the same space has increased to twenty-five. Councilor Delnicki stated that she wanted to see how Council members felt about having live meetings in the Council Chambers starting in September. She explained that she feels the public may want to be part of the process. Council members who could not be part of the live meeting would join the meeting through ZOOM.

Mr. Maniscalco explained that with Council members and staff, the number of individuals attending a meeting would be at thirteen, so only approximately twelve residents would be allowed to attend the meeting in the Council Chambers. Everyone attending would have to wear a mask.

Councilor Hockenberry stated that even though we all would like to get back to normal, she could not attend a live meeting and does not want to put anyone else at risk. Councilor Hockenberry stated that at this time, she does not feel it is safe enough.

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**C. Discussion Item: Wood Memorial Library and Museum Citizens Mini-Matching Grant (*requested by Town Manager Michael Maniscalco*)**

Mr. Maniscalco explained that Wood Memorial Library & Museum has applied for a Citizen Matching Mini-Grant to upgrade their security and fire systems. The total project is \$9,235, and they are looking for \$5,000 from the Town. The application has gone through my review as well as the Town Attorney's review and has received both of our approval. The application meets the guidelines of the grant.

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Maniscalco stated that \$5,000 is the maximum that can be awarded. Mr. Maniscalco then stated that he does not know if the Fire Marshal has been involved in the process at the Wood Memorial Library, but there are quotes from a professional service providing fire safety.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton stated that her only concern would be that the Fire Marshal is not involved, but thinks that an inspection by the Fire Marshal would need to be done.

Councilor Snyder questioned if Wood Memorial Library has raised \$4,235, the Town would then only give Wood Memorial Library \$4,235? Mr. Maniscalco stated he would have to go back and read the actual guidelines from the grant and is not sure if there is any leeway.

**D. Discussion Item: Black Lives Matter Painted on the Town Hall Driveway (*requested by Town Manager Michael Maniscalco*)**

Mr. Maniscalco informed the Council that his phone has been ringing off the hood for two weeks or more regarding this issue. Mr. Maniscalco stated that he feels it is very important for everyone to listen to each other and take a lot of time to understand the personal experiences of others. Mr. Maniscalco felt that the Council should have a discussion about this item in terms of how long do we leave the painting on the driveway, should it stay there forever, do we remove it, or do we replace it with something else?

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**13. D. New Business**

Mr. Maniscalco continued stating that the Town staff needs direction from the Council because this is a very political topic.

Councilor Lydecker suggested that no action be taken until after the Black Lives Matter Social Justice Sub-Committee meets and has discussions with residents, the Police Department, and Human Relations Commission.

Councilor Evans stated that the Sub-Committee plans to meet the week of the 13<sup>th</sup>, and this could be a topic of discussion with the organizers who have agreed to meet with the Sub-Committee.


Councilor Snyder stated that while this is talking about the Black Lives Matter painting, there was an official request to do another thing on the driveway, which is the Police Blue Line painting. Councilor Snyder requested that a discussion regarding this issue be put on the next Town Council meeting agenda. Councilor Snyder requested that the Chief of Police be invited to the next meeting.

**E. Discussion Item: Tax Abatement for 240 Ellington Road (*requested by Town Manager Michael Maniscalco*)**

Mr. Maniscalco explained that there had been a request for a tax abatement for 240 Ellington Road. Scannell Properties is looking to build another building next door to the Home Depot at 240 Ellington Road. The abatement would be a 30% abatement for five years. It would give the Town approximately \$700,000 in revenue. The Economic Development Commission has reviewed this and is recommending that the abatement be approved.

Councilor Hockenberry made a motion to extend the meeting past 11:00 p.m. for fifteen minutes. Councilor Lopez seconded the motion. The motion failed because not all Council members agreed to extend the meeting. The meeting ended at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deborah W. Reid, Clerk of the Council

**Reid, Deborah**

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**From:** cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT  
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 27, 2020 9:33 AM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** [Town of South Windsor CT] Covid in South Windsor (Sent by Kathy Daugherty, k.daugherty@cox.net)

Hello Town Council,

Kathy Daugherty (k.daugherty@cox.net) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/contact>) at Town of South Windsor CT.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/edit>.

Message:

Dear Members of the Council;

I recently received notice that the Wapping Fair Committee is still moving forward with plans to have the fair in September. One of the last fairs in Connecticut to do so. The Jaycee's do a tremendous amount of work and good for our town. The Wapping Fair is well attended by members of the community and those in surrounding towns. With respect to the organizers of this event, I feel very uncomfortable with this fair moving forward. I had the opportunity to speak with Senator/Doctor Saud Anwar who was concerned as well that the fair was still moving forward.

First, if I am understanding the governor's executive orders correctly, there should be no more than 500 people at outside gatherings. While this does not specifically state 'fairs' - I believe there is an intent. Additionally, the rides geared to children; are they going to be disinfected and sanitized after each person exits? Are the ride operators from Connecticut, or are they from a state that the Governor has asked for a 14 day quarantine? Were the rides used in a state that is having increases in coronavirus? Simply practicing social distancing may not be enough - Is this worth the risk?

Some may say "then don't go" but it is not about a desire to attend, it is about the aftermath, how many people will have been exposed that live in this town and then attend school on Monday?

Deciding to cancel an event that is not only this popular, brings people from surrounding towns and states is difficult, and to further complicate things, the money that is raised goes to good causes. I know each of you can relate as we all have had to cancel events this year. Again, the Jaycee's are an incredible group of individuals who have worked tirelessly and do so much good. I just beleive that this year we should all be a little more cautious



**Maniscalco, Michael**

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**From:** Carolyn Venne <director@woodmemoriallibrary.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 4:50 PM  
**To:** Maniscalco, Michael; Paterna, Andrew  
**Cc:** TownCouncilComments,  
**Subject:** Citizens Matching Grant

Dear Mayor Paterna and Mr. Maniscalco,

On behalf of our Board of Directors, I am writing in support of Part 13, item D on tonight's agenda, regarding a Citizens Mini-Matching Grant for Wood Memorial Library and Museum.

There are actually two 501(c)3 organizations that support Wood Memorial Library and Museum.

The first is the organization that I work for, the public face, which is responsible for the operations and oversight of all programming, education, archives, library and the majority of the museum's collections.

This is the Friends of Wood Memorial Library & Museum, Inc. We employ 5 part-time staff and have received a generous annual stipend from the town for many years to support our historical archives. We also own and operate Nowashe Village. However, we do not own the library building itself.

The Wood Memorial Library Association is the trustee of the Wood Memorial Library Trust, which contains both the physical Wood Memorial Library building and a financial endowment for the property. The Association has cared for the building and grounds for nearly 100 years, initially as one of the first libraries in South Windsor. They also, for many years, generously supported the Friends' efforts financially. The Wood Memorial Library Association, on behalf of the Trust, is the organization who applied for a Citizens Mini-Matching Grant, to support the physical upkeep of the building.

Thank you,  
Carolyn

cc: Nancy Ainsworth, President, Friends of Wood Memorial Library & Museum, Inc.

Carolyn Venne, Executive Director  
Friends of Wood Memorial Library & Museum

Wood Memorial Library & Museum  
PO Box 131, 783 Main Street  
South Windsor, CT 06074

860-289-1783 x1  
[www.woodmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.woodmemoriallibrary.org)

**Reid, Deborah**

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**From:** cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT  
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 2, 2020 2:55 PM  
**To:** Reid, Deborah  
**Subject:** [Town of South Windsor CT] Puppy palace (Sent by Nancy Walker, iluvabby26@hotmail.com)

Hello dreid,

Nancy Walker (iluvabby26@hotmail.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/656/contact>) at Town of South Windsor CT.

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Message:

I have heard this business is infiltrating Connecticut. Please not in South Windsor. Its a cover for a puppy mill . We can not allow it in this state. There are enough Problems with the Dog House in Manchester. Im begging you to do the right thing and refuse this business in our town!

**Reid, Deborah**

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**From:** cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT  
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 5:42 PM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** [Town of South Windsor CT] Puppy palace (Sent by Kathleen Lux-scimone, Kluxscimone@gmail.com)

Hello Town Council,

Kathleen Lux-scimone (Kluxscimone@gmail.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/contact>) at Town of South Windsor CT.

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Message:

Please do not allow the puppy palace to open in South Windsor. Puppies coming from puppy mills suffer from many health conditions and their mothers are treated poorly. Why on Earth would you want a business like this in our town? Read the post on the Facebook page from Fenton River Veterinary Hospital. They are listed as a supporter yet they state their information was stolen from their website and they DO NOT support them. If a vet can't support them, this should set off alarm bells!

**Reid, Deborah**

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**From:** cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT  
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 26, 2020 7:59 AM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** [Town of South Windsor CT] Puppy Palace (Sent by jeff layaw, jlayaw@cox.net)

Hello Town Council,

jeff layaw (jlayaw@cox.net) has sent you a message via your contact form  
(<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/contact>) at Town of South Windsor CT.

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Message:

It has come to my attention a business called Puppy Palace is slated to come to South Windsor at the Hannoush Plaza. I implore you to put pressure on the Hannoush family to stop this place from opening a store in our town. The business are not the type of store we need in our town. The sale of puppy mill dogs is something that should be outlawed but until it is we as a town can stand and refuse to allow a horrible business like this in our town.

**Reid, Deborah**

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**From:** cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT  
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 9:33 AM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** [Town of South Windsor CT] Veterans Memorial Pool (Sent by Diane Mazzadra, dianedelvy@hotmail.com)

Hello Town Council,

Diane Mazzadra (dianedelvy@hotmail.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/contact>) at Town of South Windsor CT.

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Message:

Dear Town Council and Mr. Maniscalco,

I'm a 17-year resident with the town and my family enjoys many of the amenities the town has to offer. The amenity I would like to address today is the Veterans Memorial Pool.

As it was just announced 4 days ago, Veterans Memorial Pool was opening to the public today, July 6th. Understandably in today's conditions, it's opening at 50% capacity. The Parks and Rec department announced it wasn't going to do a reservation process at first, but will address it at a future date if needed.

As a parent of small children, the last thing I want to do is to tell my children we're going to the pool, get them excited, put on their swimsuits, pack up the car, only to be turned away at the gate because capacity has been met. I ask that we take a lesson learned from other town pools opening this year and implement a two-hour reservation process immediately. For many, vacation plans have been cut this year and there are families that are truly looking to make the best of this summer. Let's maximize the volume of people that can use the pool, which in return will maximize the revenue generated from the usage of the pool.

Secondly, it's recently come to my attention that because the town received federal funding to build the Veterans Memorial Pool, we must allow non-residents into the pool. I have no issues with non-residents using the pool. But with the pool opening up at 50% capacity, we are now potentially minimizing the residential usage of the pool. With that said, what are the contractual guidelines that accompany this federal funding? More specifically:

1. Are there Act of God provisions (for us currently, the coronavirus pandemic) within this contract where we can be flexible with the terms of our contract and therefore limit the amount of non-residents using the pool?
2. If there are no Act of God provisions, can we amend the contract to include such provisions?
3. How much did we receive in federal funding for the Pool and has the town

ever considered paying back the federal funding so we can have an outright, town-owned pool? Therefore at times like this where we're operating at minimal capacity, we have the flexibility to make the pool residential only.

4. If we haven't ever considered paying back the federal funding, can we start exploring the option? Our town resources operate this wonderful pool. As we've seen in the growth of our schools, the population of families and children are growing. Now we are living in unprecedented times and can only operate the pool at less capacity. It would behoove us to explore paying back the funding so we can have a town-owned pool where the residents are the primary beneficiaries of this beautiful amenity.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Exhibit F

Kind regards,

Diane Mazzadra  
785 Chapel Road

7/6/2020

Costco in South w

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**Exhibit G**

Costco in South w

Amit Tandon [amitandon@gmail.com]

To: PlanningZoningComments

Cc: TownCouncilComments,

Wednesday, June 24, 2020 8:43 AM

I support Costco in South Windsor, being a resident of this town.

Thanks,  
Amit

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Exhibit H

## Costco Comments

mark hood [hoodmark@hotmail.com]

To: PlanningZoningComments

Cc: TownCouncilComments,

Tuesday, June 23, 2020 8:24 AM

Dear Mr. Bart Pacekonis, Mayor Andrew Paterna, and South Windsor Town Council:

I reside at 500 Clark Street in South Windsor, which is a property that borders the proposed Costco site. I am opposed to Costco at this location because I do not think the roads that would service Costco can handle the traffic this retailer would generate to the area.

I am also concerned that a Costco at this location would also increase traffic on Clark Street. Clark Street is a residential town road and already suffers from too much through traffic from people avoiding the traffic on Buckland Road.

Unless there are significant road improvements done to Buckland Road to accommodate the increase in traffic Costco would generate along with adding measures to alleviate traffic from Clark Street, the Town of South Windsor should not allow Costco to build at Evergreen Walk.

Some significant road improvements to Buckland Road should include adding an adequate that can also be used as a bike lane. Also, all of the bus stops along Buckland Road should have bus shelters to encourage multiple modes of transportation to and throughout our town.

Even more importantly, traffic alleviating measures should be implemented enforced on Clark Street, including banning tractor trailers and large box truck through traffic between Deming and Pleasant Valley Streets on Clark Street. Traffic calming measures should also be implemented such as speed bumps, rumble strips, or other measures to discourage speeding or through traffic use.

At the very least, Clark Street should have a sidewalk that connects to the existing sidewalks on Deming Street, Ellington Road, Pleasant Valley Road, and Chapel Road.

Thank you for considering my lack of support for Costco given the town's current infrastructure to support such a retailer.

