

**Subject:** Re: Pledge  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 5:59:01 PM Central Daylight Time  
**From:** Tom Harmening  
**To:** Margaret Rog

Thanks Margaret - at the time I was a bit concerned this would happen. It's kind of feeding on itself.

Should be interesting to see what happens on July 15

Tom

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 26, 2019, at 4:25 PM, Margaret Rog <[rogforslp@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:rogforslp@[REDACTED])> wrote:

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Thanks, Tom, and sorry you and other staff are having to deal with the fallout on this. I actually wish I would've spoken up because I didn't think this was important, and worried it would distract from the real work we are trying to do, which at least for some people, it has. I've gotten several calls today as well and have been caught off guard without a real response other than I didn't think about it much.

Anyway, hopefully it will blow over soon. And not alienate the exact people we are trying to get on board with our progressive policies.

Margaret

On Wed, Jun 26, 2019 at 4:16 PM Tom Harmening <[THARMENING@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:THARMENING@[REDACTED])> wrote:

Mayor and Council –

As I'm sure you are aware, we have received repeated media calls about the decision on the pledge of allegiance. In addition, our front counter has received numerous calls, as have I and other staff. The vast majority of contacts are dissatisfied with the decision on the pledge.

When I have responded to calls I have listened and acknowledged their concerns. But when the questions go to the reasoning for the policy decision on this I have referred them to the article in today's STRIB and the comments from Anne and Tim. If the questions persist I and other staff are referring them to their council member.

Tom

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