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Dear Counsel Members

I am a Waterloo, Ward 5 resident and I want to strongly voice my opposition to doing away with the Griffin as the Waterloo Police Department's logo. The Police have a difficult job and the Griffin is a strong visible statement of what they are about. I've read the articles in the paper and done research of my own and strongly believe that the vigilance, strength and protection the Griffin represents are admirable characteristics for every police department!

The Griffin is not a Klan symbol and those that think it is are misinformed.

In addition to the significant waste of tax dollars to remove the logo from all police property it would be demeaning and demoralizing for the police. What is needed is this City Council's support for the police. Education of the community regarding the true meaning of the Griffin is appropriate as opposed to the fictitious meaning presented by those who wish to undermine the Police.

In attempting to contact the Mayor and Council members I was only able to get through to one member. None of the others answered and one member was not even taking voicemail messages (mailbox full, this email is particularly for him). It would be very interesting to know from those that are listening to constituents the input received from them. An idea for letting your constituents speak for themselves would be to put the issue on the ballot in the upcoming election as a referendum and let the people decide. I believe the overwhelming majority of Waterloo residents desire a safe and law abiding community. Support for our Police Department goes a long way to encouraging that.

Sincerely,
Dan Stephens