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hi mayor hart,

i have watched this week as the social media narrative on the issue of removing the griffin from wpd vehicles and uniforms has plunged into bitter name calling, gross generalizations, and full blown character assassinations...and i don't mean just towards council members, but regular citizens who dare to express an opinion (on either side). it's been really disheartening.

in that context, i urge you to keep this obviously complex issue more simple. there is a long

standing, well documented history of african americans in waterloo who associate the logo with racism, hatred, oppression and fear. this is not some 2020 politically correct, heat of the moment issue that popped up out of nowhere. yes, the current social and political context made this conversation more relevant, more heard, but the issue has been long standing. i believe that the african american voices in our community deserve to be heard and respected. there are so many things that will be oh so difficult to change that influence systematic racism in our community. this logo is a relatively easy thing to change and will speak volumes to our community that even the perception of racism matters especially when it comes to our police force.

than you for considering my viewpoint.

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