Sincerely,  
Mark Hood

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Exhibit I

Trachtenberg, Jeff [Jeff.Trachtenberg@henryschein.com]

To: PlanningZoningComments; TownCouncilComments,

Monday, June 22, 2020 9:13 PM

Please allow this email to say that we wholeheartedly support the building of the proposed COSTCO In South Windsor. And, we believe COSTCO has bent over backwards to accommodate your requested plan changes.

*Jeff and Heather Trachtenberg*

36 Simcka Dr  
South Windsor

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Exhibit J

Costco

Patricia Lazos Hood [plazos76@hotmail.com]

To: PlanningZoningComments; TownCouncilComments,

Monday, June 22, 2020 1:24 PM

Dear Mr. Bart Pacekonis, Mayor Andrew Paterna, and South Windsor Town Council:

I reside at 500 Clark Street in South Windsor, which is a property that borders the proposed Costco site. I am opposed to Costco at this location because I do not think the roads that would service Costco can handle the traffic this retailer would generate to the area.

I am also concerned that a Costco at this location would also increase traffic on Clark Street. Clark Street is a residential town road and already suffers from too much through traffic from people avoiding the traffic on Buckland Road. Unless there are significant road improvements done to Buckland Road to accommodate the increase in traffic Costco would generate along with adding measures to alleviate traffic from Clark Street, the Town of South Windsor should not allow Costco to build at Evergreen Walk.

Some significant road improvements to Buckland Road should include adding an adequate shoulder that can also be used as a bike lane. Also, all of the bus stops along Buckland Road should have bus shelters to encourage multiple modes of transportation to and throughout our town.

Even more importantly, traffic alleviating measures should be implemented and enforced on Clark Street, including banning tractor trailers and large box truck through traffic between Deming and Pleasant Valley Streets on Clark Street. Traffic calming measures should also be implemented such as speed bumps, rumble strips, or other measures to discourage speeding or through traffic use.

At the very least, Clark Street should have a sidewalk that connects to the existing sidewalks on Deming Street, Ellington Road, Pleasant Valley Road, and Chapel Road.

Thank you for considering my lack of support for Costco given the town's current infrastructure to support such a retailer.

Sincerely,  
Patricia L. Hood

7/6/2020

Costco

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Exhibit K

Costco

Cynthia Polite [cynmae@gmail.com]

To: PlanningZoningComments

Cc: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, June 22, 2020 1:02 PM

We would appreciate a Costco coming to town.

Cynthia and Lawrence Polite  
124 Long Hill Rd,  
South Windsor, CT 06074

Cynthia Polite

**Costco****Exhibit L**

Linda [enomagnotta@aol.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, June 21, 2020 8:46 AM

**To:** TownCouncilComments,

I am a South Windsor resident and home owner for 55 years. I currently live on Long Hill Road. We have had a lot of "NEW" construction and large businesses move into our area. I would imagine. by all the complaints on our side of town that I had read.. residents don't really seem to have a say.

But I would like to voice my opinion regarding Costco anyway...  
I am all for it.

Linda Magnotta

## Costco Support

Exhibit M

Bruce LeFebvre [chemstat@aol.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, June 20, 2020 12:23 PM

**To:** PlanningZoningComments

**Cc:** TownCouncilComments,

Bart:

Please allow this email to say that we wholeheartedly support the building of the proposed COSTCO In South Windsor. And, we believe COSTCO has bent over backwards to accommodate your requested plan changes.

Let's getter done!

Bruce A LeFebvre, Owner

1496 John Fitch Blvd

South Windsor, CT 06074

7/6/2020

Costco

## Costco

S G [grover\_sanjeev@yahoo.com]

Exhibit N

**Sent:** Saturday, June 20, 2020 12:19 AM

**To:** PlanningZoningComments

**Cc:** TownCouncilComments,

We live in South Windsor and will vote for Costco to bring in South Windsor

Sanjeev Grover

Sent from my iPhone

**My support Costco in SW**

Exhibit O

Sree Pal [ssspdp143@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2020 6:14 PM**To:** PlanningZoningComments**Cc:** TownCouncilComments,

Respected Chairperson Bart Pacekonis, I am writing to express my support for the COSTCO Project. I believe this project will support South Windsor's economic development, and the local community. As we are entering into one of the most significant economic downturns at an unprecedented pace, an aggressive infrastructure plan is essential for both near-term supply chain needs and long-term economic stimulus.

## Costco Support - South Windsor, CT

Pawal Rana [pawalrana@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 3:18 PM

To: PlanningZoningComments

Cc: TownCouncilComments,

Exhibit P

Dear Respected Chairperson Bart Pacekonis,

I am writing to express my support for the Costco Project in South Windsor, CT. I believe this project will support South Windsor's economic development, and the local community.

Regards,  
Pawal



**The Flagpole at the EOC**

Billy Carroll [billy.carroll@cox.net]

Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 7:50 PM

To: TownCouncilComments;; Maniscalco, Michael

Exhibit Q

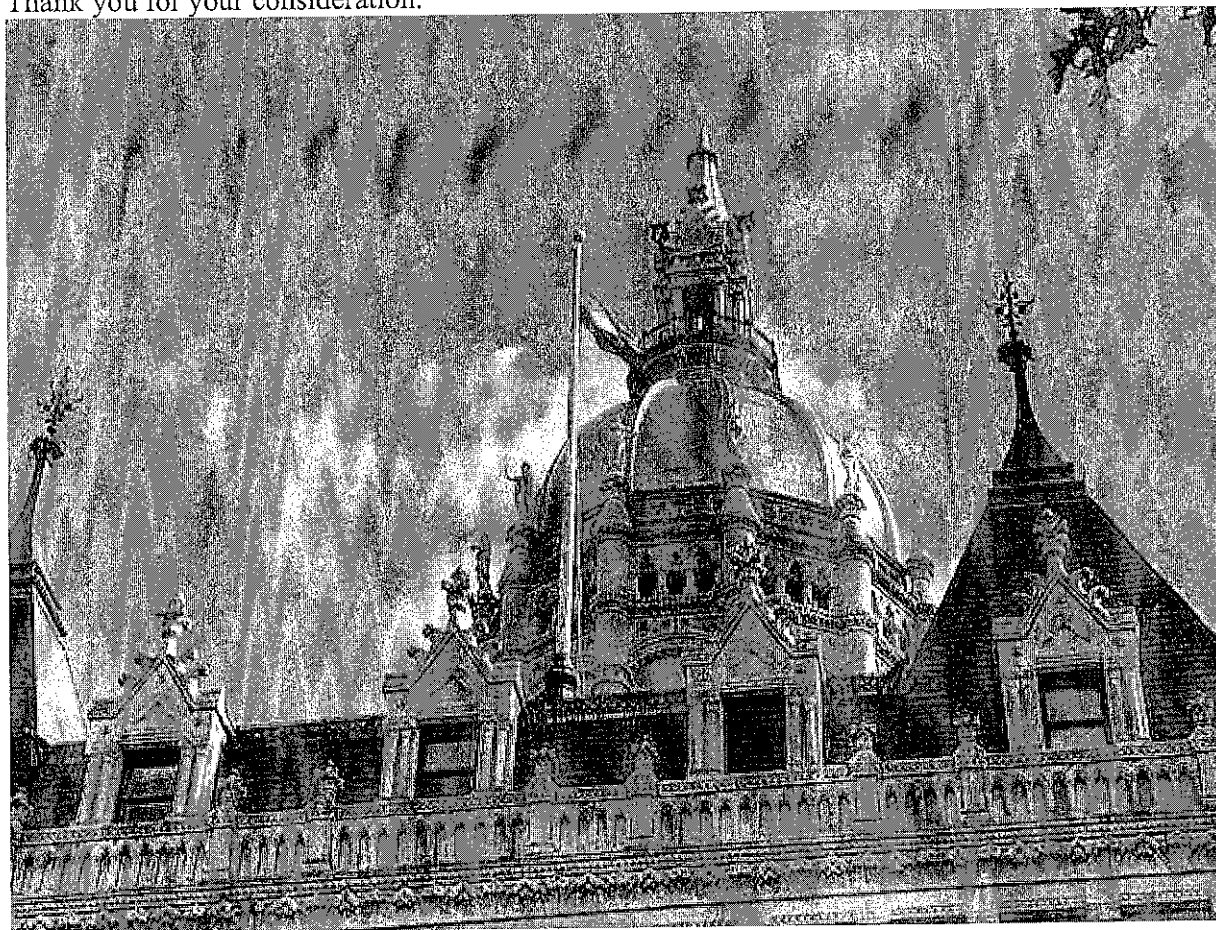
Dear Mayor Paterna, Town Councillors and Town Manager Maniscalco,

I am following up on the conversation that took place during the special Town Council meeting last night. As you know, I am opposed to having a community flag flown beneath the US Flag.

Either many of the councilors are misinformed or deliberately misled the public over the positioning of the pride flag at the state capital. The flag at the capital is on a separate pole. I visited the capital this morning and took a picture of it (see attached). It was clearly stated multiple times that we should follow the State of Connecticut's lead on this. The flag is clearly flown on its own pole.

Therefore I am requesting again that the US flag be removed from the same pole as the community flag. I believe that this would satisfy those that wish that the pride flag be flown on town property and also satisfy those that wish to keep the US flag by itself.

Thank you for your consideration.



Billy

Billy Carroll

(860) 798-6669

Sent from my iPhone

**flags**

Tom Field [etfield@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2020 2:01 PM**To:** TownCouncilComments,

Exhibit R

I strongly oppose any flag other than a POW/MIA flag to be flown under the American Flag. From day one of the history of this country, men and women have given their lives to honor our flag, which is for ALL PEOPLE. The cost has been and still is extremely high for the sacrifices that are made each and every day. It seems that many of our citizens forget what the price of FREEDOM was and is today, and the American Flag needs no others to remind us of this. If the town council members want to fly an organizations flag do it on another flag pole definitely not on the same pole as the American Flag.

I strongly think this matter should be tabled until more input can be discussed.

Thank you,

Tom Field

**Reid, Deborah**

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**From:** cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT  
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 9:47 AM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** [Town of South Windsor CT] Response to Kent Carlson (Sent by Linda Smith, lasmith99@cox.net)

Hello Town Council,

Linda Smith (lasmith99@cox.net) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/contact>) at Town of South Windsor CT.

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Message:

Reading the Journal Inquirer article linked below, I would like the Town Council to respond to Kent Carlson's disagreement with the new flag policy because of a lack of input from his commission, the South Windsor Patriotic Commission, or the public for that matter. I am not exactly sure what the new flag policy is. How can I find out more about it?

[https://www.journalinquirer.com/towns/south\\_windsor/patriotic-commission-displeased-it-wasn-t-consulted-over-town-council-s-flag-policy/article\\_25ca3af0-bc82-11ea-af59-7f5557bcae78.html](https://www.journalinquirer.com/towns/south_windsor/patriotic-commission-displeased-it-wasn-t-consulted-over-town-council-s-flag-policy/article_25ca3af0-bc82-11ea-af59-7f5557bcae78.html)

Thank you.

**Booth, Ashley**

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**From:** Reid, Deborah  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 6:30 PM  
**To:** Maniscalco, Michael; Booth, Ashley  
**Subject:** Fwd: [Town of South Windsor CT] Flag pole location (Sent by Roy Normen, roycjnoir@aol.com)  
**Attachments:** town\_hall\_annex.jpg

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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**Date:** July 6, 2020 at 5:04:21 PM EDT  
**To:** Town Council <TownCouncil@southwindsor.org>  
**Subject:** [Town of South Windsor CT] Flag pole location (Sent by Roy Normen, roycjnoir@aol.com)  
**Reply-To:** <roycjnoir@aol.com>

Hello Town Council,

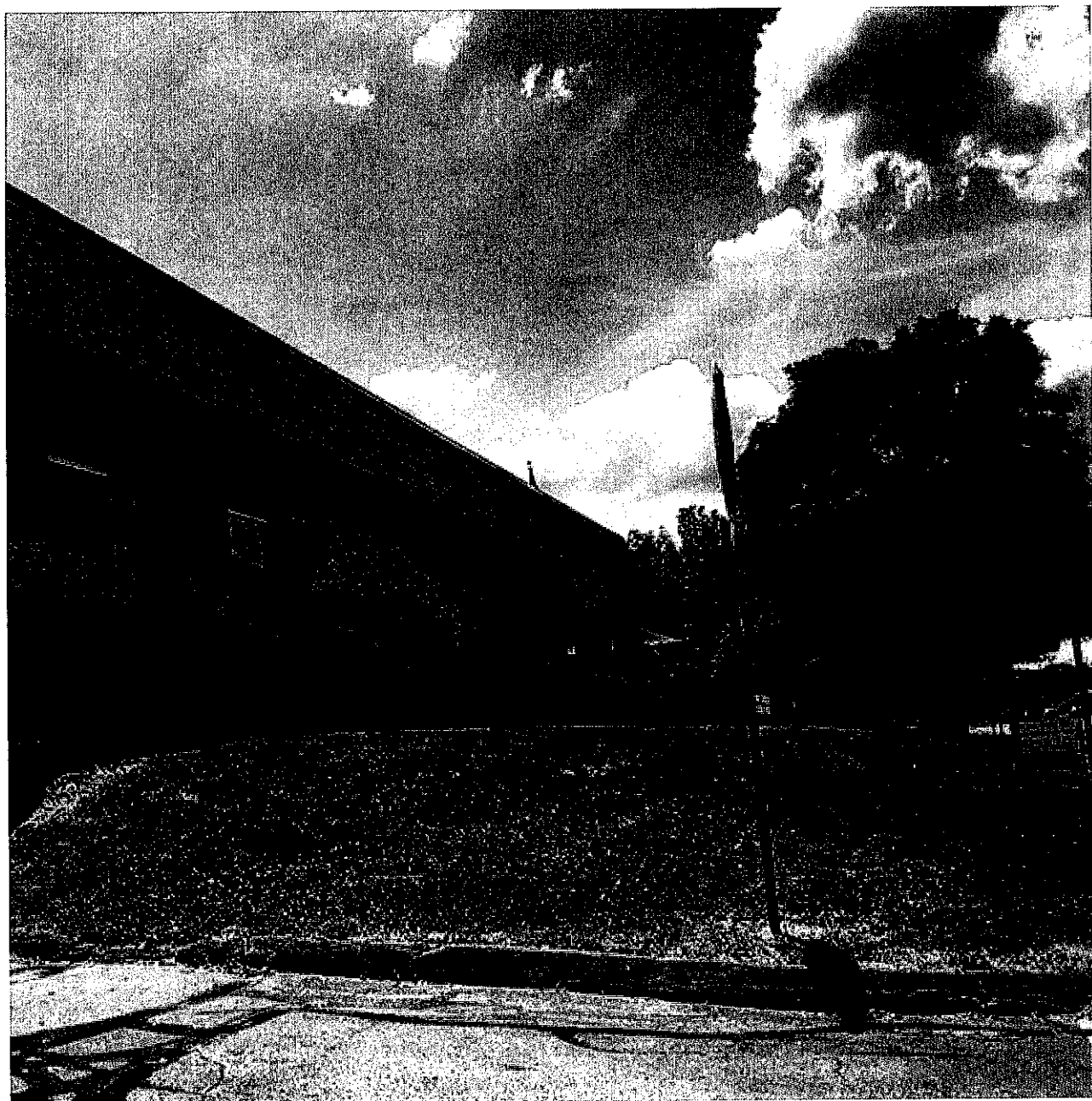
Roy Normen (roycjnoir@aol.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/contact>) at Town of South Windsor CT.

