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Coventry Town Council
Special Meeting
June 8, 2020
6:30 PM
(Virtual Meeting)

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I am writing, as Chairwoman of the Coventry Town Council, in complete support of the statement that Police Chief, Mark Palmer, released on behalf of the Coventry Police Department. I, and I believe all of our Town Council members, agree with everything that our Police Chief said. The death of George Floyd while in police custody was tragic and uncalled for. I am heartened that not only the officer most directly involved but those that stood by and watched and took no actions to prevent his death are in custody and have been charged appropriately. I join our chief and the scores of peaceful protestors in calling for justice for George Floyd.

I have known and worked with Chief Palmer and many of our officers for many years. I know them to be dedicated to keeping our citizens and all they serve safe. As Chief Palmer states, the Coventry Police are well trained and taught to de-escalate situations and they have proven to be very effective at that in the past.

The senseless death of George Floyd was avoidable and is inexcusable and I condemn it and want to assure our citizens that all of Coventry’s police officers are committed to fair and unbiased justice that treats all our citizens equally. I want to voice my strong support for the Coventry Police department and feel that such a tragedy would never occur in Coventry, due to their training, the departments guidelines, and the obvious commitment of all of our officers to keep ALL of us safe.

Julie Blanchard
Chairwoman
Coventry Town Council
June 3, 2020

Dear Coventry Families:

I am sure everyone is reflecting on the events and discussions surrounding racial inequities currently taking place in our country. As parents, you may be looking for guidance on this topic and how to discuss this with your child. Below you will find a series of links you may find helpful, which were provided by the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE).

[Teaching Tolerance](#) - Tolerance.org, Race & Ethnicity
[Shootings and Terror Attacks in the News](#) - This may help explain the importance of discussing events such as these with children. It may also inform parents of common questions children ask in the aftermath of tragic events.
“[How White Parents Can Use Media to Raise Anti-Racist Kids](#)” - Sierra Filucci, Common Sense Media
[Resources for Addressing Trauma, Violence, and Grief](#) is a compendium produced by CSDE staff. There are additional links provided there as well.

As always, our support staff is available should any parent wish to discuss this topic further. In addition, they are able to provide guidance on how to open up a dialog with your child should assistance be needed to process this issue.

If you have any questions regarding the information provided in this email, please contact my office. Thank you.

Regards,
David

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