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My name LaRae Coppage.

The purpose of this email is to express my thoughts on this issue. I have seen a lot of comments on social media and elsewhere about this subject and i can't be silent anyone. This subject really brought of some ignorance in people and some broken emotions in others.

One of my uncles was a police officer, so I understand the families of officers. But with that being said I strongly encourage you to vote to change the symbol. I understand that people think there is nothing wrong with this symbol, but that nothing but far from the truth. With this city being the number one in Iowa to have most African American population you can see how this is affecting us. If that suppose to be a Griffin, which let's be honest doesn't look nothing like the creature, then make it look like it.

I know we all want to have a better relationship with the police and the community and that involves change. In order to move forward we got to let some things go. Some people are not going to like it but sometimes it needs to happen for the greater good. And this is a change that needs to happen.

Please consider to vote to change the symbol to have Waterloo move forward.

Thank you.