

**CLIFTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020, 7:30 PM
ELECTRONIC MEETING BY ZOOM
12641 CHAPEL ROAD
CLIFTON, VA 20124**

Until further notice from the Mayor of Clifton, and in accordance with the Resolution of the Town Council regarding Remote Participation by Electronic Means Policy and the Town Council Continuity of Government Methods Authorizing Remote Participation by Electronic Means Without a Physical Quorum Being Present Pursuant to Virginia Law, the Town of Clifton Town Council is holding the Meeting noticed herein electronically for the purpose of continuity of government of the Town of Clifton.

The meeting will be conducted using Zoom teleconferencing audio and video service, and connection information will be provided to members of the public to afford the opportunity to citizens to witness the operation of the Town of Clifton government. Connection information is available from, and will be provided by, the Town Clerk.

Any member of the public wishing to observe or participate in the electronic meeting **must notify the Town Clerk at clerk@cliftonva.gov in advance by Noon on the day of the meeting** in order to register for the meeting.

Any member of the public requesting to speak or make comments during the electronic meeting **must register with the Town Clerk at clerk@cliftonva.gov in advance by Noon on the day of the meeting, providing their name and address and the subject matter of their comments,** in order to have an opportunity to speak and provide comments during the meeting. Any such comments will be **limited to three (3) minutes** per speaker and priority will be given to the citizens and taxpayers of the Town of Clifton. Members of the public may also submit written comments to the Town Clerk in advance of the meeting. Any such written comments will be included in the record for the meeting, but will not be read aloud during the meeting.

Present: Mayor William Hollaway; Vice Mayor Steve Effros; Councilmember Regan McDonald; Councilmember Melissa Milne; Councilmember Patrick Pline; Councilmember Darrell Poe.

Staff: Marilyn Barton, Town Treasurer; Amanda Christman, Town Clerk.

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Hollaway at 7:30 PM.

Order of Business:

1. Appointment of Town Employees, Officers, and Committee Members for 2020-2021.
 - a. Appointment of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer.
 - **Mayor Hollaway moved to appoint Amanda Christman as Town Clerk and Marilyn Barton as Town Treasurer for the term of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022, seconded by Vice Mayor Effros. The motion was approved by roll-call: Hollaway: Aye; Effros: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Milne: Aye; Poe: Aye; Pline: Aye.**
 - b. New Appointment and Reappointments to Planning Commission.
 - **Mayor Hollaway move to appoint Susan Yantis, Michelle Stein and Mac Arnold to new four-year terms as Planning Commission Members and to appoint Jennifer Heilmann to assume the remainder of Patrick Pline's term, seconded by Vice Mayor Effros. The motion was approved by roll-call: Hollaway: Aye; Effros: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Milne: Aye; Poe: Aye; Pline: Aye.**
 - **Mayor Hollaway moved to appoint Melissa Milne to be the Town Council Representative Member of the Planning Commission from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022, seconded by Vice Mayor Effros. The motion was approved by roll-call Hollaway: Aye; Effros: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Milne: Abstained; Poe: Aye; Pline: Aye.**
 - Reappointment of Architectural Review Board.
 - **Mayor Hollaway moved to reappoint Regan McDonald as the Town Council Representative Member and Royce Jarrendt as Chair, Phyllis Lovett, Geri Yantis, Phoebe Peterson, Jeff Stein and Diane Dygve for the term beginning July 1, 2020 until June 30, 2021, seconded by Councilmember Poe. The motion was approved by roll-call: Hollaway: Aye; Effros: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Milne: Aye; Poe: Aye; Pline: Aye.**
 - c. New Town Council Representative for Parks Committee.

Councilmember Poe moved to table, seconded by Vice Mayor Effros. The motion was approved by poll, 6-0.
 - d. Establish New Committees:

All other committees were tabled.
2. Report of the Town Clerk:
 - a. Approval of the Minutes (previous meetings and work sessions).
 - i. June 2, 2020 Regular Minutes
Revised the motion approving the FY2021 Budget to reflect the CARES Act grant funding.
 - ii. June 11, 2020 Emergency Meeting Minutes
Several revisions received by Council Members to clarify the record.
 - iii. June 23, 2020 Work Session Minutes
No edits received.
 - **Mayor Hollaway moved to adopt the June 2, 11 and 23 Minutes as presented/revised, seconded by Vice Mayor Effros. The motion was approved by roll-call: Hollaway: Aye; Effros: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Milne: Aye; Poe: Aye; Pline: Abstained.**

3. Report of the Treasurer.

See attached report.

- **Councilmember Poe moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Mayor Hollaway. The motion was approved by roll-call: Hollaway: Aye; Effros: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Milne: Aye; Poe: Aye; Pline: Aye.**
- **Mayor Hollaway moved to authorize the payment of the Town Attorney's invoice for \$600, seconded by Councilmember McDonald. The motion was approved by roll-call: Hollaway: Aye; Effros: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Milne: Aye; Poe: Aye; Pline: Aye.**
- **Mayor Hollaway moved to increase the borrowing limit on the Town credit card to \$2,000, to be applied to the Town Clerk and Treasurer, seconded by Vice Mayor Effros. The motion was approved by roll-call: Hollaway: Aye; Effros: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Milne: Aye; Poe: Aye; Pline: Aye.**

4. Citizen's Remarks - Suggestions or complaints of citizens and taxpayers, and other persons authorized by the Mayor to address the Council.

Marilyn Stoney, of Redbird Ridge: thanked the Council for helping to get Clifton Creek Drive paved after three years of concerted effort.

5. Reports of Committees:

a. Planning Commission.

See attached report.

- **Mayor Hollaway moved to accept the recommendations of the Planning Commission to approve a Use Permit for The Hair Garage, LLC at 12644 Chapel Road, Suite 114, with the conditions as listed in the Planning Commission report and to affirm that no further Use Permit applications will be considered at 12644 Chapel Road until the parking situation is addressed by the property owner, seconded by Councilmember Milne. The motion was approved by roll-call: Hollaway: Aye; Effros: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Milne: Aye; Poe: Aye; Pline: Aye.**
- **Mayor Hollaway moved to accept the recommendations of the Planning Commission to approve a Use Permit for LCS Property Services, LLC at 7145 Main Street, Suite 1D, with the conditions as listed in the Planning Commission report and to affirm that no further Use Permit applications will be considered at 7145 Main Street until a new parking plat has been submitted, seconded by Vice Mayor Effros. The motion was approved by roll-call: Hollaway: Aye; Effros: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Milne: Aye; Poe: Aye; Pline: Aye.**
- **Mayor Hollaway moved to accept the recommendations of the Planning Commission to approve a Use Permit for Square Peg Partners, LLC at 7203 Main Street with the conditions as listed in the Planning Commission report, seconded by Vice Mayor Effros. The motion was approved by roll-call: Hollaway: Aye; Effros: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Milne: Aye; Poe: Aye; Pline: Abstained.**

- **Mayor Hollaway moved to accept the recommendations of the Planning Commission to approve a Preliminary Use Permit for Construction for the detached garage and shed repair at 12743 Chapel Street with the conditions as listed in the Planning Commission report, seconded by Councilmember McDonald. The motion was approved by roll-call: Hollaway: Aye; Effros: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Milne: Aye; Poe: Aye; Pline: Aye.**

 - **Mayor Hollaway moved to accept the recommendations of the Planning Commission to approve a Preliminary Use Permit for Construction for the addition to the existing structure at 7223 Dell Avenue with the conditions as listed in the Planning Commission report, seconded by Councilmember Milne. The motion was approved by roll-call: Hollaway: Aye; Effros: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Milne: Aye; Poe: Aye; Pline: Aye.**
- b. Report of the Zoning Administrator:
- i. Update on Residential Construction Final Use Permits.
7184 Clifton Road: The Council directed the Zoning Administrator to send another letter giving the applicant thirty (30) days to take the actions required to bring the project into compliance or a Notice of Violation will be issued.
Update on Commercial Use Permits.
12644 Chapel Road: The Council directed the Zoning Administrator to send another letter to Anthony Reid & Associates, LLC and to the property owner to take the actions required to bring the business into compliance within thirty (30) days or be subject to potential enforcement action.
- c. Architectural Review Board.
Royce Jarrendt reported that the ARB approved the detached garage and shed repair at 12743 Chapel Street at their June meeting, and that this project, along with that of 7223 Dell Avenue (approved at the ARB's May meeting), will need building letters signed by the Mayor to submit to Fairfax County.
- d. Streetscape Project Committee.
No Report.
Other Committees:
- i. Communications Committee – Use of Town Email Addresses.
Mayor Hollaway reported that all Town Council Members should now be using the .gov domain email addresses that have been purchased through Google Suite.
- e. Board of Zoning Appeals Vacancy.
Mayor Hollaway reminded everyone to be on the lookout for potential candidates to fill the vacancy on the BZA.
6. Unfinished Business:
- a. Clifton COVID-19 CARES Act Small Business Grant Program – Status and Approval:
 - i. Industrial Development Authority – Directors, Resolution.
See attached Resolution.
 - **Vice Mayor Effros moved to adopt the Resolution appointing the Directors to a new term and giving authority to the Treasurer to act**

as the agent for the IDA, seconded by Mayor Hollaway. The motion was approved by roll-call: Hollaway: Aye; Effros: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Milne: Aye; Poe: Aye; Pline: Aye.

- ii. Memorandum of Agreement with Industrial Development Authority;
See attached Memorandum of Agreement.
 - **Mayor Hollaway moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Clifton Town Council and the Industrial Development Authority with modifications as discussed, seconded by Vice Mayor Effros. The motion was approved by roll-call: Hollaway: Aye; Effros: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Milne: Aye; Poe: Aye; Pline: Aye.**
 - iii. Application Process and Selection of Grant Recipients.
 - **Mayor Hollaway moved to authorize the Mayor to complete the application as described for the Clifton CARES Act grant small business program, seconded by Councilmember McDonald. The motion was approved by roll-call: Hollaway: Aye; Effros: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Milne: Aye; Poe: Aye; Pline: Aye.**
 - iv. Approval of Grants and Distribution of CARES Act Funds.
 - **Mayor Hollaway moved to authorize the Town to authorize the distribution through the IDA in the amount of \$42,000, to be equally divided among qualifying applicants, seconded by Vice Mayor Effros. The motion was approved by roll-call: Hollaway: Aye; Effros: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Milne: Aye; Poe: Aye; Pline: Aye.**
 - **Mayor Hollaway moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into the agreement with Fairfax County when ready for execution, seconded by Vice Mayor Effros. The motion was approved by roll-call: Hollaway: Aye; Effros: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Milne: Aye; Poe: Aye; Pline: Aye.**
- b. Additional Discussion of “Welcome to Clifton Where Black Lives Matter” Banner – Further Discussion and Consideration.
- Peter Noonan, of 12625 Chapel Road: indicated strong support for the banner and sees it as a symbol of needed change.
- Bethany Letiecq, of 12625 Chapel Road: declared strong support for the banner and read Tania’s letter aloud.
- Corey Hinderstein, of Chestnut Street: thanked the Council for enabling the continued discussion and reiterated that Black Lives Matter.
- Don Byrne, of 12635 Water Street: thanked the Council for their service to the Town. He noted there wasn’t much notice for the meeting in June and there seemed to be discussions prior to the meeting and would like to see the communications made public and wants justification listed for the emergency meeting, itself.
- Alexia Poe, of School Street: is thankful to be part of a community that recognizes the importance of welcoming people of color to the Town.
- Graham Milne, of 7241 Dell Avenue: thanked the Council for hanging the banner and asked to keep it up. He spoke about institutional racism and the need to stand up for anti-racism. He proposed to reach out to the police on this matter.
- James Franca, of Water Street: spoke about the importance of the banner in the fight against racism.
- Michelle Stein: indicated support for the banner.

Brant Baber: the sign expresses his personal belief but cautioned that NOVEC owns the poles to which the banner is affixed and asked where would the Council draw the line on future issues.

Karen Arnold, of 12641 School Street: received an anonymous letter disparaging the banner that she supports. She spoke about the CBA's support of the primitive Baptist church in the past.

Stephen Bittner, of 12746 Chapel Street: thinks the banner and its statement are necessary.

Rachel Howell, of Newman Road: enthusiastically supports the banner to speak up against racism in our society.

Anthony DiBari, of 7204 Ivakota Road: never felt completely connected to Clifton until the banner went up and is whole-heartedly in favor of it. It sends a supportive message to the greater surrounding community.

Jordan Cherry, of the Balmoral neighborhood: spoke about her personal experience and support of the banner.

Todd Kashdan: spoke about the experience of Ruby Bridges during the desegregation era and noted how recent that was. He wants to send a message to people that they're safe and welcome in town.

Mark Cherry, of 7054 Balmoral Court: commended the Council for erecting the banner and is proud that the community is taking action. We're setting the tone for those who come behind us.

Mayor Hollaway thanked Phyllis Lovett and Amanda Christman for their tremendous effort in organizing the public meeting and explained the onus of the emergency meeting in June. He noted that many public comments have been received since the banner was first discussed, which is proper following an Emergency Meeting.

Councilmember McDonald asked about the status of the VDOT permit for the banner. Mayor Hollaway answered that it is still outstanding.

Mayor Hollaway noted that the Town's banner policy limits any one banner to no more than three weeks because so many banner requests are usually received. The circumstances have changed during the COVID-19 pandemic, although it has never been the case that banners have been raised permanently.

Councilmember Pline stated that the Council should take a look at the procedure for emergency meetings. He will look into the specifics and prepare a presentation for the Members at the August meeting.

