

Subject: RE: Pledge of Allegiance
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 2:49:10 PM Central Daylight Time
From: on behalf of Tom Harmening
To: 'Becky Bakken'
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Its ugly – national media on this including FOX

This was not my doing – driven by the council entirely. Didn't even ask my opinion or for some research

From: Becky Bakken [mailto:bbakken@[REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2019 2:47 PM
To: Tom Harmening
Subject: FW: Pledge of Allegiance

Hey Tom, I am getting several calls and email regarding the CC's decision on the pledge of allegiance. I have no doubt that you are as well.

I'm not asking you to do anything. I really just wanted you to know.

The theme of most of the messages are 'we will no longer patronize your city because of the choice.'

Below is the message that I have communicated with my staff.

I wish you the best as you deal with the fallout.

Let me know if you need anything.
Becky



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The SLP City Council has voted to no longer precede their weekly meetings with the pledge of allegiance.

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/st-louis-park-city-council-drops-pledge-of-allegiance/ar-AADt6AI>

This is becoming quite controversial.

If asked about the topic, please do not comment.

You can say that we are a separate, non-profit organization and operate independently of the City.

If they want to discuss further, please direct them to me.

Thank you,
Becky