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Message:

Council Members, I see you have a discussion item on the agenda regarding the location of a flag pole. I previously had suggested it be located in front of the Town Hall Annex for its visibility. I further suggested that a section of white vinyl fencing installed in front of it that could act as a message board on which approved banners and other announcements could be posted. These might include Recreation events. This would be a low cost option. Attached is a picture of the location.





**Booth, Ashley**

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**From:** Reid, Deborah  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 6:29 PM  
**To:** Maniscalco, Michael; Booth, Ashley  
**Subject:** Fwd: [Town of South Windsor CT] Acknowledgement of organizations and movements  
(Sent by Tim shepard, Tshepard@ethicalsolutions.net)

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Date:** July 6, 2020 at 4:33:56 PM EDT  
**To:** Town Council <TownCouncil@southwindsor.org>  
**Subject:** [Town of South Windsor CT] Acknowledgement of organizations and movements (Sent by Tim shepard, Tshepard@ethicalsolutions.net)  
**Reply-To:** <Tshepard@ethicalsolutions.net>

Hello Town Council,

Tim shepard (Tshepard@ethicalsolutions.net) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/contact>) at Town of South Windsor CT.

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Message:

Dear Council member,

As you consider the town policy of permitting the promotion of specific ideologies on Town property please keep in mind that many of us may agree with the intent of the movement, but there others that need convincing. If I wanted to gather my Democratic friends and Republican friends to have a discussion about what we agree on, I wouldn't have MAGA hats for all to wear!

Town hall can promote discussion, can set the example, but certainly shouldn't display an obvious bias at the front door of the center of government which serves a diverse tax paying population. Think about the rules concerning political signs at polling places. As a taxpayer, I would rather you concentrate on running a \$120,000,000 corporation instead of deciding which group has naming rights on our town hall, especially when your action is undoubtedly going to offend some taxpayers.

If you feel strongly about giving every group the opportunity to display their motto, do it on a flag pole near the annex in neutral territory where it actually would have more exposure.

I know your job is not easy; however  
a little less “in your face” can keep everyone focused on the end goal.  
Sincerely  
Tim Shepard

Exhibit U

**Reid, Deborah**

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**From:** cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT  
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:19 AM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** [Town of South Windsor CT] flag displays (Sent by John B. Phillips, phillips-family@juno.com)

Hello Town Council,

John B. Phillips (phillips-family@juno.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/contact>) at Town of South Windsor CT.

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Message:

Hello Everyone,

Regarding the issue of flag displays at the town hall I think it is a terrible idea. Displays other than the American, State and town flags should not be allowed. If an organization is allowed to fly a flag another organization is offended. Just look to the issues Tolland is facing at the moment. If someone on the council says "let's get an opinion from the town's attorney" that should be your red flag as to it not being a good idea. It's just common sense. Let not the council waste anymore time on this issue and just say no to any organizations flags at town hall.

Sincerely,  
John Phillips



**Reid, Deborah**

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**From:** cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT  
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2020 8:37 PM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** [Town of South Windsor CT] Separating US flag from organizational flags (Sent by Paul Mozzicato, paulmozzicato@cox.net)

Hello Town Council,

Paul Mozzicato (paulmozzicato@cox.net) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/contact>) at Town of South Windsor CT.

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Message:

The counseled last evening voted in favor of following the State Capital's flying of an organizational flag, but the state capital has the organizational flag flying on its own flag pole and not under the US flag (See attachment). Therefore I believe that the counsel considered and voted without the actuality of factual information. I request reconsideration to remove the US flag from the flag pole that is currently and potentially in the future flying/displaying organizational flags.

Regards  
Paul Mozzicato

**Reid, Deborah**

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**From:** cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Edward Gawlinski via Town of South Windsor CT  
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2020 8:22 PM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Contact Us

Submitted on Friday, June 19, 2020 - 8:21pm Submitted by anonymous user: 72.195.142.187 Submitted values are:

Subject: For the Town Council

Message:

Dear members of the Town Council,

Regarding the issue of flying the "Pride" flag (and/or other flags expressing support of some cause) on the same flagpole as the National Flag, I have been giving it some thought. This is similar to the protest of professional athletes taking a knee during the national anthem to protest the killing of so many black men at the hands of police. The unfortunate result of this was there was a great deal of debate and focus as to whether the Athletes should be doing it, whether it was disrespecting the flag, whether they were in sufficiently patriotic. The issues about which the athletes were protesting has not been given the attention it deserves.

In this case ---- the issue of whether flying a second flag with the National flag is disrespectful may become a distraction from the consideration of the merits of the "Pride" flag and the issues represented by it. Perhaps flying the "Pride" flag or any other flag representing support for a cause or issue is a disservice to that issue. This might result in generating more antipathy than support for the issues that flying the "Pride" flag is intended to promote.

A better approach might be to have a second flagpole available for this purpose. This way the only issue and the focus can be in the issue where it belongs.

Although this input is too late to influence the vote on the "Pride" flag, I expect that this is not the end of this.

==Please provide the following information==

Your Name: Edward Gawlinski

Your E-mail Address: Gawlinskie@aol.com

Organization:

Phone Number: 8606436532

==Address==

Street: 8 Sedgewick Circle

City: South windsor

State: Connecticut

Zipcode: 06074

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/node/2/submission/36993>

**Reid, Deborah**

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**From:** TownCouncilComments,  
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2020 1:36 PM  
**To:** Reid, Deborah  
**Subject:** FW: American Flag

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**From:** Roland Morrisette [morrisrc64@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2020 10:14 AM  
**To:** TownCouncilComments,  
**Subject:** American Flag

Mayor and Town Council Members,

As a South Windsor resident of 51 years and a Vietnam era veteran, I would like to express my opinion on the recent decision of flags being flown under the American Flag on town property. I most definitely oppose any flag other than a POW/MIA flag to be flown under the American Flag. I respectfully request this Town Council decision be reversed. Irrespective of the Flag Code, our town should give prominence to the American Flag and members of the Military for their service.

Respectfully,

Roland Morrisette

Roland Morrisette

[morrisrc64@earthlink.net](mailto:morrisrc64@earthlink.net)

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**Reid, Deborah**

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**From:** TownCouncilComments,  
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2020 1:36 PM  
**To:** Reid, Deborah  
**Subject:** FW: LGBT Pride Flag At Town Hall

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**From:** Justin Calabrese [justincalabrese90@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 11:33 PM  
**To:** TownCouncilComments,  
**Subject:** LGBT Pride Flag At Town Hall

To whom this may concern,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Justin Calabrese, and recently I was informed about a town debate over whether to fly the LGBT flag at the Town Hall or not. I wanted to take a moment today to express my support for South Windsor but also for flying the LGBT flag at the Town Hall.

For the first 25 years of my life, I enjoyed all that South Windsor has to offer. From Nevers Road Park to Veterans Memorial Park, I have countless memories of how amazing South Windsor was and how honored I was to call this town home. It wasn't until I attended South Windsor High School that I realized I was gay. I endured three and a half years of bullying, pain and abuse from peers that I once called "friends." There I was, felt as I was lost with no direction or guidance, no friends, emotional from being bullied, and gay. I found immense support in the school system, and many of my teachers empowered me to grow from these events. This, for me, confirmed that South Windsor was a great town and cared about everyone - regardless of your differences.

When I think of South Windsor, I think of a town that is better than others. A town that is innovative, growing, inclusive, and welcoming for everyone. When I hear of stories such as debates over LGBT flags being flown at Town Hall, it breaks my heart to think that South Windsor still debates on showing support for members such as myself, who call South Windsor home.

For someone who is a member of the LGBT community, has supported the South Windsor community in numerous ways, flying the Pride flag is a symbol of inclusion and acceptance. With our country divided on racism and equality, police brutality, etc, NOW is the time to show the towns support for those who sometimes feel "not so welcomed" or discriminated against.

I hope you take my story and share it. Flying the Pride flag IS the right thing to do for the community. South Windsor needs to remain a leader, not a follower. Do the right thing for the LGBT community.

All the best,  
Justin D. Calabrese

**Reid, Deborah**

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**From:** cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Joanne Oliver via Town of South Windsor CT  
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 8:55 PM  
**To:** Reid, Deborah  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Minutes and Agendas Comment Form

Submitted on Thursday, June 18, 2020 - 8:54pm Submitted by anonymous user: 68.9.240.5 Submitted values are:

Subject: Town Council

==Please provide the following information==

Your Name: Joanne Oliver

E-mail: madsamjo@yahoo.com

Phone Number: 8609838403

==Address==

Street: 67 Murielle Drive

City: South Windsor

State: Connecticut

Zipcode: 06074

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Comments: Volunteering for your positions is admirable. You have many difficult decisions to make for this town.

Whether to fly the Pride flag is NOT one of them. That should be a slam dunk, no debate needed. If the pole is in question buy a new one to go beside it. It is one the most disappointing debates I have witnessed in my 25 years in this town. FLY THE FLAG!

Attachment:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/node/97133/submission/36923>

7/6/2020

Flag Pole AAdditions

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Exhibit BB

## Flag Pole AAdditions

Skip Fisher [skipfish88sw@cox.net]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 10:03 AM

Town Council Members

During the July 6, 2020 Town Council meeting there is a Agenda Item to discuss additional Flag Poles to be installed. I hope the Town Council Members realize that when flying the American Flag it must be the only flag on that pole. The POW/MIA banner may be flown under the American Flag and this is the only exception as indicated under American Flag Etiquette. If these additional new flag poles to be installed will be used to fly flags of other organizations under the American Flag I strongly feel that this is very disrespectful to all the men and women who have given their lives to protect what the American Flag stands for. As I am a veteran who feels very strongly about how the American Flag is flown with the respect it deserves. I hope you will give this note some consideration.

Sincerely, Clifford "Skip" Fisher", United States Navy veteran

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Exhibit CC

## Town Council Meeting July 6, 2020

Bruce Botti [brucebotti@yahoo.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 9:37 AM

**Item 13-F Location of a Community Flagpole**

To: Mayor and ALL Town Council Members:

I am writing to voice my opposition to the motion to fly flags under the American Flag on town property. As a proud Veteran and member of American Legion Post 133, I am opposed to any flag other than a POW/MIA flag being flown under the American Flag.

My Father was a proud WW-II Veteran that raised us to cherish the American Flag as a symbol of the sacrifices of all Veterans that gave their lives to honor our flag and assure freedom for all Americans. Too many people today forget about these sacrifices and take the flag and its symbolism for granted.

If you (town council members) want to fly an (organizations) flag, please do it somewhere other than on town property, and most definitely not on the same pole as the American Flag.

Please don't let the American Flag and what it stands for be diminished by association with any flags other than the POW/MIA flag.

Respectfully yours,  
Emil Bruce Botti  
428 Niederwerfer Rd

7/6/2020

flag issue

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Exhibit DD

flag issue

Dayton Stimson [dstimson@ej1899.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 8:02 AM

I believe that ONLY the "POW/MIA" flag should be allowed to be flown below our American flag.

This is to honor and never forget our fallen veterans.

I am a member of our local Am Legion post, I served on the ground in Vietnam and saw way more horrible things than any 20 year old should have to...

Just keep it simple and not allow any other type of flags be flown with our american flag, thank you for your time...

**Dayton Stimson**

Fleet-Procurement Manager

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Flags flying on town property

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## Flags flying on town property

kcarlson121@aol.com

To: TownCouncilComments,

Sunday, July 05, 2020 3:39 PM

Members of the Town Council,

I understand that you have voted to fly flags other than the flag of the United States on the same pole or on separate poles on town property.

I am in opposition to both ideas.

"I pledge allegiance, to the flag, of the United States of America. And to the republic, for which it stands, ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL." The flag stands on it's own. The ideals all Americans should aspire to. Not to a special group of individuals. Why are we sponsoring division of Americans into different groups according to their individual ideas, which not everyone may agree with. The town should be sponsoring the belief in one nation, not several according to your race or religion or sexual orientation or favorite pastime or political beliefs.