Councilmember Milne thanked everyone for attending the meeting and providing their comments and expressed optimism for the next steps in the community. She hopes the banner provides a message of welcome to people in Clifton who may not ordinarily feel that way.

Councilmember Poe appreciated everyone's input and would like to hear more. He noted that he is here for the hard work.

Vice Mayor Effros appreciated the other Members' comments and noted that sometimes mistakes are made, but the objective was met. Millions of people were protesting in the streets and it seemed to require an emergent response.

7. New Business:
 - a. None.

8. Adjournment.

Adopted as presented by the Town Council on August 4, 2020

- **Councilmember Poe moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Milne. The motion was approved by poll, 6-0.**

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:29 PM.



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

July 7, 2020 Town Council Meeting - Treasurer's Reports for fiscal year period ended June 30, 2020

1 message

Marilyn Lane Barton <clifton.treasurer@cox.net>

Tue, Jul 7, 2020 at 3:49 PM

To: "William R. Hollaway, Ph.D." <WHollaway77@gmail.com>, mcdonald.regan@gmail.com, Melissa Milne

<Melissa.milne9@gmail.com>, Steve Effros <Steve@effros.com>, Darrell Poe <dpoe@cliftonva.gov>

Cc: "Barton, Marilyn" <mbarton@mycri.org>, Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Hello Town Council Members,

Attached are the **Financial Reports for the fiscal year period ended June 30, 2020**. This is a preliminary report, given the end of the fiscal year, and accruals that are unknown until mid August. A final report will be issued with the Audit.

The June Financial Reports include:

- The Summary of **Cash Balances Report as of June 30, 2020** reflects total funds of \$1,363,864. *See the detailed Cash Balance Report.*
- **Profit & Loss Summary by Fund** for period ended 06/30/2020. **Highlights of June transactions** are noted on this summary report. The main items for the month include:

NOTES & Highlights: Only major items are highlighted at the Town Council's request. For details refer to the P&L Detail Export tab.

1 Federal COVID-19 Revenues: Received \$51,433 in Federal COVID-19 funding allocation based upon the 2018 US Census and submitted as part of Fairfax County's application. Funding must be used for reimbursement for COVID-19 related costs incurred from March 1 - December 21, 2020. I continue to participate in weekly meetings with Fairfax County, Towns of Herndon & Vienna Finance Directors and other Fairfax Co. staff. These meetings are coordinated by Fairfax County to ensure consistent handling of the COVID-19 funds, expenditures and Federal reporting requirements.

2 Interest Income: United Bank posts interest earned on CDs on a quarterly basis.

3 Taxes & Permits Revenue: Highlights for June include ARB permits of \$250, BPOL receipts of \$1,354.23, State Communications Sales Tax of \$393.30, Motor Vehicle Fees of \$25.33, and Sales Tax of 2,323.69 for April, and Use Permits of \$650.

4 Contractual Expenses: Highlights for June include the C.H. Electric bill of \$391 & Cleaning of \$200; Legal Fees of \$425, COVID expenses of \$936.26, Banner purchases of

\$925, Trash equipment purchases of 899.38 for the year, Grass mowing of \$1,350, Trash Collection of \$618. Also reflected is the replacement cost of \$197.50 for the Ayre Square planter, which has been reimbursed by Karen Harrington.

Supplemental Detail Reports are provided as follows:

- **Profit & Loss Detail Export** Report for period ended 06/30/2020. This report provides the detailed accounts that are summarized on the P&L Summary by Fund Report.
- **Looking forward to Julu:**
- **FY2021 Town Budget:** The FY21 Town Budget was adopted at the June 2, 2020 Town Council meeting and is attached.
- **Roll Call Vote** – A roll call vote is needed to approve the June 2020 Invoice from Maureen Gilmore for legal services performed for 2.4 hours at \$250 per hour for a total of \$600. 1.3 hours of the invoice is allocated to COVID-19 expenses for \$325 and 1.1 hours is allocated to Conservation Easement.

After your review of the reports, if you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. If there are additional supplemental schedules that you would like to see, just let me know. *Thank you.*

Sincerely,

Marilyn

Marilyn Barton

Treasurer

Town of Clifton

P.O. Box 309

Clifton, VA 20124-0309

Cell: 703-678-8607

2 attachments



2020 06 30 Financial Reports.xlsx

75K



ADOPTED FY2021 Budget .pdf

274K

		6/30/2020	Bank Rates Effective 5/08/2020		
ASSETS			CD Term	Maturity Date	AP
	Current Assets				
	Checking/Savings				
	John Marshall Bank CDs	316,503.12	1 yr	8/1/2020	2.1
	C-.D. - United Bank - 2 7 mos CDs	216,823.82	7 mos	11/17/2020	0.7
	C.D. - United Bank 1	50,000.00	9 mos	12/4/2020	1.4
	C.D. - United Bank 2	50,000.00	9 mos	12/4/2020	1.4
	C.D. - United Bank 3	50,000.00	9 mos	12/4/2020	1.4
	C.D. - United Bank 4	50,000.00	9 mos	12/4/2020	1.4
	C.D. - United Bank - 4 7-month CDs	400,000.00	7 mos	12/8/2020	0.7
	United Bank - Events Acct	100.00			
	Checking-United Bank	120,681.07	Min Bal \$2,500	"Chairman's Club"	0.1
	Investments-LGIP	977.15			
	Money Market Savings-United	104,371.95		8/30/2019	1.3
	Security Deposit - United Bank	4,407.23			
	Total Checking/Savings	1,363,864.34			
	NOTES: The United Bank CDs accrue interest at the end of each quarter. With approval, \$100,000 CDs were opened 5/8/20 for the term of 7 months at .75% APR. The Town of C the final version of the report, after year end accruals have been made.				

Negotiated Increases

PR %

17% Down from 2.25% APR @ 7/31/18

75% Down from 2.10% due to COVID-19 beginning 4/17/20

40% Down from 2% due to COVID-19 @ 3/04/2020 J.Marshall Bank

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75% Opened 5/8/2020

10%

39% Down from 1.589% @ 7/31/18

*Approval of the Mayor and concurrence by the Town Council, 4 U.B.
Clifton Haunted Trail account will be added to this summary with*

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT for June 30, 2020

Present: Kathy Kalinowski, Melissa Milne, Terry Winkowski, Michelle Stein, Susan Yantis, Patrick Pline; Absent: Mac Arnold

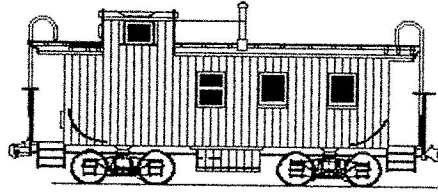
1. The Planning Commission reviewed an application for a use permit from The Hair Garage, LLC, for a retail space commercial use at 12644 Chapel Road, Suite 114, Clifton, VA. The Planning Commission recommends that the Town Council approve the application as follows:
 - That 593 net square feet of space is being utilized at the premises, which comprises the entire location of the business.
 - That the hours of operation are Monday – Sunday 10AM to 7PM
 - The space be utilized for the providing of haircuts and styling for men and women.
 - That this commercial retail use be allocated 4 parking spaces based on 3 spaces per 220 net square feet of space, and 1 space for up to 2 employees at any one peak time on premises, which brings the total number of spaces allocated on premises to 65 parking spaces with 63 parking spaces being provided on site. The Planning Commission considered that it was informed that Wheelhouse Yoga, which was allocated 5 spaces, would be vacating on July 5, 2020. However, the Planning Commission indicated no further use permit applications would be considered for this address, until additional parking on premises becomes available.

2. The Planning Commission reviewed an application for a use permit from LCS Property Services, LLC, for a commercial office space use at 7145 Main Street, Suite 1D, Clifton, VA. The Planning Commission recommends that the Town Council approve the application as follows:
 - That 450 net square feet of space is being utilized at the premises, which comprises the entire location of the business on these premises.
 - That the hours of operation are Sunday – Saturday, 7AM – 10 PM.
 - That this is a commercial office use and 2 on site parking spaces be allocated based on 2 spaces per 220 net square feet of space, which brings the total number of parking spaces allocated for existing tenants on premises to 31 spaces (Villagio - 24; Wine Attic – 5). The total number of spaces on premises is agreed to be at least 31 spaces. However, the Planning Commission indicated to the owner that the exact number of spaces and size of spaces, will need to be set forth on an approved parking plat for any future applications for this address to be considered.

3. The Planning Commission reviewed an application for a use permit in a residentially zoned location, for a home business by Square Peg Partners, LLC, located at 7203 Main Street, Clifton, VA. The Planning Commission recommends that the Town Council approve the application as follows:
 - That the home business is a real estate, construction and psychology business.

- That 143 square feet of the premises is approved to be used for the home business.
 - That the hours of operation are Monday-Friday 7AM to 6PM.
 - That this home business will not have any other employees on premises other than the owners of the residence.
 - That this home business will not have clients, customers or others visiting this home business at these premises.
 - That the business will comply at all times with the conditions and requirements set forth in the Town Code in Section 9-19 c 1 A-J.
4. The Planning Commission reviewed a use permit application from owner Adam Cirigliano for construction of a garage and repair to the existing shed located on the property of the residence on 12743 Chapel Street, Clifton, VA, a residentially zoned property. The Planning Commission recommends that the application for a preliminary use permit for construction be approved with the following conditions:
- That the land disturbing activity of both projects not exceed 2371 square feet which includes all buffer areas and the square footage of the shed, though the shed is being repaired.
 - That construction be in accordance with the issued Certificate of Appropriateness and the plans submitted with the application and that all setbacks be as shown on the plans.
 - That the shed not be demolished but be reinforced, with new siding and a new roof, while maintaining the same footprint and same interior construction, except for necessary reinforcement.
 - That the shed only be used for storage and no plumbing is to be installed in the shed.
 - That the garage be constructed in accordance with Fairfax County Health Department regulations concerning the proximity of the property's well to the proposed garage.
 - That the driveway be gravel.
 - That a final use permit be applied for within one year of the issuance of the preliminary use permit showing compliance with the approved plans, the COA, and the conditions of the preliminary use permit.
5. The Planning Commission reviewed a use permit application from Mr. and Mrs. Rash for construction of an addition to the front and side of their residence at 7223 Dell Avenue, Clifton, VA which is located in a residentially zoned area. The Planning Commission recommends that the application be approved for a preliminary use permit with the following conditions:
- That the land disturbing activity of the construction of the addition not exceed 1500 square feet which includes all buffer areas.
 - That construction be in accordance with the issued Certificate of Appropriateness and the plans submitted with the application and that all setbacks, as shown on the plans, be adhered to.

- That a final use permit be applied for within one year of the issuance of the preliminary use permit showing compliance with the approved plans, the COA, and the conditions of the preliminary use permit.
6. The Planning Commission after communicating with the Henckens, 12727 Clifton Heights Lane, and the Harringtons, 12752 Chapel Street, have postponed until the July Planning Commission meeting, consideration of their final use permit applications for construction at their residences pending obtaining additional information from the County.



**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF THE TOWN OF CLIFTON, VIRGINIA**

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Clifton, Virginia hereby resolve that:

1. the following persons are appointed as directors of the Industrial Development Authority of the Town of Clifton, Virginia (the "IDA") for the terms of office specified below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Commencing</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
John Brantley Baber	3/4/19	3/4/23
James C. Chesley	3/4/20	3/4/24

2. the following persons are confirmed as directors of the IDA for the terms of office specified below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Commencing</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
William J. Ridenour	3/4/18	3/4/22
Jeffrey E. Stein	3/4/18	3/4/22
Wayne Nickum	3/4/18	3/4/22
Sarah Nitz	3/4/18	3/4/22
Stephen R. Effros	3/4/18	3/4/22

3. that certain Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Clifton and the IDA, in the form retained in the records of the Town of Clifton (the "MOA"), hereby is approved, with such changes, insertions and deletions as may be approved by the Mayor, the Treasurer of the Town of Clifton hereby is authorized and directed to act as agent for the IDA in the administration of funds and the Clerk of the Town of Clifton is authorized and directed to act as agent for the IDA to compile and retain all records contemplated by the MOA.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing is a true copy of the resolution duly adopted by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Clifton, Virginia at a meeting duly called and held on July 8, 2020.

Amanda Christman, Town Clerk

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF
CLIFTON, VIRGINIA AND THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF CLIFTON
FOR ECONOMIC RELIEF FUNDING**

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is made and entered into this 20th day of July 2020, by and between the TOWN OF CLIFTON, VIRGINIA (“Town”), a municipal corporation, and the Industrial Development Authority of the Town of Clifton, Virginia (“IDA”), a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, created pursuant to Chapter 49 of Title 15.2 of Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended (the “Act”). The Town and the IDA are referred to herein as “the Parties” to this MOA.

