

From: Margaret Rog rogforslp@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Article on the Pledge
Date: June 27, 2019 at 8:01 AM
To: Jake Spano mayorjakespano@gmail.com



Sounds good. I just saw a post on FB from the American Legion saying shame on the SLP City Council. Given that they donate thousands a year to the City, seems to me a good business decision (along with other reasons) to reconsider in light of how important this is to some in our community. I don't think disenfranchised people in our community really care about the pledge one way or another and in fact this may cause backlash against them as well. So to me this is a good example of unintended consequences, and I own my part in not seeing that on the front side.

Safe travels home and sorry about the nasties - I'm getting my share too, of course. One guy wants SLP to burn in hell....

Margaret

On Thu, Jun 27, 2019 at 7:55 AM Jake Spano <mayorjakespano@> wrote:

Got it. I was pretty frosty after a day of responding to vitriolic emails and phone calls from around the country so I apologize for the tone of my email.

I'm returning from Indy tonight so maybe we can discuss this by phone this weekend.

Jake Spano
Mayor
St. Louis Park, Minnesota

On Jun 27, 2019, at 8:09 AM, Margaret Rog <rogforslp@> wrote:

Jake, I shared the article simply as more information. I could not agree with you more that this was a huge mistake. I couldn't care less about the pledge one way or the other and didn't have the energy to argue with Anne about it to be honest. I don't buy that bit about inclusivity and really just felt it was a procedural thing. I think taking it off consent was a mistake as well. And, I may want to talk about it to think about reinstating the pledge once a month, or something like that, because I do believe we represent everyone and if this is upsetting to people, we should be open to revisiting. Say we made a mistake and move on.

Hope that makes sense.

Margaret

On Wed, Jun 26, 2019 at 11:13 PM Jake Spano <mayorjakespano@> wrote:

Margaret-

I appreciate the spirit in which this email is intended but I'll be honest with you, this isn't about the history of the pledge. It's about the fact that sometimes just because you can scratch an itch, doesn't mean you should. We just gave the far right nuts out there a whole bunch of organizing red meat that they will fund raise off of and rally voters around. They may beat us up but we don't need to give them the stick to do it.

As to the email about revisiting this in the future, are you saying you'd like to change your vote?

Jake Spano
Mayor
St. Louis Park, Minnesota

On Jun 26, 2019, at 11:29 PM, Margaret Rog <rogforslp@> wrote:

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worth a read I think

<http://bostonreview.net/politics/jack-david-eller-pledge-allegiance>

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