I am in opposition to erecting another flag pole(s) on town property to celebrate/support other groups (the cause of the month). We are Americans. We do not need or want to divide people. Keep other flags on private property, not public property where individuals might be offended or feel disrespected and believe the whole town supports that view.

Sincerely,  
Kent Carlson  
970 Avery Street  
South Windsor, CT 06074

7/6/2020

Flags and Flag Poles - Town Council meeting July 6, 2020

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Exhibit FF

## Flags and Flag Poles - Town Council meeting July 6, 2020

Roland Morrisette [morrisrc64@earthlink.net]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Sunday, July 05, 2020 3:34 PM

Town Council Members,

In reference to Town Council meeting July 6, 2020, I oppose any flag other than a POW/MIA flag to be flown under the American Flag on town property. In permitting one group to fly its flag under the American Flag on town property would, open the door to permit any group to fly their flag on a town flag pole. By permitting one group to fly its flag, the First Amendment can be argued to allow any and all groups to fly their flag. I respectfully request this Town Council to consider the legal ramifications in this decision. Please adopt a flag policy to specify only a POW/MIA flag is permitted to be flown under the American Flag on town property.

Thank You,  
Roland Morrisette  
[morrisrc64@earthlink.net](mailto:morrisrc64@earthlink.net)  
EarthLink Revolves Around You.

7/6/2020

Agenda Item 7-Public Input-Flags and Flagpoles

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Exhibit GG

## Agenda Item 7-Public Input-Flags and Flagpoles

Sharon Rosen [srosen5432@aol.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,; ken8317@aol.com

Cc: JThrowe@yahoo.com; janstreeter@cox.net; ken8317@aol.com

Sunday, July 05, 2020 1:24 PM

ATTN: Mayor Paterna,

At the outset, thank you Mayor for your service and that of your fellow councillors to our town.

I respectfully request the following consideration for my 32 years of military service to our country. That is, I wish that no flag other than the POW/MIA flag be flown with or under our American flag.

If some other flag is flown in this regard, I would treat this event as a personal insult to me and my military service.

Thank you Mayor and your fellow councillors for your consideration in this matter and for your continued service to our town.

Sincerely,

Stuart G. Rosen  
LT COL USA RET

**Booth, Ashley**

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**From:** Reid, Deborah  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 6:30 PM  
**To:** Town Council; Booth, Ashley; Maniscalco, Michael  
**Subject:** Fwd: Form submission from: Minutes and Agendas Comment Form

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Keri & Adam Soltoski via Town of South Windsor CT <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Date:** July 6, 2020 at 5:27:50 PM EDT  
**To:** "Reid, Deborah" <Deborah.Reid@southwindsor.org>  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Minutes and Agendas Comment Form  
**Reply-To:** Keri & Adam Soltoski <keri.soltoski@gmail.com>

Submitted on Monday, July 6, 2020 - 5:27pm  
Submitted by anonymous user: 107.77.226.139  
Submitted values are:

Subject: Town Council  
==Please provide the following information==  
Your Name: Keri & Adam Soltoski  
E-mail: keri.soltoski@gmail.com  
Phone Number: 8609676642  
==Address==  
Street: 1005 Main Street  
City: South Windsor  
State: Connecticut  
Zipcode: 06074

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Comments: We are emailing our support of the Black Lives Matter artwork out in front of our town council. We feel this small act is a great first step towards a more all inclusive South Windsor while keeping focus on the systemic racism we are still plagued with in society today. Also, while we have you, it's pretty unpatriotic to suggest NOT flying the American flag next to the pride flag during June as so many of our service members who have served and lost their lives for our country are a part of the LBGTQ community, so, yikes councilwoman, that was the least American move we've seen since truly paying attention to town politics. Anyway- KEEP THE ART!  
Attachment:

**Perry, Vanessa**

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**From:** TownCouncilComments,  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 7:31 PM  
**To:** Perry, Vanessa  
**Subject:** FW: BLM sign

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**From:** Rebecca Burton LMFT [rebecca@beehivecw.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 06, 2020 7:24 PM  
**To:** TownCouncilComments,  
**Subject:** BLM sign

To whom it may concern, I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history. Sincerely,  
Rebecca Burton

**Perry, Vanessa**

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**From:** TownCouncilComments,  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 7:48 PM  
**To:** Perry, Vanessa  
**Subject:** FW: BLM- paint in front of town hall

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From: Taylor Baker [tbaker0522@gmail.com]  
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 7:47 PM  
To: TownCouncilComments,  
Subject: BLM- paint in front of town hall

Good evening,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some residents disapprove and/or feel threatened by the paint. It is imperative that the paint remains as is. BLM is not just a moment. It is a movement. We, as a community, need to show support for the black individuals and families in this town. It is the bare minimum we can do. Please do what is right, and continue to be on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Taylor Baker

7/6/2020

Black Lives Matter

Reply Reply All Forward

Exhibit KK

## Black Lives Matter

Shani Kibara [shanikibara12345@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,; Paterna, Andrew; michael.maiscalco@southwindsor.org; Audrey Delnicki

Sunday, July 05, 2020 12:26 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,

Shani Kibara

Sent from my iPhone

7/6/2020

BLM sign

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Exhibit LL

BLM sign

Katie\_nunes [katie\_nunes@aol.com]

To: TownCouncilComments;; Paterna, Andrew; michael.maiscalco@southwindsor.org; Audrey Delnicki

Sunday, July 05, 2020 11:35 AM

To whom it may concern,  
I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.  
Sincerely,

Katie Robidoux



Reply Reply All Forward

Exhibit MM

## Support of "Black Lives Matter Sign"

Karell Rose [knsakala@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Sunday, July 05, 2020 11:25 AM

To the South Windsor Town Council Members,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the black community and the fight against systemic racism. I hope it is a small first step that will lead to meaningful actions and changes that improve the lives of black community members. A lot of the racial trauma in our town has occurred in our schools. I can imagine that it might have been empowering for the students who helped to create the sign. Each of us wants to live in a community where we are safe from harm, accepted, and included. As a town we should affirm that black lives matter because we believe that every life is inherently valuable. No one in our community should live in fear that their child/husband/wife/sister/brother/friend might not return home because they could be killed through an interaction with the police. No one's child should be subjected to curriculum violence, expectations of low achievement, or racial abuse and bullying. As a community and a nation, we must unite to oppose the unjust and systemic violence against black people. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. Black people are dying disproportionately from systemic racism yet a sign is what outrages some people.

This shows that there is much work to be done in the fight for equity and justice. It is critical that the town support equality and justice for community members and especially those who are marginalized. Audrey Lorde said that "I am not free while any woman is unfree, even when her shackles are very different from my own." As a community, we can not be truly free until black lives matter is fully realized and the shackles of systematic racism are broken. Thank you for standing on the right side of history

Sincerely,  
Karell Rose

7/6/2020

Untitled Message

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Zoe C [zoec2022@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,; Paterna, Andrew; michael.maiscalco@southwindsor.org; Audrey Delnicki

Sunday, July 05, 2020 11:25 AM

To whom it may concern, I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history. Sincerely, Zoe Calhoun

7/6/2020

Black Lives Matter

Reply Reply All Forward

Exhibit OO

## Black Lives Matter

SandyJ [scjip@cox.net]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Sunday, July 05, 2020 11:21 AM

Dear Councillors,

The "Black Lives Matter" painted on the driveway leading to Our Town Hall is a stark reminder that it really means EQUALITY for all. We all need to be reminded! How can we continue to deny that message? Remember the Golden Rule?

I thank this Council for standing on the right side of history. I support the message and its presence.

Sincerely,  
Sandra C Jeski  
32 Davewell Road  
South Windsor CT

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note5, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

7/6/2020

BLM!!

Exhibit PP

Reply Reply All Forward

BLM!!

Molly Cole [mollycole901@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,; Paterna, Andrew; michael.maiscalco@southwindsor.org; Audrey Delnicki

Sunday, July 05, 2020 11:09 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Molly Cole

7/6/2020

Black Lives Matter Sign

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Exhibit QQ

## Black Lives Matter Sign

Kylie R [kerobinshaw@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,; Paterna, Andrew; michael.maiscalco@southwindsor.org; Audrey Delnicki

Sunday, July 05, 2020 11:00 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,

Kylie Robinshaw

7/6/2020

Please Keep the "Black Lives Matter" Sign!

Reply Reply All Forward

Exhibit RR

Please Keep the "Black Lives Matter" Sign!

Alana Ceppetelli [aceppe1@students.towson.edu]

To: TownCouncilComments.; Paterna, Andrew; michael.maiscalco@southwindsor.org; Audrey Delnicki

Sunday, July 05, 2020 10:59 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Alana Ceppetelli

7/6/2020

KEEP the Black Lives Matter Sign!!

Reply Reply All Forward

Exhibit SS

KEEP the Black Lives Matter Sign!!

Kyle Jones [kylej1220@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments.; Patema, Andrew; michael.maiscalco@southwindsor.org; Audrey Delnicki

Sunday, July 05, 2020 10:45 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,

Kyle Jones - 22 year south Windsor resident who just bought a new home in south Windsor - I plan to live here for many more years!

7/6/2020

Black Lives Matter

Reply Reply All Forward

Exhibit TT

## Black Lives Matter

Nicole Kapralos [npedone@hotmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Sunday, July 05, 2020 10:22 AM

To the South Windsor Town Council Members,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands solidarity with the black community and the fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is the important that the town support equality and justice for community members and especially those who are marginalized. I am proud of our town for allowing the sign and believe it needs to stay. Our children deserve to live in an inclusive town and to learn that everyone should be treated fairly. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,

Nicole Kapralos



7/6/2020

BML sign at town hall

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Exhibit UU

BML sign at town hall

smkapralos@hotmail.com

To: TownCouncilComments,

Sunday, July 05, 2020 9:31 AM

To the South Windsor Town Council Members,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall.

The town's initial decision to allow the sign was easy because many felt that they must do something to acknowledge that racism does in fact exist in our society. To allow the sign to stay, long after all the protestors stop chanting, is much more difficult. However, leaving the sign says that our town stands in solidarity with the black community and the fight against systemic racism.

It is disappointing, but not surprising, that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. This sign will continue to serve as a reminder, for those that have the privilege to forget, that we must remain vigilant and speak out against acts of injustice and systematic racism. This reminder is critical in order for lasting change to take root in our minds and in our hearts.

Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Scott Kapralos  
48 Blue Ridge Drive

July 1, 2020

Dear Mayor and Members of the South Windsor Town Council,

The excerpt below is a cut/paste from the BLM webpage - <https://blacklivesmatter.com/blms-whatmatters2020-goals-and-focus/>

The highlights are mine. This is why their name should not be displayed on the driveway to Town Hall (public property). By their own very open and clear admission, a big part of BLM's purpose (and its engagement activities) are intentionally designed to influence the outcome of an election. By allowing public property to "display" the "BLM" name, the town administration is endorsing BLM's electoral efforts and intentions, and by direct association, BLM's political platform.

The Town of South Windsor should not allow public property to be used in this manner for ANY electoral purpose, regardless of the debatable merits of any given policy platform. You will see below under the heading of BLM's "Campaign Focus" I chose to highlight "government corruption." It seems to me a delicious bit of irony that a group (and our Mayor) who seem so concerned with government corruption, would be engaged in exactly that in order to fight.....government corruption. Our government should not be endorsing the views of ANY group "vigorously" engaged in election influence. To do otherwise seems to me to be the very definition of government corruption, no?

The BLM name should be removed **immediately** from the Town Hall driveway. This is a completely inappropriate and perhaps even, unlawful, unconstitutional use of public property.

Thank you,

Matthew Davis

## BLM's #WhatMatters2020 Goals and Focus

BLM's #WhatMatters2020 aims to vigorously engage underrepresented communities in the electoral process, educate the Black community about candidates and the issues that impact Black voters most, promote voter registration among Millennials, Generation Z, the Black community, and allies, and combat the increased threats of disinformation during this election cycle affecting BLM constituents and the public at large.

### Campaign Goals

#### **Vigorously engage our communities in the electoral process:**

Millions of Black Americans are repressed within the democratic process, yet data shows Black voters tipped the balance in the 2018 midterm elections. Moving towards 2020, we seek to increase the power of our voices and votes.

2.

#### **Educate our constituents about candidates and the issues that impact us most:**

We will amplify and do a deep dive into the issues that affect our communities most and hold our candidates accountable on these issues.

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Exhibit WW

## Use of Public Property for Political Purposes

KIMBERLY DAVIS [dvmkac@cox.net]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Attachments: Independence Day.docx (15 KB) [Open as Web Page]

Wednesday, July 01, 2020 6:20 PM

Good evening Mr. Mayor and Council Members,

We reached out to the Town Manager regarding the BLM pavement marking matter. Please review and include this email and the attachment we've provided in your deliberations. We hope you can appreciate that our concern and our point is "neutral," as should also be the use of public property. It is sad to us that the legitimate concern for the equitable application of law, due process etc., could have been and should have been managed much better than this and in fact, given the care it so well deserves. We have lived here for 20 years and one of the attributes we love most about SW is our ability to respect the principles of participatory self governance, especially when it concerns matters of substance. We do not have any personal experience that suggests in any way that the SW PD has a problem with bias of any type, nor do we think the SW PD should be "defunded." To the contrary, we have found SW in all respects to be a very tolerant, welcoming and diverse community. We are also confident that the SW PD has in place training and protocols to deal with bias and de-escalation.

As evidenced by the attachment to this email, BLM very clearly has an expressed political agenda and is engaged "vigorously" (to use their own term) in trying to influence elections in various ways. Whether or not you, I or anyone agrees with BLM's political agenda is of no consequence. What matters is that the endorsement of ANY political agenda through the use of public property should NEVER be permitted.