WHEREAS the Parties acknowledge that Executive Orders issued by Governor Ralph Northam in an effort to slow the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”), including but not limited to Executive Order 51 and the Temporary Stay at Home Order, have had an adverse impact on businesses and economic activity throughout Fairfax County, including within the Town; and

WHEREAS pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-4905(12), the IDA is authorized to accept contributions, grants and other financial assistance from the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Virginia and political subdivisions thereof in order to make loans, contributions, grants and other financial assistance and to agree to such terms and conditions relating thereto as may be imposed, all in furtherance of the purposes of the Act; and

WHEREAS pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-4905(13), the IDA is authorized to make loans or grants, and to forgive such loans or grants, to persons or entities for the purpose of promoting economic development in the Town; and

WHEREAS by letter dated May 20, 2020, Fairfax County notified the Town that it would be eligible to receive a distribution of funds from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, And Economic Security Act, being Public Law 116-136 ("CARES Act"); and

WHEREAS the Town desires to use a portion of its CARES Act distribution to provide economic relief to Town businesses affected by COVID-19 by establishing the Clifton Business Stabilization Program (the "Program"); and

WHEREAS during its July 7, 2020 meeting, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town authorized the negotiation of a cooperative agreement with the IDA, to initiate, administer and distribute economic relief grants to Town businesses pursuant to the Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town intends to create an application process and determine which Town businesses are eligible to receive grants from the Program, and the amount of each grant, and provide that information to the IDA.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, which are incorporated by reference, and the mutual promises and considerations set forth herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1. In accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Town and the IDA shall work cooperatively to administer the Program.

2. The Town will appropriate funds for the Program (the “CARES Funding”), and the CARES Funding shall constitute the sole funding source for the Program.

3. Screening and identification of Town businesses eligible to receive grants from the Program, and the amount of each grant, will be determined by the Town .

4. The Town shall provide the following information to the IDA:

- a. The name of each grant recipient and the amount of each grant; and
- b. A form W9 and payment directions completed and executed by each grant recipient.

Collection and retention of the information outlined in this Paragraph 4 shall be the sole responsibility of the Town.

5. The CARES Funding shall be distributed by the Town Treasurer, as agent for the IDA, to the grantees in the amounts set forth on "Exhibit A in accordance with the terms and conditions of this MOA. The funds may be transferred by the Town Treasurer in accordance with instructions to be provided by each grantee.

6. By executing this MOA, the Town represents, warrants and agrees that the Town solely is responsible for screening and identifying grant recipients and ensuring that all grants funded by the Town’s CARES Funding satisfy the criteria, terms and conditions referenced in Paragraph 4 and the CARES Act;

7. The Town hereby agrees that, for the purpose of administering the Program and (i) all disbursements therefrom and records of such disbursements, the Town Treasurer, and (ii) satisfying the criteria, terms and conditions referenced in the CARES Act and any agreement with Fairfax County, the Town Clerk, shall act as agent

for the IDA.

8. Upon disbursement of grants, the Town Treasurer shall retain a copy of all payment records, and the Town Clerk shall retain and provide to the IDA and the Town any other records reasonably requested by the IDA, Fairfax County or the Town concerning the administration and distribution of the CARES Funding and the Program.

9. This MOA shall remain in effect until the earlier of (i) December 31, 2020 or (ii) the distribution of the CARES Funding is complete. However, the Parties may agree to extend the MOA in the event they determine that additional economic relief for Town businesses is necessary and appropriate due to the ongoing effects of COVID-19. Any such extension (including funding and distribution arrangements for the same) shall be approved by appropriate action of the Mayor and Town Council and the IDA.

10. For purposes of communication between the IDA and the Town with regard to the administration of this MOA, the respective contact persons are as follows:

Town of Clifton: William Hollaway, Mayor
P.O. Box 309
Clifton, VA 20124
WHollaway77@gmail.com

IDA: Brant Baber, Chair
P.O. Box 126
Clifton, VA 20124
bb@baberkal.com

11. This MOA may be terminated by either the IDA or the Mayor of the Town, upon written notice to the other Party, which shall be effective when the non-terminating party actually receives the written notice of termination. Upon termination, the Town Treasurer, as agent for the IDA, shall promptly return to the Town

any monies from the CARES Funding that have not been distributed to grant recipients, and the Town Clerk, as agent for the IDA, shall provide to the Town any records required to satisfy the criteria, terms and conditions referenced in Paragraph 4 and the CARES Act.

12. The Town hereby irrevocably and unconditionally indemnifies, releases and forever discharges the IDA and each of its directors, from any and all present, past, and future obligations, liabilities, claims, assessments, charges, liens, claims of lien, actions, causes of action, demands, rights, damages, costs or expenses in whatever kind or nature, arising out of or related to this MOA, participation in the making of grants or administration of the Program or compliance with requirements of the CARES Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this MOA as of the aforesaid date.

TOWN OF CLIFTON, VIRGINIA

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY OF THE
TOWN OF CLIFTON, VIRGINIA

Name:

Name: Brant Baber

Title:

Title: Chairman

Date:

Date: July 20, 2020



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Fwd: BLM sign / Clifton Town Code - Chapter 9- line g / Political signs prohibited

1 message

Melissa Milne <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>
To: Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Thu, Jun 25, 2020 at 7:42 AM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

Forwarded Conversation**Subject: BLM sign / Clifton Town Code - Chapter 9- line g / Political signs prohibited**

From: **Lin-Dai Kendall** <lindai.kendall@outlook.com>
Date: Wed, Jun 24, 2020 at 9:32 AM
To: whollaway77@gmail.com <whollaway77@gmail.com>
Cc: steve@effros.com <steve@effros.com>, mcdonald.regan@gmail.com <mcdonald.regan@gmail.com>, tommypclifton@aol.com <tommypclifton@aol.com>, wincesbeanie@gmail.com <wincesbeanie@gmail.com>, vthomas@libertyinc.co <vthomas@libertyinc.co>

June 20th, 2020*William R. Halloway**Clifton Town Mayor*

Dear Mayor Halloway,

Mr. Mayor, bring down the BLM sign. Your community is not racist and a welcoming sign to potential rioters will unfortunately do little to prove it. This open letter is to voice and file a complaint to the Town Council and to you as head of said council regarding the matter of a banner you authorized to be hung on Main Street in Clifton. We are not going to ask what possible motives would take you to install such a message in the center of Clifton when the target of your "welcoming" are established rioters who have vandalized entire zones in multiple cities across the United states for the past 3 weeks. We are going to question your judgement and point out to you your own Town Code, Ch.9. Zoning, section g, pt. #2, which prohibits political signs. (1)

Why invite to the Clifton community avowed Marxists, extortionist vandals? You heard right, all three of the founders of BLM are declared Marxists (video here: <https://modernsurvivalblog.com/current-events/blm-co-founder-reveals-they-are-trained-marxists/>). To refresh your memory, Marxism is communism's twin sibling, fertilizing the ground to sow the seeds of communism. This is not drama. This is the truth. Bill, BLM and Antifa have white people kneeling before them. They are on tape demanding repentance for "whiteness". If you do not realize what an abomination this is, please remove your blinders. Marxism is a political ideology. Again, your Town Code prohibits political signs. (1)

It should also serve as warning to advise that should such banner incite the fury of the BLM mobs, you will be the first to whom all shall point for accountability. You have several businesses in town that must be on pin and needles thanks to an atrocious (no matter how well-intended) decision. You must realize that



A group of people on a sidewalk in a city
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the heads of the BLM corporation* are in partnership with Antifa, violent destroyers that demand allegiance at the thrust of their boot. (*They are not a 501-C3 or C4, they are a corporation that raises money for a specific political party (1), extorting their targets with two tools, white guilt, and racism for which you must atone.)

So, I strongly advise that you do your homework and make the correct decision of taking that sign down. You must realize the insidiously unjust and unfair statement you are making. "The community of Clifton, America, is a racist country and we have to atone for this. Let us virtue signal and show them we care, (so you can feel good about yourself)". To this I say, a) How dare you imply that we are all racists? America to this day is that one nation where your circumstances at birth do NOT determine your destiny; b) You really care? Reach out to minority communities and support positive impact initiatives, i.e. school choice, vouchers, all those measures that will help remediate the decades of failing schools in inner cities regimented and restricted by teacher unions that do not let bad teachers be fired. c) If BLM really cared about their communities why aren't they expressing care for the 40% of unborn black babies that PP kills every year? d) If they really cared, why are they destroying businesses owned by minorities in their own communities, which after covid's oppressive shutdowns, were already facing a dire future?

In closing, in America the second largest wealth holders are blacks. They own sports, they dominate in arts and entertainment and they achieve just as well as any other Americans. The no. 1 pediatric brain neurosurgeon in the nation is a black, his name is Ben Carson. I admire this man profoundly, his approach on life. He will be the first one to say to you, "behind all that hair, behind that scalp, all brains are pink". To remove any doubt of the veracity behind these points, here is a great video, listen to great examples of success and self-reliance straight from the horse's mouth, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6H14Puzelak>.

The correct definition of racism is the use of the differences in color to exert undue pressure and thus achieve, what may be, nefarious objectives. Undoubtedly one party takes advantage of the other. Pointing out the truth about BLM to you is not racism. It is deep concern for what has been my community for the past 20 years upon observing a completely thoughtless act that may ignite serious, damaging consequences on its own people.

Mr. Mayor, bring down that sign. Your community is not racist and a welcoming sign to potential rioters will unfortunately do little to prove it. Remember, your own Town Code prohibits political signs (1).

In Liberty,

Lin-Dai Kendall

Clifton, VA .

(1) Town Code: Chapter 9- Zoning.

g. Prohibited Signs. The following signs are prohibited and shall not be erected. The Town Council,

2. Displayed on Public Property. Any sign erected on public property which is owned or leased by the Town of Clifton or any other public property, other than those erected at the direction of the Town. These include but are not limited to real estate and political signs. Any such unlawfully erected sign is subject to immediate removal and disposal by the Town.

cc Vice Mayor – Stephen Effros,

steve@effros.com

cc Regan McDonald,

mcdonald.regan@gmail.com

From: **Steve Effros** <steve@effros.com>
Date: Wed, Jun 24, 2020 at 11:12 AM
To: Lin-Dai Kendall <lindai.kendall@outlook.com>
Cc: Bill Hollaway <whollaway77@gmail.com>, Regan McDonald <mcdonald.regan@gmail.com>, <tommypclifton@aol.com>, <wincsebeanie@gmail.com>, Ginni <vthomas@libertyinc.co>

Thanks for your input. Several clarifications might help respond to your concerns. Since the sign was erected "at the direction of the Town," a simple reading of the code, as you quoted in your note, shows it is consistent. However more importantly, the Town Council made absolutely clear by the specific wording of the banner that we were not endorsing or supporting ANY specific organization, group, corporation or political party as you suggest. The clear wording of the sign is a VALUE STATEMENT on the part of the town. A value, I might note, that you apparently also support based on some of your own suggestions for ameliorating the issues surrounding inequality that the nation is in the midst of trying to address. Again, all input is welcome. Thanks.

Steve Effros
Vice Mayor
Clifton, Va.

From: **Lin-Dai Kendall** <lindai.kendall@outlook.com>
Date: Wed, Jun 24, 2020 at 11:31 AM
To: Steve Effros <steve@effros.com>
Cc: Bill Hollaway <whollaway77@gmail.com>, Regan McDonald <mcdonald.regan@gmail.com>, tommypclifton@aol.com <tommypclifton@aol.com>, wincsebeanie@gmail.com <wincsebeanie@gmail.com>, Ginni <vthomas@libertyinc.co>

Steve, I appreciate your prompt response. The bottom line is, simple reading of the code or not, it appears you all don't realize that BLM is a political organization. You did not do your research. Instead you are affirming a misnomer that threatens to send us all into a cultural revolution pitting Marxists against freedom-loving Americans. Please check out this organization's charter. Find out how it is that communities are benefitting from the millions of dollars in donations they continue to receive from extorting from the corporate world using the "white guilt" weapon. One glance at their yearly expense reports reveals a skewed allocation of disbursements to political parties. A better statement of our values since we are not systemically racist and aspire to unity would be this nation's motto, *E pluribus unum*. The sign as it is now is divisive, insulting and does not reflect the diversity of thought and sentiment of your population.

Lin-Dai Y. Kendall

Fairfax Station, VA.

From: **Wendy Burdette** <wincsebeanie@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Jun 24, 2020 at 12:55 PM
To: Steve Effros <steve@effros.com>
Cc: Lin-Dai Kendall <lindai.kendall@outlook.com>, Bill Hollaway <whollaway77@gmail.com>, Regan McDonald <mcdonald.regan@gmail.com>, <tommypclifton@aol.com>, Ginni <vthomas@libertyinc.co>

Piggybacking on what Lin-Dai Kendall has to say is simply put - when anyone sees BLACK LIVES MATTER they are going to assume it's the organization that promotes violence and upheaval in our country. I don't care what the goody goody message you think you are sending to residents and visitors, ANYONE who sees BLACK LIVES MATTER knows what the bottom line is. I sent a picture to Mayor Hollaway yesterday that was taken by a friend in the city of Fairfax and I'm attaching it to this. This message has meaning for

everyone and certainly can never be misinterpreted or misrepresented as associating with anyone faction. It is a sign that unites not divides. Unfortunately for the Town of Clifton - we're handing just the opposite. For the 1st time in the 20 years I've lived in Clifton I am not looking forward to returning there from FL.

Wendy Burdette

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From: **Wendy Burdette** <wincesbeanie@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Jun 24, 2020 at 12:59 PM
To: Steve Effros <steve@effros.com>
Cc: Lin-Dai Kendall <lindai.kendall@outlook.com>, Bill Hollaway <whollaway77@gmail.com>, Regan McDonald <mcdonald.regan@gmail.com>, <tommypclifton@aol.com>, Ginni <vthomas@libertyinc.co>

Excuse spelling!!! I hate auto-correct!!!!

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From: **Ginni** <vthomas@libertyinc.co>
Date: Wed, Jun 24, 2020 at 1:00 PM
To: Lin-Dai Kendall <lindai.kendall@outlook.com>
Cc: Steve Effros <steve@effros.com>, Bill Hollaway <whollaway77@gmail.com>, Regan McDonald <mcdonald.regan@gmail.com>, tommypclifton@aol.com <tommypclifton@aol.com>, wincesbeanie@gmail.com <wincesbeanie@gmail.com>

Thank you, Lin Dai.

