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**Subject:** FW: RETHINKING MY POSITION Re: Keep the Griffin emblem Comments for City Council Meeting of August 24 2020  
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Good Morning, All.

I spoke with quite a few people after I sent my original email yesterday and I changed my mind.

How about considering authorizing a committee made up of representatives from the police, citizens for and against the change of the emblem and an elected city official? Who else has a major stake in this discussion? Ask committee members to consider not only the pros and

cons of changing the emblem including the cost for replacing the current emblem on uniforms and all police vehicles as well as the opportunity cost of making no change.

And from my marketing experience at a global telecommunications firm, how about the committee consider updating the griffin—making it more stylized while keeping the sentiment behind it? Many many many corporations have changed their logos over the years to match their customer's changing views as well as market demands. In our city's case, the change would be to match the changing views of citizens. This committee could meet in January 2021. We must take time to choose the appropriate people to become members of this committee. And with the virus still raging, it makes sense to convene the first meeting in early January.

These are my thoughts.

Thank you for considering my input.

***Jeri***

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On Aug 23, 2020, at 1:43 PM, G. M. Jeri Thornsberry  
<[ngthornsberry@msn.com](mailto:ngthornsberry@msn.com)> wrote:

Hello All,

I am not in favor of changing the griffin patch on our police uniforms or vehicles.

It is important not to cave to those who misunderstand the meaning of the griffin—a symbol that heralds from the Greeks. Educate those who carry this misunderstanding of this image but do not spend my tax dollars to make this change. It is not necessary. Supporting ignorance is not how I expect you to manage the public funds entrusted to each of you.

These are my words.

Thank you for your service.

***Jeri***

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