Thank you for your service and for your consideration,

Warm Regards,  
Matthew and Kim Davis

----- Original Message -----

From: "Matthew J. Davis" <mdavis@Hamden.com>

To: Kimberly Davis <dvmkac@cox.net>

Date: July 1, 2020 at 1:13 PM

Subject: Independence Day

**Reid, Deborah**

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**From:** cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT  
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 5, 2020 7:57 PM  
**To:** Reid, Deborah  
**Subject:** [Town of South Windsor CT] Black Lives Matter (Sent by Elizabeth McGuire ,  
Voicetalent@cox.net)

Hello dreid,

Elizabeth McGuire (Voicetalent@cox.net) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/656/contact>) at Town of South Windsor CT.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/656/edit>.

Message:

Submitted by  
Elizabeth McGuire  
89 Heritage Drive

There are times in history, when people must just do the right thing.

Allowing members of Black Lives Matter to paint a sign in front of town hall, is one of those times.

It is a way to show that we as a community support efforts to end the systemic racism that -if we are all truly honest with ourselves, know exists in this country.

I am proud of Mayor Paterna and others involved, for giving the go ahead for this symbolic gesture. They did the right thing, at a time when so many others refuse to acknowledge that our institutions must change. South Windsor must stand for equality and justice.

**Reid, Deborah**

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**From:** cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT  
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 5, 2020 6:55 PM  
**To:** Reid, Deborah  
**Subject:** [Town of South Windsor CT] Black Lives Matter Painted Sign Outside Town Hall (Sent by James J. Byrne, Jr., jjpbatberrypatch@gmail.com)

Hello dreid,

James J. Byrne, Jr. (jjpbatberrypatch@gmail.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/656/contact>) at Town of South Windsor CT.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/656/edit>.

Message:

Regarding the Huge Yellow Sign Painted outside our Town Hall. I find it Offensive....whatever it says! I believe that Black Lives Matter....I also believe that Brown Lives, Red Lives, Yellow Lives, and yes, even White Lives Matter. But, I believe any Sign like that doesn't belong Painted on Town Property.....Whatever It Says!!!

**Booth, Ashley**

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**From:** Reid, Deborah  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 2:32 PM  
**To:** Maniscalco, Michael; Booth, Ashley  
**Subject:** Fwd: [Town of South Windsor CT] Painting @ Town Hall (Sent by Joan & Lawrence Murphy, Larrymurphy33@hotmail.com)

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Date:** July 6, 2020 at 1:30:17 PM EDT  
**To:** Town Council <TownCouncil@southwindsor.org>  
**Subject:** [Town of South Windsor CT] Painting @ Town Hall (Sent by Joan & Lawrence Murphy, Larrymurphy33@hotmail.com)  
**Reply-To:** <Larrymurphy33@hotmail.com>

Hello Town Council,

Joan & Lawrence Murphy (Larrymurphy33@hotmail.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/contact>) at Town of South Windsor CT.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/edit>.

Message:

We have residents of South Windsor for over 50 years. We have seen this town grow & develop, meeting the needs of all citizens in a responsible manner.

We are writing to express our displeasure of the painting on Town Hall property. This is a bad precedent. It was not given thorough review by all the citizens of this great town.

In the future we hope that no other town property will be used for a political statement.

7/6/2020

Town Council

Reply Reply All Forward

Exhibit AAA

## Town Council

alancavy [alancavy@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 6:29 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Alan Cavagnaro

Reply Reply All Forward

Exhibit BBB

BLM Paint

Ola Sodipo [osodipo101@icloud.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 6:28 PM

Good evening,

I am writing to you this evening in support of the "Black Lives Matter" lettering painted in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. For too long we have allowed side commentary be the voice of South Windsor. I myself have seen the majority of our town honk and wave in support of the Black Lives Matter movement. It shows that we are willing to recognize everyone's humanity equally. All lives cannot matter until black lives do. We must work towards diversity, inclusivity, and equity. That doesn't mean just having a diverse set of people at a table in the meeting. It means those that are marginalized have a voice and a secured seat at the table. This is what we must represent moving forward. Let's make sure we are standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,

Olawunmi Sodipo

Sent from my iPhone



**Booth, Ashley**

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**From:** Reid, Deborah  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 6:55 PM  
**To:** Booth, Ashley  
**Subject:** Fwd: Form submission from: Minutes and Agendas Comment Form

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Genevieve Coursey via Town of South Windsor CT <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Date:** July 6, 2020 at 6:52:19 PM EDT  
**To:** "Reid, Deborah" <Deborah.Reid@southwindsor.org>  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Minutes and Agendas Comment Form  
**Reply-To:** Genevieve Coursey <gmcoursey@gmail.com>

Submitted on Monday, July 6, 2020 - 6:52pm  
Submitted by anonymous user: 68.14.129.173  
Submitted values are:

Subject: Town Council  
==Please provide the following information==  
Your Name: Genevieve Coursey  
E-mail: gmcoursey@gmail.com  
Phone Number: 8605782143  
==Address==  
Street: 65 Lewis Drive  
City: South Windsor  
State: Connecticut  
Zipcode: 06074

Minutes or Agendas? Agendas

Comments:

Dear Mayor Paterna, Deputy Mayor Pendleton and members of the town council:

I would like to express my support for the beautiful Black Lives Matter artwork on the parking lot in front of our town hall. I am proud to see a strong message of support for Black lives in our town, as our country grapples with a legacy of systemic racism and white supremacy. With this positive and supportive message, we as a town are recognizing that all lives cannot matter until Black lives matter, and that we are ready and willing to begin the work needed to create a truly inclusive community.

It is disappointing for this to become a political matter. Civil rights, human rights, and the lives of our neighbors are not a political or partisan

matter.

I am further proud to live in a town where our Mayor recognizes the importance of diversity, inclusion, and of empowering young people to use their voices for good. These are things that offer immense value to our town, and that we should all be embracing. The young people in our community are speaking out, sharing their experiences, and telling us what is needed for them to feel at home here. It is our job to listen, to believe them, and to do the necessary work. I hope that we all will.

Best Regards,  
Genevieve Coursey  
Attachment:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/node/97133/submission/38343>

**Perry, Vanessa**

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**From:** TownCouncilComments,  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 9:00 PM  
**To:** Perry, Vanessa  
**Subject:** FW: Stand for Black Lives

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From: Zakiya Evans [zakiya.e.218@gmail.com]  
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 8:58 PM  
To: TownCouncilComments,  
Subject: Stand for Black Lives

To whom it may concern,  
I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. This is only a small fraction of what the town can do to show support to their Black community, so if it is removed it will show how your town doesn't care about Black lives at all. Do more for black people and do not give into the ignorance of the people that want to erase the act of solidarity. Don't disappoint the people who built this country by allowing history to continue to repeat itself. Take a stand!

Sincerely,  
Zakiya Evans

Sent from my iPhone

**Reid, Deborah**

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**From:** cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Jenieke Calloway via Town of South Windsor CT  
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 27, 2020 10:21 AM  
**To:** Reid, Deborah  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Minutes and Agendas Comment Form

Submitted on Saturday, June 27, 2020 - 10:21am Submitted by anonymous user: 172.56.22.235 Submitted values are:

Subject: Town Council

==Please provide the following information==

Your Name: Jenieke Calloway

E-mail: jeniekecalloway@gmail.com

Phone Number: 8609979469

==Address==

Street: Long Hill Road

City: South Windsor

State: Connecticut

Zipcode:

Minutes or Agendas? Agendas

Comments:

I am Jenieke Calloway, a black student at SWHS writing this in response to Debra Morrison's letter to town hall about the BLM painting. It is mind boggling to me that you see Black Lives Matter as a slogan to tear you down. It's not. All lives in South Windsor, Connecticut and the nation can not matter until black lives matter too. We say it because black lives are the ones getting killed at disproportionate rates. A high school student should not have to explain this to anyone, as everyone can do their own research, but I guess I will. Compare this to 10 houses in the neighborhood. 1 of the ten are burning down while the 9 other houses are in great shape. A fire department comes and sprays down each of those 9 houses first, rather than the one house in the most need. That is black lives matter in simpler terms; black lives are the one burning house, while others are already fine and still getting more water than the burning one.

Besides that, it's weird how some refuse to address the blatant and rampant racism in South Windsor to black people, asian people and hispanic people. I have been called racial slurs, been compared to aunt jemima and had a racist song written about black people sung to me. Many of my indian and brown friends have had people tell them they smell bad and have been stereotyped many times. Hispanic people have been told at the school to go back to the own country, even when they live here. The real racism will outlive any paint placed or put out in the town at all. Before addressing the paint, address people not being held accountable for their actions in this town.

Racism is not tolerable ever. It is not that hard to figure that out. To say my black live does not matter and it hurts you that i would say it does is racist in itself; why doesn't my black live matter as much as yours?

Until this town will see and learn from the past, none of this will be over.

It takes a better person to learn and spend time researching than to immediately go online and complain about things they don't know about.

**Reid, Deborah**

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**From:** cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT  
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 27, 2020 9:08 AM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** [Town of South Windsor CT] Politics at Town Hall (Sent by Tim shepard, Tshepard@ethicalsolutions.net)

Hello Town Council,

Tim shepard (Tshepard@ethicalsolutions.net) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/contact>) at Town of South Windsor CT.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/edit>.

Message:

Dear Council member,

These certainly are anxious times.

As a premise to my point, I have to say I was upset when the Taliban destroy the Buddha carvings and thus prevented future generations from being awed by the structures, as I would be if someone decided Mount Rushmore wasn't appropriate.

I was also proud when we elected a black President, especially, when I remember some being surprised a catholic was elected President.

My point is ,I truly think while my history is being torn down by segments of BLM, there is no justification for honoring this group by paintings or flying flags at Town Hall.

History has not been kind and we need dialogue. But you can't come to the discussion table if you can't control your animosity.

Because I can't hear outcries about inner city Black on Black killings but see our country torn apart with police killings, I am beginning to think the end goal is to destroy the country the rest of the World wants to join.

This episode has convinced me that only the American flag should fly at Town Hall and flags and messages of other organizations should be displayed elsewhere.

Compassion is good,,, but let's not get ridiculous!

Sincerely

Tim Shepard

**Reid, Deborah**

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**From:** cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Louise C Neary via Town of South Windsor CT  
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 26, 2020 11:33 AM  
**To:** Reid, Deborah  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Minutes and Agendas Comment Form

Submitted on Friday, June 26, 2020 - 11:32am Submitted by anonymous user: 72.195.143.129 Submitted values are:

Subject: Town Council

==Please provide the following information==

Your Name: Louise C Neary

E-mail: lneary@gmail.com

Phone Number: 8604320939

==Address==

Street: 805 Mill Pond Drive

City: South Windsor

State: Connecticut

Zipcode: 06074

Minutes or Agendas? Minutes

Comments: It's hard to know where to begin with Debra Morrison's racist interpretation of the local and national BLM movement. Anyone following the national discussion understands that the slogan Black Lives Matter aims to call attention to the fact that so often the actions of those in power reflect their attitude that Black and Brown lives do *\*not\** matter. One notes that at no time has the slogan been "Only Black lives matter" or that "Black lives matter more than (any other)." The "all lives matter" retort is far from a uniting slogan; it is a dog whistle white power response that is, at best, insincere, since those who use that slogan do not indeed believe that ALL lives matter. The fact that we have non-white citizens in our town does not absolve us from our responsibility to work toward a common goal of inclusion. Morrison's email is incoherent toward the end, so it is hard to interpret what she means, but showing support and solidarity with our fellow citizens IN PARTICULAR FROM OUR MAJORITY WHITE TOWN, is the bare minimum we can do to raise our collective voices to fight oppression, inequality, inequity and systemic racism.

Attachment:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/node/97133/submission/37563>

**Reid, Deborah**

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**From:** cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Rachel Olachea via Town of South Windsor CT  
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 26, 2020 11:11 AM  
**To:** Reid, Deborah  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Minutes and Agendas Comment Form

Submitted on Friday, June 26, 2020 - 11:11am Submitted by anonymous user: 68.9.133.142 Submitted values are:

Subject: Town Council

==Please provide the following information==

Your Name: Rachel Olachea

E-mail: rachelola3@hotmail.com

Phone Number: 8603240247

==Address==

Street: 138 Gail Lane

City: South Windsor

State: Connecticut

Zipcode: 06074

Minutes or Agendas? Minutes

Comments: "Black Lives Matter" should continue to be displaced in front of town hall to show unity and support to the movement that is going on across the country. I'm sorry that South Windsor only has a 2.4% Black population and the mean residential age is in the 40s with 79% of the residents being White. So I am not surprised that this wants to be taking down. A lot of you who are claiming "All Lives Matter" might not know what ally ship means or how your white privilege has gotten you to this town and how it gave you the audacity to even question for a second whether or not POC especially Black people face systemic racism in the form of police profiling, racism in health care, mass incarceration, and racism in housing every day of their life and in every situation of their life. South Windsor High School has a proven track record of doing absolutely nothing in reprimanding racist remarks that students say and does not create a safe learning environment for the little diversity SWHS has. The N-word used by White students towards Black students goes unchecked, mostly likely due to their own parents using it around them, the microaggressions targeted at them daily, and when brought up to administrators, nothing is done. The least, the absolute least thing that can be done to show solidarity is painting asphalt in front of a building. Leave it up.

Attachment:

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<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/node/97133/submission/37553>

**Reid, Deborah**

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**From:** cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT  
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 26, 2020 9:03 AM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** [Town of South Windsor CT] BLM mural (Sent by Tom Murtha, tommurtha@yahoo.com)

Hello Town Council,

Tom Murtha (tommurtha@yahoo.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/contact>) at Town of South Windsor CT.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/edit>.