Clifton leaders...We are all catching up on understanding that BLM is a bit of a dangerous *Trojan Horse* and they are catching well-meaning people into dangerous posturing that can invite mob rule and property looting. Or, at least into intimidated silence.

I was just in a briefing this morning about the *Trojan Horse of BLM* as a brand, and as a group, to over 50 leaders, and several Members of Congress. For those with the eyes to see, we are in a **cultural revolution** driven by those who hate this nation, fomented by trained radical activists seeking to demoralize ordinary Americans and virtue-signal to intimidate and quiet resistance to their radical

agenda....and your sign, which I assume is well-intended and yet uninformed, is "kneeling to them." *I, for one, am thankful for the informed citizenry I live around out here!!!*

1. For a short matter: Look at this recent video expose' of the fraud of "black lives matter" as a narrative by a black doctor -<https://www.facebook.com/lawrence.hill.18847/videos/574820473238794/>

2. You will find this an in depth report about the cause with interviews by a Wisconsin based pollster from July 2016 of value.

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5d16cd949e9f820001d15faf/t/5edfb00d85bb4a48413049f9/1591717913862/Black%2BLives%2BMatter%2BReport.pdf>

3. A 2018 YouTube video of one of the leaders of BLM is here, where she admits that they are "trained Marxists."

4. Capital Research Center is also helping educate more on BLM is below:

- The organizational structure: <https://capitalresearch.org/article/the-organizational-structure-of-black-lives-matter/> and https://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2020/06/21/the_various_faces_of_black_lives_matter.html
- ActBlue and BLM: <https://capitalresearch.org/article/the-organizational-structure-of-black-lives-matter/>
- Susan Rosenberg and BLM's fiscal sponsor: <https://capitalresearch.org/article/a-terrorists-ties-to-a-leading-black-lives-matter-group/>

- the Thousand Currents board member is a former *Weather Underground* organizer

The better narrative is clear - **all lives matter** and it is in our Declaration of Independence.

Let's not be tricked into joining cause with radical extremists seeking to foment a cultural revolution because they hate America. That is not what I think Clifton, VA wants to virtue signal about.

Cheers, Ginni

Ginni Thomas

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Liberty Consulting / vthomas@libertyinc.co

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From: **Ginni** <vthomas@libertyinc.co>

Date: Wed, Jun 24, 2020 at 1:04 PM

To: Lin-Dai Kendall <lindai.kendall@outlook.com>

Cc: Steve Effros <steve@effros.com>, Bill Hollaway <whollaway77@gmail.com>, Regan McDonald <mcdonald.regan@gmail.com>, tommypclifton@aol.com <tommypclifton@aol.com>, wincsesbeanie@gmail.com <wincsesbeanie@gmail.com>

Sorry - my #3 link was to another resource about BLM from a black activist.

Here is another one I meant to put there:

- Alicia Garza, Opal Tometi or Patrisse Cullors (Communists who founded BLM), 2016 interview, “we are trained Marxists” - <https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2020/06/trained-marxist-black-lives-matter-co-founder-patrisse-cullors-goal-get-trump/>

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Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

FW: Welcome to Clifton BLM Banner

mmilne@cliftonva.gov <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>

Sun, Jun 28, 2020 at 9:23 PM

To: wholloway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, Darrell Poe <dpoe@cliftonva.gov>, Regan McDonald <rmcdonald@cliftonva.gov>, Pat Pline <ppline@cliftonva.gov>, Amanda Christman <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

FYI in case you didn't receive this email below.

-----Original Message-----

From: Vernon Keen <nonrev96@aol.com>

Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 1:25 PM

To: mmilne@cliftonva.gov

Subject: Welcome to Clifton BLM Banner

I support the banner, as a good start!

Vernon Keen

Sent from my iPhone



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

RE: Resident Perspective on Welcome banner

mmilne@cliftonva.gov <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>

Tue, Jun 30, 2020 at 2:53 PM

To: Jennifer Cherry <jhcherry9@gmail.com>

Cc: whollaway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, Darrell Poe <dpoe@cliftonva.gov>, rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov, ppilne@cliftonva.gov, "Amanda Christman(Town Clerk)" <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Jennifer,

Thank you for taking the time to send the Town of Clifton your input. We wanted to start a discussion and reinforce to anyone who might be feeling excluded right now, that they are always welcome in our Town. We will continue the Town's effort to support longer term measures to improve racial justice in our community.

With Warm Regards,

Melissa

Melissa Milne

Town of Clifton Council Member

703.517.7703

From: Jennifer Cherry <jhcherry9@gmail.com>**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 8:46 AM**To:** mmilne@cliftonva.gov**Subject:** Resident Perspective on Welcome banner

June 30, 2020

Dear Town Council Member Milne,

On the topic of the "Welcome to Clifton, Where Black Lives Matter" banner, I have so much to say but I will keep it brief. My family was thrilled to see the support displayed proudly across Main Street. We feel the love at this pinnacle time in our country.

We have been residents of Clifton for seven years and live in the Balmoral Greens neighborhood. We are a mixed minority family, outsiders, locals might say, but Clifton has become our home. We love it here.

Why is it so important to see that banner every day, especially right now? It is important because it lets my children know that the community sees them and supports them, understands that focusing on Black lives does not diminish the value of all lives, it merely brings the spotlight to those who are in need most right now. They can breathe a little easier knowing that their neighbors will be their village. We have lived in many states, many communities all predominately white like Clifton. We have felt the curious eyes wondering what it is like to be our family, and believe me, they often weren't looks of love and comraderie. We've chosen these communities regardless primarily because they offered better educational opportunities for our four daughters. We've been willing to sacrifice cultural diversity for it. It is sad that we've had to choose, but we have. I hope the future holds more promise for minority and white families alike to embrace the riches each provide to community.

This simple banner gives me hope, brings a smile to my children's faces, and invigorates my faith in our choice to be members of the Clifton family.

Thank you,

Jennifer Cherry

7054 Balmoral Forest Road



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

RE: Black Lives Matter Banner

mmilne@cliftonva.gov <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>

Tue, Jun 30, 2020 at 2:57 PM

To: Gary Anderson <ganderson1966@gmail.com>, wholloway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov, dpoe@cliftonva.gov

Cc: "Amanda Christman(Town Clerk)" <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Gary,

Thank you for taking the time to send the Town of Clifton your input. We wanted to start a discussion and reinforce to anyone who might be feeling excluded right now, that they are always welcome in our Town. We will continue the Town's effort to support longer term measures to improve racial justice in our community.

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Melissa Milne

Town of Clifton Council Member

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From: Gary Anderson <ganderson1966@gmail.com>**Sent:** Sunday, June 28, 2020 8:56 PM**To:** wholloway@cliftonva.gov; seffros@cliftonva.gov; rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov; mmilne@cliftonva.gov; ppline@cliftonva.gov; dpoe@cliftonva.gov**Subject:** Black Lives Matter Banner

Dear Town Council Member (and neighbor and friend):

I am writing to express my support for the Black Lives Matter banner that is currently displayed in town. I understand this is a controversial subject for some, but I am proud that the town of Clifton came together to display a message of support for a group of people who have been unfairly discriminated against for centuries. Our town and the surrounding area have a special obligation to recognize how privileged we have been and to try to make sure that every American has the same opportunity that we have had. I have been having conversations with my friends about how our experiences are different from those in the black community and how we have benefitted in ways that they don't--and aren't fearful in ways that they are. Count me among the people who think this is wrong and who want everyone to be equal. Thank you for taking on this issue, and for the courage to do the right thing.

Gary Anderson

6/30/2020

cliftonva.gov Mail - RE: Black Lives Matter Banner

7230 Clifton Rd

Clifton, Virginia 20124



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

RE: Keep the Banner

mmilne@cliftonva.gov <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>

Tue, Jun 30, 2020 at 2:57 PM

To: Ivy Mitchell <ivyemitchell@gmail.com>, whollaway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov, dpoe@cliftonva.gov

Cc: "Amanda Christman(Town Clerk)" <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Ivy,

Thank you for taking the time to send the Town of Clifton your input. We wanted to start a discussion and reinforce to anyone who might be feeling excluded right now, that they are always welcome in our Town. We will continue the Town's effort to support longer term measures to improve racial justice in our community.

With Warm Regards,

Melissa

Melissa Milne

Town of Clifton Council Member

703.517.7703

From: Ivy Mitchell <ivyemitchell@gmail.com>**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 4:25 PM**To:** whollaway@cliftonva.gov; seffros@cliftonva.gov; rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov; mmilne@cliftonva.gov; ppline@cliftonva.gov; dpoe@cliftonva.gov**Subject:** Keep the Banner

Good Afternoon Members of the Council,

The Town of Clifton has given me a great deal. From my education at Clifton Elementary to my volunteering experiences with the CBA, and the wonderful role models I gained across the community. I am - and always will be - proud to be from Clifton. More specifically, I am proud to have been raised by the people of Clifton. I was taught the value of community, the importance of civic engagement, and much more that would require several emails to list in entirety. It is with the same values that I implore you to keep the banner across Main Street up.

The Town has often sought to characterize itself as a historic neighborhood. The preservation of our history is of the utmost importance and the steps which officials have taken over the years to maintain our historical integrity are commendable. Yet, even with those accomplishments, we must remember all those people whom our community has not been open to. In our town and across America we are being asked "what do you stand for?" As we all come to grapple with the discrimination and prejudices of our Town's distant and not so distant past, it is the Council's duty to lead the way. The Council can't erase the socioeconomic prejudices which have constituted parts of Clifton's past, but standing behind your decision in support of the banner is in your control. I encourage you to maintain that decision in the face of criticism from those who may be stuck in the wrong parts of history or claim the banner is divisionary. You voted to approve this banner, now I ask you to stand by your decision.

As much as this banner means something to our town, it is also a meaningful action to the whole of Northern Virginia. Clifton is the smallest of the three incorporated towns in Fairfax. Against one of the most populous counties in the nation, our town does not have the largest voice. Yet, it is the smallest voice that is the start of change. Many residents have taken issue with this banner claiming the Town is using it as a form of performative activism. Personally, I believe it is the first step in changing our Town, our county, and our nation. I implore you to see this decision for what it is: the beginning of the journey our Town must make to embody the values to which we cling.

Every year new families move to Clifton, a great deal of them with young children. It is my wish that they might grow up in a Town which is unafraid of the past and seeks to build a better future. I urge you to keep the banner up, for our town and for coming generations.

Thank you for your time and dedication to the town

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Ivy Mitchell

James Madison University 2023

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ivyemitchell@gmail.com



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

RE: Town Banner

mmilne@cliftonva.gov <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>

Tue, Jun 30, 2020 at 2:55 PM

To: Jay Davis <jay.l.davis@gmail.com>, dpoe@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov, rmcdonald@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, whollaway@cliftonva.gov, mimicstein@gmail.com

Cc: "Amanda Christman(Town Clerk)" <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Mimi and Jay,

Thank you for taking the time to send the Town of Clifton your input. We wanted to start a discussion and reinforce to anyone who might be feeling excluded right now, that they are always welcome in our Town. We will continue the Town's effort to support longer term measures to improve racial justice in our community.

With Warm Regards,

Melissa

Melissa Milne

Town of Clifton Council Member

703.517.7703

From: Jay Davis <jay.l.davis@gmail.com>**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 4:50 PM**To:** dpoe@cliftonva.gov; ppline@cliftonva.gov; mmilne@cliftonva.gov; rmcdonald@cliftonva.gov; seffros@cliftonva.gov; whollaway@cliftonva.gov**Subject:** Town Banner

Council Members -

I wanted to write and express my appreciation for the statement made by hanging the banner in town stating that black lives are welcome here. The message is unequivocally true and it is very much needed at this time in history. This town's willingness to stand up for social justice and welcoming people from all walks of life is exactly why I have come to love living here. I am interested in hearing more about other initiatives to continue the momentum and declare that Clifton supports all people.



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Support of BLM Banner

Jennifer Benford Heilmann <jbheilmann@gmail.com>

Tue, Jun 30, 2020 at 11:57 AM

To: mcdonald@cliftonva.gov, mmilne@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, wholloway@cliftonva.gov, "Amanda Christman(Town Clerk)" <clerk@cliftonva.gov>, Darrell Poe <dpoe@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Council members,

I want to express my support of the BLM banner over Main Street and I support keeping it up for the near future.

Thank you,

Jennifer

Jennifer Benford Heilmann

12704 Chapel Road

Clifton, VA 20124

jbheilmann@gmail.com

cell 703-581-4010



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

RE: The BLM banner should STAY!

mmilne@cliftonva.gov <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>

Tue, Jun 30, 2020 at 2:51 PM

To: Mallory Lewis <mal4wx@virginia.edu>, whollaway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov, dpoe@cliftonva.gov

Cc: Amanda Christman <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Mallory,

Thank you for taking the time to send the Town of Clifton your input. We wanted to start a discussion and reinforce to anyone who might be feeling excluded right now, that they are always welcome in our Town. We will continue the Town's effort to support longer term measures to improve racial justice in our community.

With Warm Regards,

Melissa

Melissa Milne

Town of Clifton Council Member

703.517.7703

From: Mallory Lewis <mal4wx@virginia.edu>**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:33 PM**To:** whollaway@cliftonva.gov; seffros@cliftonva.gov; rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov; mmilne@cliftonva.gov; ppline@cliftonva.gov; dpoe@cliftonva.gov**Subject:** The BLM banner should STAY!

