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From: Caleb Reising <caleb.d.reising@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 22, 2020 7:24 AM
To: Mayor <Mayor@WATERLOO-IA.ORG>
Subject: Griffin Patch

Hello Mayor Hart,

I do not know what your stance is on the patch, but I wanted to address this with you and the City Council.

My name is Caleb Reising and I would like to address the situation with the Griffin on the patch of the WPD that is going to be voted on soon. I want to begin by saying that I appreciate you and the position you are in for our city as you do your best to represent Waterloo's best interests. I cannot even fathom the enormous amount of difficult decisions that you must deal with on a daily level.

That being said, I believe that I need to voice my concern with what is going on with this discussion. I am the Chaplain for the WPD and I have been riding with the officers there for the past 2-3 years and feel like I have got to know many of the officers in the department fairly well and it hurts me to see unsubstantiated attacks on them. I believe that it is a mistake to take something away from them that identifies them so uniquely and ties them together in such a distinguishable manner. These men and women do so much sacrificially to protect us and they do it in a way that makes me proud to be a resident of Waterloo. To take something away from them that binds them together and that they have wore while serving so faithfully would be detrimental in so many ways.

I believe that this is an attack on the WPD that is not based on truth and it needs to be ended. I would trust my life with every officer that I have met so far and I have seen firsthand the incredible service and care that these officers have for this city. Instead of trying to tear down such a remarkable department, you and the city council need to come alongside of them and support them as they protect us so sacrificially. Please choose to do the right thing as you make your decision on Monday.

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