Message:

so this is what you want the town to support. Any of you who approved this ought to be ashamed. BLM leadership does not in any way support our town values or charter...see link . I watched the interview live. You should too.

Then ask yourself why you support them.

[https://www.breitbart.com/clips/2020/06/24/black-lives-matter-leader-if-america-doesnt-give-us-what-we-want-we-will-burn-down-this-system/?fbclid=IwAR3LU-JTavE3X1E7tdH0DbNZRkZNXI\\_7PaKJoIjAM-jhXBDkOR1RGE7B-aE](https://www.breitbart.com/clips/2020/06/24/black-lives-matter-leader-if-america-doesnt-give-us-what-we-want-we-will-burn-down-this-system/?fbclid=IwAR3LU-JTavE3X1E7tdH0DbNZRkZNXI_7PaKJoIjAM-jhXBDkOR1RGE7B-aE)



June 25, 2020

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Main Street  
South Windsor, CT

JUN 26 2020

SOUTH WINDSOR TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor, Town Manager and members of the Town Council,

Please read this communication at the next town council meeting.

I am a lifelong resident of the town of South Windsor. I am writing to express my outrage that you have placed a BLM sign on the front lawn of our town hall. I consider this an incendiary action.

Just last night I saw Hawk Newsome, the leader of BLM in NY, say on television "If America doesn't give us what we want we will burn this system down ". This is an openly Marxist organization. What they want is to terrorize American citizens. And it's working. I am terrified.

I live on old Main Street. Every night we lay awake and listen to copious fireworks going on into the wee hours of the morning. Every night. There is a foot bridge going over the 291 bridge that spills out right onto Main Street. We are prime targets and we know that when they come for us the powers that be ( who put a BLM sign on the front lawn of the town hall) will instruct the police to back off and not defend us.

Guess what's happening? The population is arming themselves at an alarming rate. I see it all around me. They know you won't protect us. This is going to be a horrible thing.

Here is the very worst part...I'm afraid to say who I am. And I'm not alone.

Sincerely,

An average citizen who feels abandoned and endangered by my town leadership.

**Reid, Deborah**

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**From:** cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT  
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:11 PM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** [Town of South Windsor CT] Devicive Instagram Account - Awareness and Action (Sent by Jacob Lee, jacobdelee@gmail.com)

Hello Town Council,

Jacob Lee (jacobdelee@gmail.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/contact>) at Town of South Windsor CT.

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Message:

Hi Friends,

I felt an urgent need to let you know that there's an All Lives Matter South Windsor page on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/alllivesmattersouthwindsor/>

While All Lives Matter is, I'm hoping, a future goal, the move to say counter to Black Lives Matter is an affront to the current movement. Accounts like this can breed hate speech, further divisiveness, and make the Black community in your town feel unsafe and unwelcome. It's your job, and the job of people like me, to call these accounts out, especially if there's a suggestion of Government Support.

We have to support our Black Communities in order to move forward as a society and accounts such as posted above seek to belittle and further divide.

I call on you all to report this account and further call out your residents as needed.

Thank you for your time.

Jacob Lee  
West Hartford, CT

**Reid, Deborah**

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**From:** cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Jean Howat via Town of South Windsor CT  
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 4:28 PM  
**To:** Reid, Deborah  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Minutes and Agendas Comment Form

Submitted on Thursday, June 25, 2020 - 4:28pm Submitted by anonymous user: 68.9.240.173 Submitted values are:

Subject: Town Council

==Please provide the following information==

Your Name: Jean Howat

E-mail: jhowat@cox.net

Phone Number: 860-416-7659

==Address==

Street: 763 Main St

City: south Windsor

State: Connecticut

Zipcode: 06074

Minutes or Agendas? Agendas

Comments: I am so disturbed to see the violent black lives matter sign along with two black power fists painted on the driveway of the town hall. This is absolutely offensive to ME AND many people in this town who's lives also matter. This sign effectively says "better get a gun" to the population.

You do not have the right to abandon the rule of law and sacrifice our safety. That's what this sign means. I'm ashamed AND FRIGHTENED of you.

Attachment:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/node/97133/submission/37543>

**Reid, Deborah**

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**From:** cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT  
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:25 PM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** [Town of South Windsor CT] Black Lives Matter (Sent by Keri Soltoski, Keri.soltoski@gmail.com)

Hello Town Council,

Keri Soltoski (Keri.soltoski@gmail.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/contact>) at Town of South Windsor CT.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/edit>.

Message:

Hi there,

I am hoping to find more information about the community committee mentioned earlier this week in regards to equality for all. Our town page (yes, not govt ran) is being censored anytime any SW resident speaks in anyway PRO BLM.

I know a lot of us are feeling very unheard and unsure of how to take action with covid19 still at the forefront of our minds.

Who will be allowed on the committee?

How will we submit questions?

Can anyone apply to be on the committee?

How often will the committee meet etc etc..

The amount of time town council had to waste on flag law was ridiculous, we get it, some don't want a pride flag flying anywhere near the Stars and Stripes. But seriously, that took up an insanely large amount of time for something so fair and just. I fear similar tactics will come into play regarding equality and BLM conversations from certain council members. We need this committee stat.

Thanks for your time!

Keri Soltoski

(I am a life long South Windsor resident who met her husband Adam at PRS in 1994, and we are both sending this email, but can send another from his address if it helps the cause)

**Reid, Deborah**

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**From:** cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT  
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020 9:56 PM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** [Town of South Windsor CT] Vandalism (Sent by Michael maddock, Mikemad1965@gmail.com)

Hello Town Council,

Michael maddock (Mikemad1965@gmail.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/contact>) at Town of South Windsor CT.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/edit>.

Message:

Greetings

I am writing to register my total disgust at the mayor for allowing the vandalism of our public spaces, to wit: spraying black lives matter on the parking lot of our public spaces. This is outrageous. The graffiti should be removed immediately, and the bill for doing so should go to the mayor.

How dare he allow such a thing. This goes to his judgement, which is obviously lacking. I don't pay sky high taxes for some jackass virtue signal.

**Reid, Deborah**

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**From:** cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT  
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020 6:49 PM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** [Town of South Windsor CT] BLM in parking lot (Sent by John B. Phillips, phillips-family@juno.com)

Hello Town Council,

John B. Phillips (phillips-family@juno.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/contact>) at Town of South Windsor CT.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/edit>.

Message:

Hello Council Members,

Just wanted you to know how offensive I find the BLM message in the town hall parking lot. This is not a good organization and you should not pander to them. If BLM wants a dialog let's have one. BLM said they wanted the message to "look nice". As opposed to the BLM messages written on statues I assume?

Nice in your face touch with the raised arms with clenched fists. This is not about race it's about history. Mr. Mayor nice gesture supplying the paint. As a SW taxpayer I supplied the parking lot! Mr. Mayor did you ask the painters if they wanted fries and a ice cold drink to go with the paint? This is the most ridiculous thing ever. This is what happens when common sense takes a holiday.

Sincerely your SW taxpayer and registered voter, John B. Phillips

**Reid, Deborah**

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**From:** cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Town of South Windsor CT  
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 4:43 PM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** [Town of South Windsor CT] BLM painted at town hall. (Sent by Kevin Chung, blink82@att.net)

Hello Town Council,

Kevin Chung (blink82@att.net) has sent you a message via your contact form  
(<https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/contact>) at Town of South Windsor CT.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/user/606/edit>.

Message:

It's come to my attention that the town allowed the BLM moment, which is a group that has become racist to its core to paint graffiti at town hall.

It's beyond disgusting and disrespectful to the residents of the town to have allowed that to happen. Why would the town surrender to domestic terrorist? Is this what residents can expect from their town leadership? If the town is not willing to stand up against these type of attacks on its residents then maybe we should take it upon ourselves to prevent it.

Reply Reply All Forward

## Black Lives Matters

Borsha Sarker [bs31089@apps.southwindsorschools.org]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 6:10 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is an incredibly important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. Our town has a responsibility to stand with and not against the minorities who live in it. Black Lives Matter is not an attack on All Lives Matter. That's actually what this whole movement is about! We want to fight to make every single life matter but we can not have all lives matter if Black lives don't matter. It's unfair and honestly a bit disappointing that people of the town always say that they're "very diverse" and really prides themselves on diversity, would take the action to remove this. If it's taken down, it's just another action to silence the pain and the voices of the black community that resides in South Windsor. Another thing we pride ourselves in this town for is having great schools and having amazing teachers that set great examples, however this is the one time that setting an example is the most important. It'd be a shame to see the town back down on those statements when it really matters. You can say you're diverse and that we are an amazing town that is educationally driven and we teach our kids to stand for what's right but what's happening now? Why shouldn't we all stand for what is right? Words are great! But actions are better. I am not apart of the black community but I can't imagine the children apart of the community seeing that the town they live in won't even stand for their human rights. It'd be incredibly disappointing and a complete slap in the face. I write all of this with zero harm and zero disrespect, I know the people who have to make this decision are being flooded with emails, petitions, and opinions from both sides of this debate and I can't imagine how difficult it must be but I just want to do what I was taught from my amazing teachers in South Windsor and fight for what I believe in and truly advocate for what I know is right and I just urge you all to please do the same. All we're fighting for is equality and for the town to please just stand with the movement and their black peers/counterparts, it's the least we can do to just say their lives matter. Again I mean absolutely no disrespect to anyone who is reading/listening to this or anyone who has opposing views, truly none of my words were written with harmful or rude intent and I hope that you can only focus on the larger picture at hand. If the Black Lives Matter paint is removed what message would it be sending to not only our community but the people looking into moving into this community. Thank you for reading and listening to my words, I truly hope it helps make a difference.

Sincerely,  
Borsha Sarker



7/6/2020

Support for BLM Painting

Reply Reply All Forward

Exhibit RRR

## Support for BLM Painting

Ajeet Sandhu [teejasandhu@yahoo.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 6:03 PM

To whom it may concern,

My name is Ajeet Sandhu and I am a resident of South Windsor. I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important, symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is not costing the town any additional money or resources to keep this painting. If anything, holding this meeting is taking away from more pressing issues that better deserve the towns energy. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by this gesture of solidarity to a specific community. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Ajeet

7/6/2020

Untitled Message

Reply Reply All Forward

Exhibit SSS

Kathi Sanborn [kathi\_sanborn@yahoo.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 5:28 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Sanborn

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

7/6/2020

Black Lives Matter

Exhibit TTT

Reply Reply All Forward

## Black Lives Matter

Mike Small [msmall42@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 5:11 PM

To whom it may concern, I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,

Michael Small  
97 Palmer Dr

7/6/2020

BLM at SW Town Hall

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## BLM at SW Town Hall

Jack Bassilakis [jack.bassilakis@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 5:09 PM

To whom it may concern,

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Sincerely,  
Jack Bassilakis

## Town Council Meeting - Black Lives Matter Sign

Annette Murphy [annetteg888@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 5:07 PM

To the South Windsor Town Council Members,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands solidarity with the black community and the fight against systemic racism. As a person of color living in a White majority town, I feel safe knowing that my local government is in support of this cause. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members and especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,

Annette Murphy  
102 Highland Drive  
South Windsor, CT

7/6/2020

Black lives matter paint

Reply Reply All Forward

Exhibit WWW

## Black lives matter paint

Jenna St. Denis [jennastdenis@cox.net]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 4:59 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Jenna St. Denis

7/6/2020

Please read this tonight!

Reply Reply All Forward

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Please read this tonight!

Amanda James [amandaj754@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 4:57 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Amanda James  
CT resident

Sent from my iPhone

7/6/2020

BLM Sign

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## BLM Sign

Kory Robbin [koryrobbin@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 4:35 PM

To The Members of Town Council -

I am writing in support of the Black Lives Matter sign in front of Town Hall. To my understanding there are a number of residents that are offended by the message of anti-racism in this town and would like to have the sign removed. The message of solidarity is far more important than the hurt feelings of a few residents. The 5-3 vote on flying a Pride flag at Town Hall was embarrassing enough and truly should have been unanimous. Standing in solidarity with an oppressed group of people is not "too political" or "too controversial" and anyone who feels that way should closely examine why. It is not the town of South Windsor's job to appease someone's blatant ignorance. Please do not side with residents of this town who think racism doesn't exist simply because they choose not to acknowledge it.

Thank You,  
Kory Robbin



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7/6 Town hall meeting BLM

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## 7/6 Town hall meeting BLM

Exhibit ZZZ

Sara Ramos [smramos99@yahoo.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 4:02 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Sara Ramos

Sent from my iPhone

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Exhibit AAAA

## Black Lives Matter sign in town property

Lloxcí Lopez [lloxcí.lopez@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 3:58 PM

To the South Windsor Town Council Members,

In light of recent events, I am writing to emphasize my support of Black lives Matter and the Black Lives Matter sign that is displayed outside Town Hall. This sign holds great significance and is a crucial step in combating racism and ensuring that BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) feel supported and welcomed in South Windsor. While some people feel threatened by this sign, it only comes to show that our town is far from being completely anti-racist. People who feel intimidated and endangered by this sign have only experienced a mere fraction of the fear that black people living in the United States have felt for centuries. As a town, we can no longer remain silent about racial issues in our community. Racism and racial injustice leave lasting marks on those who are on the receiving end. We must acknowledge the detrimental impacts of racism on Black Americans and all POC. So please, listen. Thank you all for what you have done thus far, and I wait with hope that together, we can bring justice and equality for the marginalized groups that reside in our community.

Sincerely,

Lloxcí Amanda Lopez  
319 Oakland Road.