Hi all,

I am emailing to let you know that the "Welcome to Clifton, where Black Lives Matter" sign **should NOT be taken down**. I have heard that people disagree with it being up there, and I beg of you to not let these people win.

I'm sure you know why the statement that someone's life, should *at the very least* matter, should NOT be a political statement. If it's taken down because of a few riled up citizens, you're sending the message that you'd rather keep the peace than fight for what is right. Predominantly white neighborhoods NEED to be doing the work to make their towns anti-racist, and a banner was a great first step.

6/30/2020

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I hope you will make the right decision.

Thanks,

Mallory

A concerned Clifton neighbor



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

RE: In Favor of the BLM Banner

mmilne@cliftonva.gov <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>

Tue, Jun 30, 2020 at 2:50 PM

To: MaryGrace Belisch <marygracebelisch@yahoo.com>

Cc: whollaway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, Darrell Poe <dpo@cliftonva.gov>, Regan McDonald <rmcdonald@cliftonva.gov>, Pat Pline <ppline@cliftonva.gov>, Amanda Christman <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Mary Grace,

Thank you for taking the time to send the Town of Clifton your input. We wanted to start a discussion and reinforce to anyone who might be feeling excluded right now, that they are always welcome in our Town. We will continue the Town's effort to support longer term measures to improve racial justice in our community.

With Warm Regards,

Melissa

Melissa Milne
Town of Clifton Council Member
703.517.7703

-----Original Message-----

From: MaryGrace Belisch <marygracebelisch@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:03 PM

To: mmilne@cliftonva.gov

Subject: In Favor of the BLM Banner

Good afternoon,

My name is MaryGrace Belisch and it has recently been brought to my attention the controversy of the BLM banner displayed in town. I should begin by stating that while I am not a live-in resident of Clifton, I do work in town daily and feel a camaraderie towards its constituents. The first time I saw the BLM banner I was awestruck with pride by the stance Clifton was taking, the phrase "being on the right side of history" comes to mind. Learning about racism, segregation and genocide in school just seemed so far removed from our reality at the time, in hindsight I see now that as a white girl living in the suburbs, racism was not knocking on my door. Today it feels like it is. This climate feels like it is calling out to all to take a stance.

I always hoped that given the chance, if I was ever to live presently during a time or moment of racial injustice I would use my voice and advocate for the equality I believe in. I believe the banner is a beautiful display of support and solidarity for the oppression and unfair treatment of African Americans, a redundancy in their race to no fault of their own, since arriving in chains to this "free" country. I find myself ashamed of my ancestors who may have played any part in slavery or segregation so I will not participate in silence.

When the town of Clifton is talked about in history class during the year 2050, would you rather see a strong, impenetrable stance of support, or a submissive act of conceding to appease those with exclusion in their hearts? Those that brandish hate towards a banner that does not directly affect them, not only stunts the growth of peace and acceptance, but in turn sets back the steps of progression activists spent lifetimes working towards, some even gave the sacrifice of life for. It feels like the very least we can do as a town and a nation to uphold the positive stance that Black Lives Matter here.

Thank you for your time and consideration

MaryGrace Belisch



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

RE: Black Lives Matter banner

1 message

mmilne@cliftonva.gov <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>

Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 6:58 AM

To: Sarah Gilman <slegilman@gmail.com>, whollaway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov, dpoe@cliftonva.gov

Cc: "Amanda Christman(Town Clerk)" <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Sarah,

Thank you for taking the time to send the Town of Clifton your input. We wanted to start a discussion and reinforce to anyone who might be feeling excluded right now, that they are always welcome in our Town. We will continue the Town's effort to support longer term measures to improve racial justice in our community.

With Warm Regards,

Melissa

Melissa Milne
Town of Clifton Council Member
703.517.7703

-----Original Message-----

From: Sarah Gilman <slegilman@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 12:02 AM

To: whollaway@cliftonva.gov; seffros@cliftonva.gov; rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov; mmilne@cliftonva.gov; ppline@cliftonva.gov; dpoe@cliftonva.gov

Subject: Black Lives Matter banner

To whom it may concern:

I was overjoyed to see the banner stating that Black Lives Matter hanging in Clifton the past few weeks. It is a show of true compassion and understanding of the suffering of our fellow Americans, and an emblem of what our Clifton community should stand for.

I've heard that the banner is considered controversial, but I implore you to continue making this gesture by leaving the banner up. Capitulating to racism and bigotry over even small gestures of support for our Black citizens would be a mark against Clifton. History will note those who did not stand against injustice during the second Civil Rights movement, and I hope our community will be on the right side.

Thank you for your time,
Sarah Gilman



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

RE: BLM town hall

1 message

mmilne@cliftonva.gov <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>

Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 6:59 AM

To: Scott Lewis <scottielew@aol.com>, whollaway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, rmcdonald@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov, dpoe@cliftonva.gov

Cc: "Amanda Christman(Town Clerk)" <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Scott,

Thank you for taking the time to send the Town of Clifton your input. We wanted to start a discussion and reinforce to anyone who might be feeling excluded right now, that they are always welcome in our Town. We will continue the Town's effort to support longer term measures to improve racial justice in our community.

With Warm Regards,

Melissa

Melissa Milne
Town of Clifton Council Member
703.517.7703

-----Original Message-----

From: Scott Lewis <scottielew@aol.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:19 PM

To: whollaway@cliftonva.gov; seffros@cliftonva.gov; rmcdonald@cliftonva.gov; mmilne@cliftonva.gov; ppline@cliftonva.gov; dpoe@cliftonva.gov

Subject: BLM town hall

Hello.

I have been a resident of Clifton for many years. I am a white male with every privilege of upper middle class upbringing. My kids will do well if all goes to plan and so will theirs and so on.

I say: Let the banner stay up! Our community is only as strong as the weakest link. If only one person doesn't feel equal or isn't treated equally, then we have a problem.

An issue like a banner on Main Street might come down to who owns something and there might be gray space to make a ruling as a government body.

Please tread lightly and please think bigger than the complaints and hate you've received. You also have love and support in your corner.

Sent from my iPhone



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Black Lives Matter Banner

1 message

Brendan Gleason <bgleason@trendency.com>
To: clerk@cliftonva.gov

Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 9:36 AM

Dear Amanda and the Clifton Town Council,

I'm sure your inbox is and has been flooded by extremely passionate people over the last few weeks since the Black Lives Manner went up in Clifton. I am not a resident of the town but of the Clifton zip code (Little Rocky Run....I apologize, I know we are the annoying neighbors that the town has a long love-hate relationship with 🙏).

I grew up here and have lived most of my life in this community, and when my wife (also grew up in the Clifton area) and I decided to start a family of my own, my wife (also growing up in Clifton area) it was a no brainer decision.

I don't believe a residents length of time in a community should carry much weight, I only mention this because growing up here I thought I understood what racism and diversity. I did not. And like a lot of Americans, over the last few months, we've had a little time on our hands to think about that.

Part of the reason we moved back here was the town and the childhood memories we have going into the General store for ice cream after a soccer game at Kinchloe. It's a place I hope my daughter have a connection to much like my wife and I did.

When we saw the Black Lives Matter banner, I was floored. Clifton, and the town in particular is not know for its diversity, progressive views, or its willingness to take risk. And that's fine, it's not why we moved here. But I will say I have never been more proud of my community from when I saw that sign, and used that opportunity to talk to my two young daughters about what it meant. I know you are taking in coming emails with all sorts of people both in and outside the town about the banner, and I'm sure its plenty hateful, and I apologize for that - especially for my LRR neighbors threatening to "boycott" the town, if that's even possible.

That banner took courage, I have no idea how or what motivated it going up, but it took courage. I assume the people responsible for it going up knew it was going to take some heat, and likely didnt have much upside other then it was simply the right thing to do. I've never been more proud of my home. I already spend a lot of time and money in the town, but assure the McNamara's and Silva's and Peterson's I'll do my best to fill any of their losses from this.

I apologize for the lengthy email. You guys do a great job.

Brendan



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

RE: in reference to Black Lives Matter banner

3 messages

mmilne@cliftonva.gov <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>

Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 7:00 AM

To: Todd Kashdan <kashdan@gmail.com>, whollaway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov, dpoe@cliftonva.gov

Cc: "Amanda Christman(Town Clerk)" <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Todd,

Thank you for taking the time to send the Town of Clifton your input. We wanted to start a discussion and reinforce to anyone who might be feeling excluded right now, that they are always welcome in our Town. We will continue the Town's effort to support longer term measures to improve racial justice in our community.

With Warm Regards,

Melissa

Melissa Milne

Town of Clifton Council Member

703.517.7703

From: Todd Kashdan <kashdan@gmail.com>**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 6:35 PM**To:** whollaway@cliftonva.gov; seffros@cliftonva.gov; rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov; mmilne@cliftonva.gov; ppline@cliftonva.gov; dpoe@cliftonva.gov**Subject:** in reference to Black Lives Matter banner

Dear Clifton Town Council,

As a member of the community in Little Rocky Run, and a professor of psychology, I wanted to offer my feedback on the controversy concerning the BLM banner in town. Please see the attached letter and consider being on the right side of history. I am happy to communicate further in any medium.

I look forward to hearing from you

gratefully,

Todd

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Todd B. Kashdan, Ph.D.
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Todd Kashdan <kashdan@gmail.com>

Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 9:05 AM

To: mmilne@cliftonva.gov

Cc: "Amanda Christman(Town Clerk)" <clerk@cliftonva.gov>, dpoe@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov,
rmcdonald@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, whollaway@cliftonva.gov

Thanks Melissa. Can I share your welcoming comments to our neighbors? A lot of my black friends and neighbors are quite distressed by this.

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Sent from my iPhone, sorry about grammatical mishaps

Todd Kashdan <kashdan@gmail.com>

Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 1:19 PM

To: mmilne@cliftonva.gov

Cc: "Amanda Christman(Town Clerk)" <clerk@cliftonva.gov>, dpoe@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov,
rmcdonald@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, whollaway@cliftonva.gov

I was wondering if I can get access to being in the zoom call? For myself and my 3 daughters who I am training to be courageous leaders.

Let me know how I can make this happen. I'd be happy to speak or Just listen.

Thanks

Todd

On Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 7:00 AM <mmilne@cliftonva.gov> wrote:

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Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

RE: Per BLM banner

1 message

mmilne@cliftonva.gov <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>

Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 2:29 PM

To: John Devlin <jrunr@yahoo.com>, whollaway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov, dpoe@cliftonva.gov

Cc: "Amanda Christman(Town Clerk)" <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Dear John,

Thank you for taking the time to send the Town of Clifton your input. We wanted to start a discussion and reinforce to anyone who might be feeling excluded right now, that they are always welcome in our Town. We will continue the Town's effort to support longer term measures to improve racial justice in our community.

With Warm Regards,

Melissa

Melissa Milne
Town of Clifton Council Member
703.517.7703

-----Original Message-----

From: John Devlin <jrunr@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 7:12 AM

To: whollaway@cliftonva.gov; seffros@cliftonva.gov; rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov; mmilne@cliftonva.gov; ppline@cliftonva.gov; dpoe@cliftonva.gov

Subject: Per BLM banner

I fully support this banner and Todd Kashdan letter to this group.

JMD



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

RE: In Support of the Banner

1 message

mmilne@cliftonva.gov <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>

Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 2:33 PM

To: Molly Ozimek-Maier <mozimekmaier@gmail.com>, whollaway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov

Cc: rmcdonald@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov, dpoe@cliftonva.gov, "Amanda Christman(Town Clerk)"

<clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Molly and Family,

Thank you for taking the time to send the Town of Clifton your input. We wanted to start a discussion and reinforce to anyone who might be feeling excluded right now, that they are always welcome in our Town. We will continue the Town's effort to support longer term measures to improve racial justice in our community.

With Warm Regards,

Melissa

Melissa Milne

Town of Clifton Council Member

703.517.7703

From: Molly Ozimek-Maier <mozimekmaier@gmail.com>**Sent:** Wednesday, July 1, 2020 9:13 AM**To:** whollaway@cliftonva.gov; seffros@cliftonva.gov**Cc:** rmcdonald@cliftonva.gov; mmilne@cliftonva.gov; ppline@cliftonva.gov; dpoe@cliftonva.gov**Subject:** In Support of the Banner

Hello Town Council,

It has been brought to my attention that the removal of the Black Lives Matter banner in downtown is up for debate. I just wanted to reach out and say that this would really sadden me as a citizen of this country, a frequent shopper and multiple year tax payer in the town of Clifton and most importantly a non-white person, raising biracial children.

Black Lives Matter is an incredibly important, meaningful and righteous message that should be shared. I was incredibly moved when I saw the first image of the banner and then in person. I brought my children to see it because I was showing them how a historically confederate state like Virginia can have a change of heart, just like people. I talked to them about how important LOVE and SUPPORT of those who are marginalized is and how we should be standing up,

7/1/2020

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just like Clifton. So we went home and made a mini Black Lives Matter Sign for our house. My 10 year old son was so compelled he made a little sign himself.

Know your sign is doing good. It is contributing to important conversation, spreading of love, and education to the next generation.

Please don't let people who are angry in their heart, maybe even racist to the bone, win this war. You are better as a council, We are stronger as a community and it is time for ALL OF US to show up for those who need it now.

Thank you for being brave, saying something important and most of all knowing that BLACK LIVES MATTER.

With Respect,

Molly Ozimek-Maier

and Family



Amanda Christman <cliftonclerkva@gmail.com>

Welcome to Clifton Where Black Lives Matter

2 messages

Mary Fran Condon <Mfc416@gmail.com>
Reply-To: Mary Fran Condon <Mfc416@gmail.com>
To: cliftonclerkva@gmail.com

Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 11:41 AM

Your Name Mary Fran Condon**Your Email** Mfc416@gmail.com**Subject** Welcome to Clifton Where Black Lives Matter**Message** I am writing to support the banner welcoming all people to Clifton and asserting our support for our black citizens at this particular time.

A period of social unrest in any country is also an opportunity for its citizens to shake off their possible complacency and re-examine their attitudes and values. Today being such a time, I personally was so very thankful and proud to see Clifton, a town steeped in history and privilege, take a progressive and compassionate stand.

I strongly commend the placement of the banner, and fervently hope it will be allowed to remain.

Amanda Christman <cliftonclerkva@gmail.com>

Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 2:39 PM

To: Mfc416@gmail.com, whollaway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, mmilne@cliftonva.gov, dpoe@cliftonva.gov, rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov

Dear Ms. Condon,

Thank you for your comments, which I am forwarding to the Council Members. I know they will appreciate that you took the time to send this message of support.

Sincerely,
Amanda Christman
Town Clerk, Clifton, VA

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Amanda Christman <cliftonclerkva@gmail.com>

Clifton BLM Banner

2 messages

Meghan Birkholz <Meghan.birkholz@gmail.com>
Reply-To: Meghan Birkholz <Meghan.birkholz@gmail.com>
To: cliftonclerkva@gmail.com

Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 11:21 AM

Your Name Meghan Birkholz

Your Email Meghan.birkholz@gmail.com

Subject Clifton BLM Banner

Message As a homeowner in Little Rocky Run, a parent of CVHS and LMS students and a frequent visitor to the Town of Clifton, I fully support the BLM banner portraying Clifton as a welcoming and inclusive place to visit or live.

Thank you, Meghan Birkholz

Amanda Christman <cliftonclerkva@gmail.com>
To: Meghan.birkholz@gmail.com, whollaway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, mmilne@cliftonva.gov,
dpoe@cliftonva.gov, rmcdonald@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov

Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 2:43 PM

Dear Ms. Birkholz,

Thank you for your comments, which I am forwarding to the Council Members. I know they will appreciate that you took the time to send this message of support.

Sincerely,
Amanda Christman
Town Clerk, Clifton, VA
[Quoted text hidden]



Amanda Christman <cliftonclerkva@gmail.com>

Support for Clifton's "Black Lives Matter" sign

2 messages

Chet & Terri Czarniak <chetczarniak@gmail.com>
Reply-To: Chet & Terri Czarniak <chetczarniak@gmail.com>
To: cliftonclerkva@gmail.com

Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 11:58 AM

Your Name Chet & Terri Czarniak

Your Email chetczarniak@gmail.com

Subject Support for Clifton's "Black Lives Matter" sign

Message We are not residents of the town of Clifton, but having lived in nearby Little Rocky Run and sharing a Clifton address for three decades, we are quite familiar with the town and frequently visit and patronize local businesses. Having said that, we greeted the "Black Lives Matter" sign on Main Street with pride and affection. We salute the town leaders for addressing the current issue and for supporting people of color. Obviously, this has an impact well beyond the boundaries of the town. Well done, Clifton.

Amanda Christman <cliftonclerkva@gmail.com>

Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 2:47 PM

To: chetczarniak@gmail.com, whollaway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, mmilne@cliftonva.gov, dpoe@cliftonva.gov, rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov

Dear Chet and Terri,

Thank you for your comments, which I am forwarding to the Council Members. I know they will appreciate that you took the time to send this message of support.

Sincerely,
Amanda Christman
Town Clerk, Clifton, VA

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Amanda Christman <cliftonclerkva@gmail.com>

Banner

1 message

cliftonclerkva@gmail.com <cliftonclerkva@gmail.com>
Reply-To: cliftonclerkva@gmail.com
To: cliftonclerkva@gmail.com

Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 1:27 PM

Your Name Sarah

Your Email Kashdan

Subject Banner

Message Please keep the BLM banner up to honor equality for all!



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Clifton - BLACK LIVES MATTER

1 message

Wesley Orlosky <wesleyorlosky@gmail.com>

Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 2:36 PM

To: clerk@cliftonva.gov

Cc: wholloway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, mmilne@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov, dpoe@cliftonva.gov

To Whom May Concern,

I strongly support the preservation of the #BlackLivesMatter sign in Clifton. Local government officials and citizens should not succumb to White fragility. #BlackLivesMatter is not meant to make people comfortable - it seeks to highlight and challenge centuries of oppressive tactics used against people of color, specifically Black americans. If people are uncomfortable it means the movement is working. Furthermore, I encourage those are ARE uncomfortable and angry at the sign to look deep inside themselves and examine why.

While I am a White person and cannot speak to the generational pain of Black Americans, I have brought several Black friends to Old Town Clifton - all of whom felt uncomfortable in the area. This is no coincidence, as of the 2000 census, Clifton is 98.92% White ([source](#)). I encourage readers of this letter to research the cowardly actions of Fairfax County Police Officer Tyler Timberlake. Clifton and the rest of Northern Virginia are not removed from racism. These violent people are in our neighboring cities and are employed in all industries.

We must seek to create and protect justice for our fellow Black Americans. As mentioned earlier, this will be uncomfortable for many. This may lead to divisions within the community. Leaders in our community will have to face anger from constituents. Clifton must not be silent on these matters. If they are silent people WILL notice. But all these divisions and hardships are absolutely necessary to dismantle racist structures that have existed in America since her birth.

The #BlackLivesMatter banner is only a mere symbol. We must also push for tangible change within our community. This may include holding public forums or art galleries that highlight local Black voices. These are merely suggestions - there are many ways to move forward.

I truly hope the city of Clifton will continue to keep the banner displayed. America is watching. We are watching.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Wesley Orlosky
Randolph-Macon College Class of 2020



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

RE: BLM Banner

1 message

mmilne@cliftonva.gov <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>

Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 2:46 PM

To: gina h <g92huber@gmail.com>, whollaway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, dpoe@cliftonva.gov, rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov

Cc: "Amanda Christman(Town Clerk)" <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Gina,

Thank you for taking the time to send the Town of Clifton your input. We wanted to start a discussion and reinforce to anyone who might be feeling excluded right now, that they are always welcome in our Town. We will continue the Town's effort to support longer term measures to improve racial justice in our community.

With Warm Regards,

Melissa

Melissa Milne

Town of Clifton Council Member

703.517.7703

From: gina h <g92huber@gmail.com>**Sent:** Wednesday, July 1, 2020 1:10 PM**To:** mmilne@cliftonva.gov**Subject:** BLM Banner

Councilwoman Melissa Milne,

I've heard recently that there will be a council meeting to discuss removing the Black Lives Matter banner from Clifton because of complaints. Who is complaining and why are you paying them any attention? Intolerant and hateful complaints should never be rewarded. The fact that this is even being considered makes me embarrassed to live and work in Clifton, and you should be DISGUSTED with yourself for giving these complaints time of day.

Black Lives Matter is not a political stance, it is a human rights issue. Think about it, these intolerant people, your residents, are complaining about an innocuous banner that's promoting an entire RACE having the equality they deserve. It's a piece of plastic, not harming anything except their fragile egos and deep seeded hate. They should not be rewarded for their close-minded lack of humanity. And the town of Clifton should not be punished because of "a few bad apple" residents. Do not embarrass Clifton, and Virginia, and the United States by taking down a banner that promotes equality

because a few loud racists have come whining to you. They are not the majority. Stand your ground. You represent the heart of Clifton, not these hateful monsters. Represent it with integrity, love, and respect. Not intolerance, hate, and racism.

Please do not make me go in to work five days a week In a place that promotes hospitality and family where I will have to explain to countless people why a peaceful BLM banner was taken down.... while they are sitting directly next to the racists who made it happen. Do not let them run Clifton. That's your job. We are in the middle of a historical event, let history look back at the actions of Clifton, Virginia and be proud by their progressive strength and resolve, not embarrassed. Because the fact that this is even a conversation is embarrassing. And if you don't see that then you are also part of the problem. Do better.

Gina Huber

G92huber@gmail.com



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

RE: 2 Letters in Support of the Black Lives Matter Banner

1 message

mmilne@cliftonva.gov <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>

Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 2:46 PM

To: amy d miller <amydaiglemiller@gmail.com>, whollaway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov, dpoe@cliftonva.gov

Cc: "Amanda Christman(Town Clerk)" <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Taylor and Amy,

Thank you for taking the time to send the Town of Clifton your input. We wanted to start a discussion and reinforce to anyone who might be feeling excluded right now, that they are always welcome in our Town. We will continue the Town's effort to support longer term measures to improve racial justice in our community.

With Warm Regards,

Melissa

Melissa Milne

Town of Clifton Council Member

703.517.7703

From: amy d miller <amydaiglemiller@gmail.com>**Sent:** Wednesday, July 1, 2020 1:00 PM**To:** whollaway@cliftonva.gov; seffros@cliftonva.gov; rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov; mmilne@cliftonva.gov; ppline@cliftonva.gov; dpoe@cliftonva.gov**Subject:** 2 Letters in Support of the Black Lives Matter Banner

Dear Clifton Town Council,

I am a resident of 13 years, living in the Balmoral neighborhood of Clifton. My 2 daughters work at Petersons and we frequent the establishments of the town quite often.

I am attaching a letter from myself and also one from my 13 year old daughter.

Thank you for listening.

Best,

Amy Miller



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

RE: Please keep blm banner

1 message

mmilne@cliftonva.gov <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>

Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 2:46 PM

To: Suzy Kiefaber <suzykiefaber@gmail.com>, whollaway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov, dpoe@cliftonva.gov, rmcdonald@cliftonva.gov

Cc: "Amanda Christman(Town Clerk)" <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Suzy,

Thank you for taking the time to send the Town of Clifton your input. We wanted to start a discussion and reinforce to anyone who might be feeling excluded right now, that they are always welcome in our Town. We will continue the Town's effort to support longer term measures to improve racial justice in our community.

With Warm Regards,

Melissa

Melissa Milne
Town of Clifton Council Member
703.517.7703

-----Original Message-----

From: Suzy Kiefaber <suzykiefaber@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 9:54 AM

To: whollaway@cliftonva.gov; seffros@cliftonva.gov; ppline@cliftonva.gov; dpoe@cliftonva.gov; mmilne@cliftonva.gov; rmcdonald@cliftonva.gov

Subject: Please keep blm banner

Good morning,

I am writing in support of the Black lives matter banner. I understand that the removal of the banner will be debated next week. While I live in LRR, not the town of Clifton, my family and I are frequent patrons of Clifton businesses. As such, I implore you to keep the banner flying proudly above the town.

I am an elementary school counselor and I see daily the toll that systemic racism and explicit and implicit bias take on our Black children. The children do not see themselves represented in school and government leaders, and are often overrepresented in disciplinary matters, while being underrepresented in achievement. These are issues that the educational system must address, but the community plays a role as well. Imagine a child who feels unseen and unheard in many facets of life, who has less privileges than his/her white peers simply because of skin color, imagine that child coming to Clifton and seeing a banner that says "we see you, you are welcome here." This is how we begin to heal.

If the banner is removed because the White adults in the community have complained and you, the community leaders, then vote to do so, it will reinforce the belief that the lives of Black people are inherently not worth fighting for. This would have an extremely negative emotional and psychological impact on not only the children, but all Black community members.

Please make the courageous decision of keeping the banner, thus making Clifton a beacon of hope and healing in our community.

Suzy Kiefaber
703-868-5047



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

RE: BLM banner

1 message

mmilne@cliftonva.gov <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>

Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 3:19 PM

To: Janae Belcher <janae.capelli@gmail.com>, whollaway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, rmcdonald@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov, dpoe@cliftonva.gov
Cc: Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Janae,

Thank you for taking the time to send the Town of Clifton your input. We wanted to start a discussion and reinforce to anyone who might be feeling excluded right now, that they are always welcome in our Town. We will continue the Town's effort to support longer term measures to improve racial justice in our community.

With Warm Regards,

Melissa

Melissa Milne

Town of Clifton Council Member

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From: Janae Belcher <janae.capelli@gmail.com>**Sent:** Wednesday, July 1, 2020 3:01 PM**To:** whollaway@cliftonva.gov; seffros@cliftonva.gov; rmcdonald@cliftonva.gov; mmilne@cliftonva.gov; ppline@cliftonva.gov; dpoe@cliftonva.gov**Subject:** BLM banner

I'm so proud to live in a community that is supporting the people that live in it. It made my heart so happy when I drove through and saw the sign. It has come to my attention that there are some people upset about the sign. As the board considers this issue at the meeting next week, please keep in mind that the outspoken of the few does not speak for what the majority may feel. When you leave a restaurant upset you are much more likely to email the restaurant to complain. When you have a good dining experience you are more likely to convey that to a friend but not let the restaurant know. I hope the banner remains.

Janae Belcher



Amanda Christman <cliftonclerkva@gmail.com>

BLM sign

2 messages

Brandon Vickers <Brandonvickers1@gmail.com>
Reply-To: Brandon Vickers <Brandonvickers1@gmail.com>
To: cliftonclerkva@gmail.com

Fri, Jul 3, 2020 at 12:03 AM

Your Name Brandon Vickers

Your Email Brandonvickers1@gmail.com

Subject BLM sign

Message Keep the sign! Everyone should know making such a statement does not mean others do not matter. But some people have not experienced how some in society react to minorities because they are not around them frequently or have one in their family. I have witnessed racism against a black man who is well spoken, educated, holds a prominent position and another who went to two Ivey League schools and runs global companies. People judge without knowing. It needs to stop. Keep the sign!