7/6/2020

BLM

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BLM

Exhibit BBBB

Borsha Sarker [bs31089@apps.southwindsorschools.org]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 3:52 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Borsha Sarker

7/6/2020

Support of Black Lives Matter Sign in front of Town Hall

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Exhibit CCCC

## Support of Black Lives Matter Sign in front of Town Hall

mukiese2000@yahoo.com

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 3:37 PM

To the South Windsor Town Council Members,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands solidarity with the black community and the fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members and especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,

Mukiese Nsakala

10 Linda Lane

South Windsor, CT

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

7/6/2020

Untitled Message

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Exhibit DDDD

kobe.davis@uconn.edu

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 2:53 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Kobe Davis

Sent from my iPhone

7/6/2020

BLM

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BLM

Exhibit EEEE

Rnmarch22SecondChann [rnmarch22@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 2:40 PM

I stand with the Black Lives Matter movement because black lives in fact do matter. Racism is clearly still alive in so many homes and the folks using coded language to try and show their disapproval for the paint at the town hall will not go unnoticed in history. Please keep the paint at town hall to show our community that love will always be stronger than hate.

-Finn

Reply Reply All Forward

Exhibit FFFF

## Revised: Black Lives Matter mural - Discussion 7/6/2020

Elizabeth Olson [eisolson@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 2:27 PM

(Revisions below, please discard prior version)

To the South Windsor Town Council Members,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands solidarity with the black community and the fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign.

That uncomfortable feeling and threatening interpretation by white members of our community is a direct result of the pervasiveness of white supremacy. The fact that many white people have an aversion to talking about and considering racial inequities is like a subconscious defense mechanism that actively supports systemic white supremacy. We not only cannot cave to the opposition against this symbol. This is an instance where we must either choose to be anti-racist or choose to be complicit in white supremacy. We have a moral responsibility not only to stand firm against such opposition, but to also call it out as a facet of "White Fragility" and educate our neighbors.

We need to remember the segregated nature of Hartford county is a direct result of intentional actions by our predecessors. Hartford is not filled with poor black people because their parents and grandparents didn't want to leave the city, and chose to be poor. They remained in Hartford because they were actively prevented from leaving and moving to places like South Windsor by practices such as redlining and economic divestiture from their communities.

Racism and segregation in our town and our country is not an accident. It is the result of intentional decisions that did exactly what they were meant to do. We cannot just wait for equity to fall from the sky. We must actively change how we do things, even if they make us uncomfortable, and even if it means admitting we may have done things that were biased or racist.

Without active anti-racist efforts, we will not be the people we want to be, the "not-racists" that some of us currently think we already are. This is an opportunity to teach the white people of this town about how the world really is and that "All Lives Matter" is inherently a white supremacist idea.

To make an analogy based on an idea I heard years ago, imagine there was a movement called "California Republican Housing Matters" and there was a call by residents of a mostly Republican town to have firefighting efforts save houses in the town from a wildfire. What if a counter organization called "All Housing Matters" advocated that firefighters also spray the houses of Democrats in a different region (with no wildfire and no threat of wildfire) with water. The idea would be weird and ridiculous. Arguments that the Democrats houses should be treated the same as the Republicans would be absurd. If Democrats succeeded, and the firefighters treated the Republican and Democratic houses the same, it would be devastating to the Republican community. More Republican houses would be destroyed or damaged than if all the efforts were focused on the areas that were actively burning. People that supported putting out the fires where the threat was greatest wouldn't be anti-Democrat. They would be against houses being burnt down. People supporting "All Housing Matters" would actively be hurting the communities with the houses on fire.

All lives aren't at risk from systemic racism. All lives aren't like houses on fire. Black lives are at risk. Black lives are continually being made worse (in all metrics for quality of life) by systemic racism. Supporting Black Lives Matter isn't anti-white, it's anti-racism. Supporting All Lives Matter is pro-racism, pro-white supremacy, and is abhorrent, and should not be tolerated in this town.

The Black Lives Matter mural is an important symbol that the town supports equality and justice for community members and especially those who are marginalized.

7/6/2020

BLM

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Exhibit GGGG

BLM

Lauren Somero [lsomero88@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 2:11 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Lauren somero

Sent from my iPhone



Reply Reply All Forward

Exhibit HHHH

## Meeting about BLM

Sarah Nickolas [sarahnickolas25@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 1:54 PM

To whom it may concern,

I would like to share the following opinion.

People remain ignorant until they take the time to educate themselves. When we have signs and protests to raise awareness for issues that some people may not understand or face, it allows people to gain new perspectives and get a glimpse of the struggles other groups of people are facing. We cannot be the voice for others who are not heard or help others to achieve their goals if we stay silent or cover up their voices. Everyone wants to complain about the protests and riots, yet when something as peaceful as writing the name of a movement is written on the ground, people find a way to complain about this too. The hypocrisy and racism in this town and this country and appalling and frankly disgusting. People need to stop wasting their time complaining about matters that do not impact them and spend that time learning and educating themselves so they can learn that the world does not revolve around them and that other people are facing very real struggles that white people will never face or understand. If people still cannot understand what the words "black lives matter" truly mean, and if they choose to remain hateful and ignorant, then they should be the ones staying silent rather than opposing the potential progress for black people in America. Do better South Windsor, this is just embarrassing.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Nickolas

7/6/2020

BLM Sign

Reply Reply All Forward

Exhibit IIII

## BLM Sign

Anitha Ramasamy [annelango@yahoo.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 1:52 PM

Dear Town Council Members,

The BLM sign is a powerful expression from the town that it recognizes that the black community is targeted for harsh and unequal treatment especially from law enforcement and that racial inequality exists in our society. The sign also indicates that the town wants to take steps to remove racial disparities in our community. I strongly feel that the sign is very relevant for our times and I hope that the town will keep it.

Thanking you,

Anitha Elango, HRC,  
108 Lisa Drive,  
South Windsor, CT.

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## BLM Paint Town Hall

Exhibit JJJJ

Kaitlin Anne Smith [me@kaitlinannesmith.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 1:36 PM

To whom it may concern,

I, Kaitlin Smith, an alumni of South Windsor High School, am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. Specially through the facebook group message board. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history, and showing that South Windsor can better itself as a town in its support of the BLM movement.

Sincerely,  
Kaitlin Smith

7/6/2020

Black lives Matter

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Exhibit KKKK

Black lives Matter

Ritu Goel [ritugoelhrc@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 1:11 PM

To the South Windsor Town Council Members,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. I believe this should not be a political issue. This is a matter of public interest. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement and town should unit and stand in solidarity to support this issue. People should not feel threatened and should not be opposed to this sign. And if they do then it will only spread hatred in the community. I am looking up to my Town Council that they will nip this in the bud and stop this hatred from spreading any further.

Thank you for doing the right thing and making our future Generation proud.

Sincerely,

Ritu Goel  
Chair HRC  
ph-860-810-8211  
ritugoelhrc@gmail.com

Reply Reply All Forward

## Council Agenda Comments

Exhibit LLLL

Charles Regulbuto [chasreg82@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 12:51 PM

Hi. I've been having trouble getting through on the town email address and I understand, however, that Herb Asplund sent a copy to you which he thought was on my behalf. However, I had revised my copy and sent it directly to you at 11:15 this morning from my email address [chasreg82@gmail.com](mailto:chasreg82@gmail.com). That is the copy to be used, not the one Herb sent, which should be discarded. For your convenience I'm sending the correct copy again here. Sorry for the confusion. Thank you.

Charles Regulbuto

**Comments:** I certainly appreciate the work and time expended by the council members serving our town. I submit these comments to the council in response to the July 6 council meeting agenda items 13d and f, and ask they be considered as seriously and equitably as all other actions recently asked of the council:

**Item 13d:** BLM driveway painting: I am not racist as to which my personal, business, military, and family life experience will attest, and as a resident of 55 years in South Windsor, I object to the painting of the slogan on town property. We all support equal rights and opportunities among all races, creeds, and colors. In our town with a large population of minorities, we can and should be supportive without giving impetus to disunity. The painting on the town hall driveway is not only misplaced logic but does not serve the interests of unity in town and instead can rather tend to divide, at least psychologically if not physically.

Further, why was that painting authorized when merely asked of and approved only by the council without public input? Where will the line be drawn? Can any group or organization expect to have the right to paint or post its slogan or agenda on town property? Is the council going to allow any political, religious, special interest, movement, organization, association, or self-serving group to do likewise? If so, the town to be fair, equitable, and unbiased would have to allow conflicting groups' interests flags too. This too could tend to create and exploit conflict and division where none now exists. That could become absurd and spur town-wide opposition.

I object too to any potential, implied, or assumed denigration of our town police, military, and essential workers who have and do serve this town well without racism or persecution and do not wish to see them tarred with the irrational idiocy and bias of other cities in the country.

Note too that some years ago the town prohibited nativity scenes from being placed on town property, specifically at the town hall; how is that any different? There are already BLM signs on private property and I certainly support and respect those homeowners' rights. Furthermore, who will pay for the eventual removal of the painting on the town driveway and resurfacing? taxpayers of course. In the interest of trying to be fair and equitable the council in this regard has gone overboard and risks causing conflict and division where, except for one unfortunate incident at the high school, to my knowledge none existed.

**Item 13f:** Flagpole in town: How will the decision as to who can fly flags, other than those presently approved by the state, on town flagpoles be authorized? Will any political, religious, special interest, movement, organization, association or self-serving group be allowed to fly its own flag on a town pole or poles? If so, again, the town to be fair, equitable, and unbiased would have to allow conflicting groups'

7/6/2020

Keep Black Lives Matter

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Exhibit MMMM

Keep Black Lives Matter

Corie T [coetwh@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 12:43 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Black Lives Matter is a human rights statement, not a political statement.

Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Corie Tracey

Sent from my iPhone

7/6/2020

Black Lives Matter

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Exhibit NNNN

## Black Lives Matter

Madeline K. Dugan [madeline.dugan@wne.edu]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 12:20 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

I have been a lifelong resident of South Windsor, CT and I'm writing to communicate my support for the Black Lives Matter sign in front of town hall. It is critical for our town to show our solidarity with the BLM movement. To remove this beautiful statement would mean ignoring and silencing the voices of marginalized people in South Windsor. The BLM movement is happening at the national level so support from suburbs like ours can only help achieve a more equitable and peaceful community for all. It's upsetting to see that some people are opposed to this symbol of anti-racism. We must stand on the right side of history by keeping this sign up in support of justice for our community members.

Sincerely,  
Madeline Dugan

7/6/2020

BLM Painting

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Exhibit OOOO

## BLM Painting

Molli D [mollid922@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 12:14 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. It is imperative that South Windsor fully embraces anti-racism. This is one small step towards that, and every step matters in this process. We must support our Black community members in every capacity possible. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Molli DeRosa



7/6/2020

Untitled Message

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Exhibit PPPP

Dan Crovo [daniel.jack.crovo27@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 12:00 PM

To whom it may concern,

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Sincerely,  
Daniel Crovo

Sent from my iPhone

7/6/2020

Blm sign

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Exhibit QQQQ

Blm sign

Thatcher Richard [thatcher.richard16@yahoo.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 11:49 AM

I understand that people are upset over the Black Lives Matter sign outside of town hall. I am showing support in keeping the sign there. The communities of color in this town have been silenced for too long, and I will not allow the ignorance of some to silence them again.

7/6/2020

Town Hall Paint

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Exhibit RRRR

## Town Hall Paint

Emily Bentley [emjennab@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 11:26 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Emily Bentley

7/6/2020

Black Lives Matter Sign

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Exhibit SSSS

## Black Lives Matter Sign

Claire Sullivan [clairesullivan76@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 10:35 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Claire Sullivan

7/6/2020

Keeping BLM sign

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Exhibit TTTT

## Keeping BLM sign

Rachel Violette [rviolette22@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 10:31 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Rachel Violette

7/6/2020

SW BLM Support

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Exhibit UUUU

SW BLM Support

S Chokshi [schokshi8@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 10:17 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,

Sonali Chokshi

7/6/2020

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Exhibit VVVV

Veena Bellam [veenabellam@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 10:12 AM

To whom it may concern, I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,

Veena Bellam

7/6/2020

BLM

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Exhibit WWWW

BLM

Mel Gurry [gurrylife@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 8:42 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Your name

Melissa Gurry

Gurry life@gmail.com  
860-205-8780



7/6/2020

BLACK LIVES MATTER

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Exhibit XXXX

## BLACK LIVES MATTER

Peyton Silverman [silvermanpeyton34@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Monday, July 06, 2020 12:29 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Peyton Silverman

7/6/2020

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Exhibit YYYY

Vaughn Ocean [vaughnocean06@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Sunday, July 05, 2020 11:08 PM

To the South Windsor Town Council Members,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands solidarity with the black community and the fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members and especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,

Vaughn O'Brien

7/6/2020

My support for the BLM sign at Town Hall

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Exhibit ZZZZ

## My support for the BLM sign at Town Hall

steve acanto [steve.acanto@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Sunday, July 05, 2020 11:01 PM

To the South Windsor Town Council Members,

I am writing in support of the Black Lives Matter sign in front of the Town Hall. It is powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands solidarity with the black community and the fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is the important that the town support equality and justice for community members and especially those who are marginalized.

Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Steve Acanto

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## Support of BLM

Exhibit AAAAA

Rachel Olaechea [rachelola3@hotmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Sunday, July 05, 2020 10:12 PM

It is truly appalling that the residents of this town believe that "Black Lives Matter" being painted in front of town hall is racist and insist it is "All Lives Matter". Systemic racism is what has oppressed people of color especially Black people for over 400 years while White people have been able to accumulate wealth and create their generational wealth with no issues or barriers. Recognizing and empathizing with the 2.4% Black population South Windsor has and understanding that Black people have to deal with racism in healthcare where Black mothers are still 243% more likely to die during child birth and a study conducted in 2016 showed medical trainees believed that Black people are "not as sensitive to pain as White people and were less likely to treat Black people's pain accordingly". Where racism in housing is a constant struggle to overcome and qualifying for a home loan is still proven to be the most difficult to get approved if you are Black. The gentrification of neighborhoods of color continue to raise the cost of living forcing them out with nowhere to go. We all know Main Street is known to have houses built from the 1800s yet Black people were prohibited from buying houses in the suburbs in the 1940s, 1950s and even into the 1960s, all while White people continued to build their generational wealth. Racism in the criminal justice were it's either the school-to-prison pipeline targeting Black students or the Prison Industrial Complex where more than 70% of those imprisoned are people of color, and no before you think it, it is not because people of color are just "drug dealers" as one South Windsor High School student likes to put it, or more violent compared to White people. It's because of mandatory minimum sentencing, over policing in lower income communities, and racial profiling. Police brutality is no stranger to Connecticut. On January 15th 2020, state trooper Brian North shot Mubarak Souleman, a 19 year old seven times because he believed he was reaching for a knife while he was in the driver seat of an immobile car, with the windows up. The White residents of this town need to check their race privilege and realize they will NEVER face the discrimination in healthcare, housing, criminal justice system, and education that Black people have faced and fought against their entire lives. Paint on asphalt is such a minuscule thing you can do to show your solidarity and support compared to curriculum changes, school policy changes, etc. Keep it up. Lastly thank you to the Mayor who was so onboard with it in the first place. That's the kind of citizen I want representing South Windsor.

Resident for 16 years,

Rachel Olaechea.

7/6/2020

From a former resident

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Exhibit BBBB

From a former resident

Brianna Taylor [b.vtaylor@yahoo.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Sunday, July 05, 2020 8:47 PM

To whom it may concern,

I lived in South Windsor from 1998 until 2014. I went to Orchard Hill, T.E. and SWHS. For the most part, I loved living in South Windsor. However, as a black child I did feel out of place and like a spectacle due to some of the ways I was treated and spoken to. I clearly remember a teacher asking me if I had to catch the school bus back to Hartford- one of the many times that I felt like I didn't belong in that town because I was black.

Today, I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Brianna V. Taylor

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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Exhibit CCCCC

## Support anti-racism in South Windsor, CT

A&amp;B Pandit [tharunam@yahoo.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Cc: Andy Paterna

Sunday, July 05, 2020 8:27 PM

Dear Members of the South Windsor Town Council,

I am writing this letter in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the black community and the fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed to or feel threatened by the sign that puts a visual face to the systematic oppression that exists for many. Let us seek first to understand! I am hopeful that our town officials and citizens will try to listen to black and brown voices without trying to debate their experiences. It is important for our town to support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized.

Visual art has played a very important role in representing the American Revolution. The Declaration of Independence in 1776, which marked the official beginning of the American national identity, needed a history to highlight triumphant moments. Part of that history was expressed visually in the famous painting "The Declaration of Independence in the Pennsylvania State" painted by a Connecticut-born artist and Revolutionary War veteran, John Trumbull, who later served as the Governor of Connecticut Colony (1769-1776). Along with the praise, the beautiful artwork and the artist faced enormous criticisms. The art was criticized for the lack of accuracy of the interior furnishing and several of the original delegates to the Continental Congress had been omitted!

The "Black Lives Matter" sign does not omit the importance of non-black lives! The sign is a symbol putting a spotlight on the ugly cancer that needs to be eradicated, the cancer that is robbing our Black American people their rights to live peacefully in pursuit of happiness and justice. During my battle with breast cancer my friends and family spoke about fighting and eradicating breast cancer specifically, no one responded with anger that other cancers were also of importance. By the same token, "Black Lives Matter" is simply a focus on the historical devaluing of black lives, NOT a commentary on the lack of importance of all lives.

Our town has a unique opportunity to demonstrate diversity and inclusion and preserve it for our future generations. Let this visual art narrate a story. Let the power of the visual image ignite minds and thoughts, let it evoke emotions and capture universal cultural truth. Let it aspire us to bring change and take action by standing on the right side of history!

Thank You.

Sincerely,

Beena Pandit

71 Highview Road, South Windsor

**Dismantle Systemic Racism, One mind at a time, One act at a time!**

7/6/2020

Support for BLM sign in front of town hall

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Exhibit DDDDD

## Support for BLM sign in front of town hall

Lloxcí [lloxcí\_alopez@hotmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Sunday, July 05, 2020 8:20 PM

Town Council Members,

This letter is to represent my support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. I came to this town over 2 decades ago, and I was enamored with the community and what it had to offer.

But, to know what black residents face in the town makes me not be silent. The "Black Lives Matter" sign is a symbol of change. Changes to fight against a system that has oppressed marginalized groups for ages. Changes that challenge a society that does not accept everyone. South Windsor needs to do more to ensure that black people and other people of color are ensured equity. South Windsor has the potential for this.

By standing behind the Black Lives Matter sign, we are showing our capability of being able to take a step toward ending system racism.

Thank you for those who stand as allies.

Sincerely,

Lloxcí Alexandra Lopez  
319 Oakland Road.

7/6/2020

Black Lives Matter

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## Black Lives Matter

Exhibit EEEEE

Lucia Palladino [luciaceleste100@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Sunday, July 05, 2020 8:12 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Lucia Palladino



7/6/2020

Black Live Matter Sign

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Exhibit FFFFF

## Black Live Matter Sign

Sandra Dee Baker [sosandratruth@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Sunday, July 05, 2020 7:15 PM

To the South Windsor Town Council Members,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands solidarity with the black community and the fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is the important that the town support equality and justice for community members and especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,

Sandra Baker

7/6/2020

Support for Black Lives Matter

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Exhibit GGGGG

## Support for Black Lives Matter

reddogjd reddogjd [reddogjd@cox.net]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Cc: reddogjd@cox.net

Sunday, July 05, 2020 7:04 PM

Dear South Windsor Town Council Members,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands solidarity with the black community and the fight against systemic racism. It is very disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. It makes me sad to see so much divisiveness in our country. However, it is the important that the town support equality and justice for community members and especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,

Jill Harrison

7/6/2020

Black Lives Matter

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Black Lives Matter

Exhibit HHHHH

Nandhana Senthilkumar [nandhanask13@icloud.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Sunday, July 05, 2020 6:56 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Nandhana Senthilkumar

7/6/2020

BLM, always. Words are the start.

Reply Reply All Forward

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BLM, always. Words are the start.

Gillian Eppler [gillian.eppler@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Sunday, July 05, 2020 6:19 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism.

It is incredibly disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign - which reads, simply, that someone MATTERS. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Gillian Eppler

Gillian Eppler  
University of Vermont, BSN '21  
Vice President, Event Logistics - RALLYTHON '20  
e: gillian.eppler@gmail.com  
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gmail2 [zoeanderson98@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Sunday, July 05, 2020 5:56 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall, as a lifelong resident of South Windsor I am proud to see it there. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. Giving in to the unjust and uninformed requests of certain residents by taking down the sign would be a swift, definitive and decisive statement in support of racism by the Town of South Windsor. Therefore, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Zoë Anderson

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# Flags and BLM on the driveway

Exhibit KKKKK

Herb [carolyndm@aol.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Cc: Custer, Scott

Sunday, July 05, 2020 5:27 PM

Dear Councilors - I was hesitant writing to you as I feel that I am friends with each and every one of you but thought it appropriate to make two comments and one recommendation.

My first comment is simple, does each and every squeaky wheel need to be addressed I am not at all impressed with each and seemingly, every comment to the council being taken seriously and, in most cases, accepted. I expect the council to seriously consider every comment and act only on those that they consider only those meaningful to the town. You were elected to act on our behalf not to anyone who contacts you.

My second comment pertains to the painting on the driveway in front of the Town Hall. How did this happen? I saw nothing about the council voting in favor of it? I am aware of the incident at the High School but don't think it rises to a town sponsored paint on the town hall parking lot. Thinking locally, I think we need paintings that say Law enforcement lives matter and/or Critical Lives matter. I have absolutely no problem with promoting Black Lives Matter because there have been so many injustices over the years that need to be addressed but there are equal problems beyond that. It pains me that our police are or may be grouped with the very few bad cops.

My recommendation pertains to one or more flagpoles with flags other than the American and MIA or a State Flag. The State of Connecticut does not display any flag besides what I've named anywhere around the capital. A gay pride flag is displayed on a separate pole and I fervently believe this, and many others to be appropriate. I proudly served our nation during the Vietnam War and want all Americans and especially those who are MIA to not be shortchanged by anything I feel less important to our state and nation.

With my best and thank you all for serving.

Herb Asplund  
56 Tumblebrook Drive  
South Windsor, Ct 06074

7/6/2020

BLM.

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Exhibit LLLLLL

BLM.

alecxa denoval [lexidenoval5@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,; Paterna, Andrew; michael.maiscalco@southwindsor.org; Audrey Delnicki

Sunday, July 05, 2020 4:42 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,

Alecxa Denoval

Sent from my iPhone

**Perry, Vanessa**

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**From:** TownCouncilComments,  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 10:12 PM  
**To:** Perry, Vanessa  
**Subject:** FW: BLM Sign Must Stay

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From: Parth Patel [parth.p.patel@uconn.edu]  
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 10:11 PM  
To: TownCouncilComments,  
Subject: BLM Sign Must Stay

Dear Town Council,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. As a member of color myself who has lived in this town for over 17 years, I believe it is our upmost priority to to support the Black Lives Matter movement and message are such a pivotal time our our history. I have been through the SW school system and have personal seen the strength and unity of our town at many points.

Institutional racism has affected people of color for decades, and I think our town knows better to support moral change over getting into the politics we are discussing today. The sign by the town hall is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. As a political science major myself at UConn, I understand the politics in our country and town. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. This issue should not be political, but an issue of human rights that everyone supports. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Parth Patel  
South Windsor High School, Class of 2017 University of Connecticut, Class of 2021



**Perry, Vanessa**

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**From:** TownCouncilComments,  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 10:10 PM  
**To:** Perry, Vanessa  
**Subject:** FW: IN SUPPORT OF BLM

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**From:** Damian Humphrey [damianhumphrey@icloud.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 06, 2020 10:09 PM  
**To:** TownCouncilComments,  
**Subject:** IN SUPPORT OF BLM

Dear South Windsor Town Representatives,

I am sending this email in great support of the Black Lives Matter (BLM) sign in front of our town hall. This sign tells every person that comes in contact with our community that we respect, value, and stand together with our community members who are African American as well as all historically and systemically marginalized, oppressed, and discriminated peoples. It also sends a strong message to the business community that we are who we are as a town because of the contributions and participation made by ALL members of our community, not just those in the majority. The message that "all lives matter" is a disingenuous attempt to purposely ignore the historical reckoning that the world, our country, our state, our town, and each of us as individuals are having to face as we wrestle with how we've benefited or been oppressed by systems of injustice and inequality. I thank you for again being on the RIGHT SIDE OF HISTORY.

Sincerely,  
Damian Humphrey

7/6/2020

Black Lives Matter

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Exhibit 00000

## Black Lives Matter

Asli Awale [asli.awale@uconn.edu]

To: TownCouncilComments,; Paterna, Andrew; michael.maiscalco@southwindsor.org; Audrey Delnicki

Sunday, July 05, 2020 4:11 PM

To whom it may concern,

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Sincerely,

Asli Awale

7/6/2020

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## Black Livea Matter

Samantha Donovan [sdonovan154@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,; Paterna, Andrew; michael.maiscalco@southwindsor.org; Audrey Delnicki

Sunday, July 05, 2020 3:56 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Samantha Donovan

7/6/2020

I support the BLM painting at Town Hall

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Exhibit QQQQQ

I support the BLM painting at Town Hall

Cynde Acanto [cyndeacanto@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,

Sunday, July 05, 2020 3:02 PM

To the South Windsor Town Council Members,

I am writing in support of the *Black Lives Matter* painting in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands solidarity with the Black community and the fight against systemic racism.

It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign. However, it is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Cynde Acanto

Reply Reply All Forward

Exhibit RRRRR

## Black Livers Matter in SW and Everywhere

Brittany Diaz [brittany.diaz@uconn.edu]

To: TownCouncilComments.; Paterna, Andrew; michael.maiscalco@southwindsor.org; Audrey Delnicki

Sunday, July 05, 2020 2:04 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of the Town Hall. It is a powerful and important symbolic statement to say that the town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism.

It is disappointing that some people are opposed or feel threatened by the sign and truly exposed how racist this town is. As a Latinx resident i am disgusted to live here. The exclusion I have received in my higher education is terrible and i can only imagine what it is like to be Black.

It is important that the town support equality and justice for community members, especially those who are marginalized. Thank you for standing on the right side of history.

Sincerely,

**Brittany Diaz**

President of UConn Collaborative Organizing

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7/6/2020

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URGENT! Please Read!

Muneeka Munir [m.muneeka@gmail.com]

To: TownCouncilComments,; Paterna, Andrew; michael.maiscalco@southwindsor.org; Audrey Delnicki

Sunday, July 05, 2020 2:34 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Muneeka Munir and I'm an upcoming senior at SWHS. My family and I have lived in South Windsor for 8 years and are strong advocates for the BLM Movement. Myself and other young members of our community came together to paint a "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of Town Hall. It is a powerful and important statement symbolizing that our town stands in solidarity with the Black community and will fight against systemic racism. I was extremely disappointed to find out that some people want the sign to be removed. Paint on a road does not harm or affect anyone in any way whatsoever. We were GIVEN PERMISSION to paint the sign and by taking this down, you are showing South Windsor your true character and silencing your own community members about an extremely prevalent issue in our social climate. Black lives matter more than white feelings about paint. It's imperative that the town supports equality and justice for our community members, especially marginalized individuals. I hope that you will affirm what is right and stand on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Muneeka Munir