Amanda Christman <cliftonclerkva@gmail.com>
To: whollaway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, mmilne@cliftonva.gov, dpoe@cliftonva.gov, rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov, Brandonvickers1@gmail.com

Sun, Jul 5, 2020 at 9:45 AM

Dear Mr. Vickers,

Thank you for your comments, which I am forwarding to the Council Members. I know they will appreciate that you took the time to send this message of support.

Sincerely,
Amanda Christman
Town Clerk, Clifton, VA
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Amanda Christman <cliftonclerkva@gmail.com>

Black Lives Matter Banner

2 messages

cliftonclerkva@gmail.com <cliftonclerkva@gmail.com>

Sat, Jul 4, 2020 at 9:42 AM

Reply-To: cliftonclerkva@gmail.com

To: cliftonclerkva@gmail.com

Your Name Monique Evans**Your Email** Niqui.evans@yahoo.com**Subject** Black Lives Matter Banner

Message I'm writing to express my appreciation and strong support of the Black Lives Matter banner posted in our community. I am proud to live in a community that openly conveys its commitment to stand in solidarity with those who are fighting for basic human rights. How can the United States claim to be the world's leader and moral voice when it comes to human rights if we don't practice what we preach in our own communities?

Monique Evans

Amanda Christman <cliftonclerkva@gmail.com>

Sun, Jul 5, 2020 at 9:49 AM

To: Niqui.evans@yahoo.com, whollaway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, mmilne@cliftonva.gov, dpoe@cliftonva.gov, rmcdonald@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov

Dear Ms. Evans,

Thank you for your comments, which I am forwarding to the Council Members. I know they will appreciate that you took the time to send this message of support.

Sincerely,
Amanda Christman
Town Clerk, Clifton, VA

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Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

RE: Welcome to Clifton, Where Black Lives Matter Banner

1 message

mmilne@cliftonva.gov <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>

Fri, Jul 3, 2020 at 4:13 PM

To: Emily Vickers <emilycvickers@gmail.com>, whollaway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov, dpoe@cliftonva.gov

Cc: ICE - Brandon Vickers <brandonvickers1@gmail.com>, Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Emily,

Thank you for taking the time to send the Town of Clifton your input. We wanted to start a discussion and reinforce to anyone who might be feeling excluded right now, that they are always welcome in our Town. We will continue the Town's effort to support longer term measures to improve racial justice in our community.

With Warm Regards,

Melissa

Melissa Milne
Town of Clifton Council Member
703.517.7703

-----Original Message-----

From: Emily Vickers <emilycvickers@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2020 10:52 PM

To: whollaway@cliftonva.gov; seffros@cliftonva.gov; rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov; mmilne@cliftonva.gov; ppline@cliftonva.gov; dpoe@cliftonva.gov

Cc: ICE - Brandon Vickers <brandonvickers1@gmail.com>

Subject: Welcome to Clifton, Where Black Lives Matter Banner

Dear Members of the Clifton Town Council -

I hope this email finds you and your families safe and healthy. Thank you for your selfless service during these unprecedented and stressful times.

I strongly support keeping the "Welcome to Clifton, Where Black Lives Matter" Banner up in Clifton.

I am half Filipino, half Caucasian American born, daughter of a two-time Vietnam US Navy veteran. I am a small business owner and currently work to support the U.S. government in the areas of national defense and security. I am a patriot, I am a proud American, and proud to raise my children in a multicultural, diverse, and accepting environment. I am proud that Clifton supports ideals that accept people of all races.

There is never a more important time to demonstrate kindness, love, and empathy for all of mankind, but especially those that have suffered from deep seeded racism in our history and culture even to this day.

I implore you to keep the "Welcome to Clifton, Where Black Lives Matter" Banner up in Clifton. I want my children and the future generations that they influence to carry these ideals forward to create a world where all children and people are created equal and have the opportunities to excel and succeed just as others do.

Please contact me with any questions, concerns, or additional suggestions on how I can support the decision to keep the "Welcome to Clifton, Where Black Lives Matter" Banner up in Clifton.

Regards,
Emily Vickers
(703) 395-2874

Sent from my iPhone



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

RE: In support of the "Black Lives Matter" Banner

2 messages

mmilne@cliftonva.gov <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>

Fri, Jul 3, 2020 at 4:15 PM

To: Jennifer Copeland <jennifercopeland2020@gmail.com>, whollaway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov, dpoe@cliftonva.gov

Cc: Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Jennifer,

Thank you for taking the time to send the Town of Clifton your input. We wanted to start a discussion and reinforce to anyone who might be feeling excluded right now, that they are always welcome in our Town. We will continue the Town's effort to support longer term measures to improve racial justice in our community.

With Warm Regards,

Melissa

Melissa Milne

Town of Clifton Council Member

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From: Jennifer Copeland <jennifercopeland2020@gmail.com>**Sent:** Wednesday, July 1, 2020 4:07 PM**To:** whollaway@cliftonva.gov; seffros@cliftonva.gov; rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov; mmilne@cliftonva.gov; ppline@cliftonva.gov; dpoe@cliftonva.gov**Subject:** In support of the "Black Lives Matter" Banner

I want to thank you all for serving as Clifton Town Council members. I feel honored to have lived in Clifton for the last ten years. It's a wonderful place to live and to raise our two children. I was delighted when I saw the "Welcome to Clifton, Where Black Lives Matter" banner go up in Clifton. I truly appreciate Clifton making it known that we value all our residents and visitors, and intend to make them feel welcomed. I am from Richmond, VA, and have sadly watched for years as the city stayed deadlocked on whether the monuments should stay or not. By contrast, Clifton has let it be known that we will be a welcoming community to all.

I do understand the controversy this has likely caused, and I know it is not easy to take a stand. I have certainly antagonized some old friends and family in Richmond by supporting that the monuments be removed and placed in a museum. But I do think we're at a pivotal point in history, and I believe you -- that we -- are on the right side of history.

7/5/2020

cliftonva.gov Mail - RE: In support of the "Black Lives Matter" Banner

Thank you for putting up the "Welcome to Clifton, Where Black Lives Matter" Banner, and please know you have a supporter in me.

Jennifer Copeland

Little Rocky Run neighbor and Owner, New Insights Leadership Coaching, LLC

Jennifer Copeland <jennifercopeland2020@gmail.com>

Fri, Jul 3, 2020 at 4:16 PM

To: mmilne@cliftonva.gov

Cc: Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>, dpoe@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov, rmcdonald@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, whollaway@cliftonva.gov

Thank you, Melissa!

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Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

RE: Welcome to Clifton Banner, Where Black Lives Matter

1 message

mmilne@cliftonva.gov <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>

Sun, Jul 5, 2020 at 8:27 AM

To: Sheireen Kau <sheireen@yahoo.com>, whollaway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov, dpoe@cliftonva.gov

Cc: Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Sheireen,

Thank you for taking the time to send the Town of Clifton your input. We wanted to start a discussion and reinforce to anyone who might be feeling excluded right now, that they are always welcome in our Town. We will continue the Town's effort to support longer term measures to improve racial justice in our community.

With Warm Regards,

Melissa

Melissa Milne
Town of Clifton Council Member
703.517.7703

-----Original Message-----

From: Sheireen Kau <sheireen@yahoo.com>

Sent: Saturday, July 4, 2020 9:02 PM

To: whollaway@cliftonva.gov; seffros@cliftonva.gov; rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov; mmilne@cliftonva.gov; ppline@cliftonva.gov; dpoe@cliftonva.gov

Subject: Welcome to Clifton Banner, Where Black Lives Matter

Hello,

I am writing to show my support of the "Welcome to Clifton Banner, Where Black Lives Matter". As a resident of Clifton, this community should take the stance of supporting racial equality and what better way than to display this banner in our Town of Clifton. By us stating that black lives matter does not insinuate that other lives don't matter; of course, all lives matter. But the fact that there are people getting upset over the term "black lives matter" demonstrates there is proof that nothing can center the well-being and livelihood of black lives without white people assuming it is to their demise. Please do the right thing and keep the banner in the Town of Clifton.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Sheireen Huang



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

RE: Black Lives Matter Banner Clifton

1 message

mmilne@cliftonva.gov <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>

Mon, Jul 6, 2020 at 8:16 AM

To: Mike Carluzzo <mikecarluzzo@gmail.com>, whollaway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov, dpoe@cliftonva.gov

Cc: Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Mike,

Thank you for taking the time to send the Town of Clifton your input. We wanted to start a discussion and reinforce to anyone who might be feeling excluded right now, that they are always welcome in our Town. We will continue the Town's effort to support longer term measures to improve racial justice in our community.

With Warm Regards,

Melissa

Melissa Milne

Town of Clifton Council Member

703.517.7703

From: Mike Carluzzo <mikecarluzzo@gmail.com>**Sent:** Sunday, July 5, 2020 9:39 PM**To:** whollaway@cliftonva.gov; seffros@cliftonva.gov; rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov; mmilne@cliftonva.gov; ppline@cliftonva.gov; dpoe@cliftonva.gov**Subject:** Black Lives Matter Banner Clifton

Good evening ladies and gentlemen,

I am writing this email to show my full support and appreciation of the banner hanging over Main Street in Clifton supporting the Black Lives Matter movement. I hope that this banner remains up and visible for a significant amount of time to remind people living in Clifton and driving through the town that the community is dedicated to keeping this in the forefront of our minds everyday and making changes on individual, family, social and community levels. I think recognizing that this is a national movement that STARTS in small communities is how a real change can be achieved, and I wanted to thank you for the efforts taken to get this started and keep it going. I have worked in Clifton for 6 years and have had the pleasure of getting to know so many of the people in the town. Opening these lines of communication is so important to doing what we can do as a neighborhood to grow this mindset for everyone in Clifton, Fairfax, Virginia and ultimately our country. Thank you again for the initiative to do this. I'm glad to see it each day I drive through and hope it continues to serve as a reminder for all of us to think before we speak, before we act and to consider the struggle that black people have gone through and absolutely continue to go through every day in this country. I hope this movement can truly spark the change that is incredibly long overdue.

Mike Carluzzo

July 6, 2020

The Honorable William R. Hollaway
Mayor
Town of Clifton
Clifton, VA 20124

Dear Mayor Hollaway:

I want to submit this letter to this week's Town Council meeting. With the expected discussion of the banner hanging in the Town of Clifton acknowledging the Black Live Matters (BLM) movement, I would like to share with you my views on this matter. I want to start by asking why the Town decided to hang the banner? Was it simply to show your support of the Black Lives Matter movement (BLM)? If so, did anyone on the Council spend time researching the BLM and what it stands for? Did the Council speak to other groups in the community about their feelings on this like local law enforcement?

You will hear from others Tuesday evening about the importance of the banner. I'm here to tell you a different story.

I suspect the banner was hung to show the Town's support for black lives, which I think we can all agree are important. The problem is by hanging the banner you have created a controversy and more of a divide than a show of unity.

If you talked to local law enforcement, you might have found that a large number see the BLM as an anti-law enforcement organization. You might be able to understand their position with the actions taken since George Floyd's death. Since that horrible murder by a Minneapolis police officer, we have seen over 300 innocent law enforcement officials either killed or injured. People will argue that the people who have caused the violence are not part of the BLM movement. You cannot separate that when these same people are wearing the BLM name on their chests or using it on signs. The hard part of all of this today, is separating out those who are striving for change in a peaceful way and those rioting, looting, and hurting people because of their skin color. I have spoken to some in the law enforcement community and they too support black lives and even the idea of policing reforms. They have said if you simply change the sign to read Welcome to Clifton Where All Black Lives Matter you are showing your support for black lives and law enforcement. All of us in Clifton rely on law enforcement to protect us and we do need to think of their views here. What some are offering as a compromise seems fair and still achieves your overall objective.

By hanging the banner, the Town has now bought into the premise that July 4th, the day of this country's Independence, is a white supremacist holiday. This was the statement made on July 4th by Collin Kaepernick, a former NFL football player and the leading voice for the BLM movement. This is a sentiment I do not share. I have to ask if the Town of Clifton does? Simply saying no while flying the BLM banner would indicate otherwise. In moments like this you cannot pick and choose what parts of a movement you support. If you go with the BLM,

you are telling people you support those positions they stand for, including the most recent statement made by Mr. Kaepernick. Does the Town support the violence we have seen? You do by hanging that banner. I would urge the Town to look for a compromise if it truly wants to hang a banner. Not all of us want to live in a community that endorses violence and hate.

If we all want to rally around each other, regardless of skin color to promote equality, then let us do so with a message that stands out and achieves that goal and not with one that divides us. Some in law enforcement are supportive of using the phrase All Black Lives Matter. I would urge a simple phrase of Welcome to Clifton Where Equality For All Matters. After all, that is the goal. I frankly prefer you do away with all signs and take a different approach that really makes a difference. I prefer you raise money to help small businesses who lost everything in the riots. That is true community action.

I know some will view my comments here as out of touch. Some might even consider my comments racist. My response to that is how many people who live in Clifton, who have signed a letter in support of the current banner, or who are speaking in support of the current banner, have spent any real time in a black neighborhood. I suspect the number will be very low. I suspect for most, this sign will be their way of being active in support of equality. For those who will question my position need to know that I am involved with these issues on a weekly basis. For the past 22-years I have been involved with working with families in the black community. I have worked on showing young people the value of education and have worked with them and their parents on school choice so that they can get a better education. I have worked with young father's on understanding the important role they play in their children's lives. Kids need role models and kids need their Father's to be that for them. It did not take George Floyd's death to make me aware of the racism we see today.

I'm simply asking Clifton to do something meaningful for all and not support a group, perceived by some, through its comments and actions to be anti-law enforcement; who believe the 4th of July is a white supremacist holiday or who use violence to communicate their message; who by their actions burn down small businesses in their own communities – the same people they say they are fighting and speaking for. I would urge Clifton to do more. Instead of a banner, why not ask the community to come together to help a small business, burned down during the riots, rebuild? The Town of Clifton is made up of small businesses. How would the community feel if they were burned down for no good reason? You want to do something meaningful, show support for those small businesses who will not be able to rebuild. Not because of anything they did, but because angry mobs decided to take the wrong kind of action. That is more meaningful than any banner can be. Quite frankly, the people you want or need to see the banner won't because they don't live or spend time in Clifton. The banner seems like a feel-good moment with no real action behind it.

If hanging a banner is all the Town is planning to do, then you have done nothing to truly promote equality. Every citizen of Clifton needs to accept the challenge and spend time in black, brown, and yellow neighborhoods if you really want to understand their concerns and the racism that exists today.

I suspect my views will be in the minority. I would just ask that instead of dividing the Town, you unite it with a message and actions that truly promote equality for all. That you look to unite, not divide. The message of this banner is a hollow statement if equality means only for some and not all, regardless of the color of your skin. The sentiment you are trying to convey is hollow if the Town does nothing more than hang a banner. I would urge the Town to identify a small business and help them rebuild. That is what real change looks like.

Respectfully,

Paul A. Miller
Clifton resident

Dear Mayor Hollaway:

I want to submit this letter to this week's Town Council meeting regarding the banner hanging in the Town of Clifton in support of the Black Live Matters (BLM) movement. I strongly encourage the citizens of Clifton to not subscribe to the BLM narrative which is filled with false and misleading information and to form our own narrative that brings people together.

I am a law enforcement officer that is discouraged and hurt by BLM antipolice narrative and even more broken that my community has subscribed to what the mainstream media wants you to believe. In my opinion, BLM is an antipolice organization whose activities contribute to violence and have made our communities less safe.

BLM demonizes police as racists who kill innocent people. Hanging this banner means you do not support your law enforcement community. Law enforcement and their families throughout the country are under attack. People have removed their law enforcement support banners, stickers and stopped wearing clothing that support the police for fear of retribution. This fear is real, as law enforcement and their families throughout the country are currently being targeted, assaulted, and killed by BLM supporters. This movement does not care about ALL black lives. They care only for the ones they believe will cause division and destroy the American way of life.

I realize I may not be the majority in this community as it relates to the BLM narrative, but I do believe black lives matter and I want to see positive changes made that bring people together. I have dedicated 20 years of my life to law enforcement to serve all communities regardless of race and BLM would have you believe that law enforcement cannot be trusted and yet they lack sufficient data or studies to make such allegations.

I know people also argue that the rioting, looting, and violence are not part of the BLM movement, but I cannot separate that when these same people are wearing the BLM attire, holding signs, or posting videos with BLM tags on social media.

I would urge you Mayor Hollaway to create a new narrative so those who are striving for positive change are being heard. By hanging that banner you are supporting EVERYTHING BLM stands for which means you support the antipolice rhetoric, violence, looting, hatred, and exclusion.

I ask you to reconsider the banner currently hanging in the Town of Clifton and set the example with a banner that has meaning for all. #ALL BLACK LIVES MATTER #BLACK LIVES MATTER TOO

Thank you for your time.



Tania Tyler

July 6, 2020



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

RE: Black Lives Matter Banner

1 message

mmilne@cliftonva.gov <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>

Mon, Jul 6, 2020 at 2:07 PM

To: Tessa Kolmus <tykolmus@gmail.com>, seffros@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov, dpoe@cliftonva.gov, William Hollaway <whollaway@cliftonva.gov>, rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov

Cc: Christman Amanda <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Tessa,

Thank you for taking the time to send the Town of Clifton your input. We wanted to start a discussion and reinforce to anyone who might be feeling excluded right now, that they are always welcome in our Town. We will continue the Town's effort to support longer term measures to improve racial justice in our community.

With Warm Regards,

Melissa

Melissa Milne

Town of Clifton Council Member

703.517.7703

From: Tessa Kolmus <tykolmus@gmail.com>**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 1:02 PM**To:** seffros@cliftonva.gov; mmilne@cliftonva.gov; ppline@cliftonva.gov; dpoe@cliftonva.gov; bhalloway@cliftonva.gov; rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov**Subject:** Black Lives Matter Banner

Dear Clifton Town Council,

I am sending this email to show my support for the Black Lives Matter banner that is currently displayed on Main St. I am grateful to the entire Town Council for making this undoubtedly loaded decision, and I hope you will stand firm in the face of controversy.

I strongly feel we are living in a time that may start to turn the tide of centuries of deeply entrenched discrimination and unfairness, and I am proud that Clifton is choosing this moment to stand on the right side of this issue.

7/6/2020

cliftonva.gov Mail - RE: Black Lives Matter Banner

Again, thank you.

Tessa Kolmus

Dear Mayor Hollaway:

I am submitting this letter to this week's Town Council meeting regarding the banner hanging in the Town of Clifton which reads "Welcome to Clifton Where Black Lives Matter" in an attempt to understand the purpose. Is the banner intended to show the Town of Clifton's support of black lives? I suspect (or at least hope) the original intention was to bring the community together and highlight the Town of Clifton as an inclusive community. However, your choice of words contradicts the meaning and appears to support the anti-law enforcement movement commonly known as Black Lives Matter (BLM).

Black lives matter, Asian lives matter, Native American lives matter, police lives matter, gay and lesbian lives matter etc.; the bottom line is ALL LIVES MATTER. This letter is not intended to support the changing of the sign to "All Lives Matter", rather, it is a request for the leaders of this Town to step up, take the initiative, and support a new movement in the wake of what this great country is currently experiencing. Change the sign to "All Black Lives Matter" or "Black Lives Matter Too".

One of the primary principles of our country is freedom of speech. I fully support people coming together to protest peacefully over the tragic death of George Floyd. However, as I am sure many of you have watched, those peaceful protests quickly spiraled out of control into violent looting and rioting. Hopefully, this type of anarchical behavior is unacceptable to everyone in the Town of Clifton. The group openly supporting this despicable behavior and the group most vocal demanding police reform and the defunding of the police is BLM.

I suspect almost every person in this town knows the names George Floyd and Rayshard Brooks, two black men killed by police and whose deaths have been sensationalized in mainstream media. BLM is leading protests and marches in Atlanta and Minneapolis (as well as other cities across the country) because they *say* black lives matter. But I ask you Mr. Mayor and members of the Town Council, how many of you recognize the names David Patrick Underwood or David Dorn, two other black men killed during the civil unrest. Where is the outrage over the killing of these black men? Why is BLM not protesting their tragic murders? It's nowhere to be found, because their deaths don't fit the narrative. It's hard to chant "defund the police" while demanding justice for a retired black police captain and a young federal officer who gave their lives during the riots. Do black lives matter or do *certain* black lives matter to BLM?

Over the July 4th weekend, in Washington DC, 11 year old Davon McNeal was killed by gunfire. I don't recall seeing BLM protesting the innocent death of this black child. In Chicago, over the same weekend, 7 year old Natalia Wallace was killed. This is the third week in a row young black children have been killed in Chicago. Where is the BLM outrage? Where are the BLM protests? All around the country black men, black women, and black children are killed daily and we hear nothing from BLM.

The Town of Clifton should continue to strive for inclusion. However, let's not be followers and join a movement that encourages violence, hates law enforcement, and only cares about certain black lives. I urge you to be leaders. Change the narrative, change the banner, start our own movement that encourages peaceful protests, respects law enforcement, and cares about ALL Black Lives, because in the end, isn't it true that All Black Lives matter.

Thank you for your time.

Jeff Tyler (Clifton resident)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Tyler". The signature is stylized and cursive, written over the typed name.



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

RE: Support for banner

1 message

mmilne@cliftonva.gov <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>

Mon, Jul 6, 2020 at 8:58 PM

To: Steffen Tengesdal <stengesdal@gmail.com>, whollaway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov, dpoe@cliftonva.gov

Cc: Christman Amanda <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Steffen,

Thank you for taking the time to send the Town of Clifton your input. We wanted to start a discussion and reinforce to anyone who might be feeling excluded right now, that they are always welcome in our Town. We will continue the Town's effort to support longer term measures to improve racial justice in our community.

With Warm Regards,

Melissa

Melissa Milne

Town of Clifton Council Member

703.517.7703

From: Steffen Tengesdal <stengesdal@gmail.com>**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 5:00 PM**To:** whollaway@cliftonva.gov; seffros@cliftonva.gov; rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov; mmilne@cliftonva.gov; ppline@cliftonva.gov; dpoe@cliftonva.gov**Subject:** Support for banner

Dear Town Council,

I know we don't live in town any more, but I did want to express my support for the banner as it is now on Main Street. Due to work commitments, I will not be able to attend the Town Council remote meeting.

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Steffen Tengesdal



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Banner

2 messages

Erin Tengesdal <erin@tengesdal.com>
To: clerk@cliftonva.gov

Tue, Jul 7, 2020 at 9:51 AM

Town Council,

I am writing to voice our support for democracy with the original town council vote regarding the banner over Main Street.

Kind Regards,
Erin Tengesdal
[7632 Kincheloe Rd](#)
[Clifton, Va 20124](#)

Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Tue, Jul 7, 2020 at 10:57 AM

To: Erin Tengesdal <erin@tengesdal.com>, William Hollaway <whollaway@cliftonva.gov>, Stephen Effros <seffros@cliftonva.gov>, Melissa Milne <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>, Darrell Poe <dpoe@cliftonva.gov>, Regan McDonald <rmcdonald@cliftonva.gov>, Pat Pline <ppline@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Ms. Tengesdal,

Thank you for your comments, which I am forwarding to the Council Members. I know they will appreciate that you took the time to send this message of support.

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Sincerely,
Amanda Christman
Town Clerk, Clifton, VA



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

BLM banner

2 messages

Debbie Charms <deborahdcharms@yahoo.com>
To: clerk@cliftonva.gov

Tue, Jul 7, 2020 at 8:37 AM

I live on Compton Rd. and realize that I don't live in town. I just want to let the Town Council know how proud I feel every time I see it. We need to make everyone feel valued and included. Thank you all!
Deborah Charms

Sent from my iPhone

Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Tue, Jul 7, 2020 at 11:03 AM

To: Debbie Charms <deborahdcharms@yahoo.com>, William Hollaway <whollaway@cliftonva.gov>, Stephen Effros <seffros@cliftonva.gov>, Melissa Milne <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>, Darrell Poe <dpoe@cliftonva.gov>, Regan McDonald <rmcdonald@cliftonva.gov>, Pat Pline <ppline@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Ms. Charms,

Thank you for your comments, which I am forwarding to the Council Members. I know they will appreciate that you took the time to send this message of support.

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Sincerely,
Amanda Christman
Town Clerk, Clifton, VA



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

RE: Clifton Banner - BLM

1 message

mmilne@cliftonva.gov <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>

Tue, Jul 7, 2020 at 11:58 AM

To: Neena Sachdev <nsach29@gmail.com>, whollaway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov, dpoe@cliftonva.gov
Cc: Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Neena,

Thank you for taking the time to send the Town of Clifton your input. We wanted to start a discussion and reinforce to anyone who might be feeling excluded right now, that they are always welcome in our Town. We will continue the Town's effort to support longer term measures to improve racial justice in our community.

With Warm Regards,

Melissa

Melissa Milne

Town of Clifton Council Member

703.517.7703

From: Neena Sachdev <nsach29@gmail.com>**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 10:59 PM**To:** whollaway@cliftonva.gov; seffros@cliftonva.gov; rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov; mmilne@cliftonva.gov; ppline@cliftonva.gov; dpoe@cliftonva.gov**Subject:** Clifton Banner - BLM

I could go on a long discourse on this subject. However, Mr. Todd Kashdan has said it so beautifully. I fully endorse his letter and his position on the matter.

I am not black, but I endorse him.

Neena Sachdev

nsach29@gmail.com



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Banner over Main Street

2 messages

Jeff Stein <jeffstein@cox.net>

Tue, Jul 7, 2020 at 10:49 AM

To: whollaway@cliftonva.gov, Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>, Patrick Pline <plponline@hotmail.com>

Cc: steve@effros.com, Regan McDonald <mcdonald.regan@gmail.com>, mmilne@cliftonva.gov, dpoe@cliftonva.gov, Patrick Pline <plponline@hotmail.com>

Dear Mayor Hollaway and members of the Council,

I am writing in support of the banner that was put up over Main Street. I feel it is both appropriate and necessary.

Thank you,

Jeff Stein

[7227 Dell Avenue](#)

[Clifton, VA 20124](#)

mmilne@cliftonva.gov <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>

Tue, Jul 7, 2020 at 11:59 AM

To: Jeff Stein <jeffstein@cox.net>, whollaway@cliftonva.gov, Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>, Patrick Pline <plponline@hotmail.com>

Cc: steve@effros.com, Regan McDonald <mcdonald.regan@gmail.com>, dpoe@cliftonva.gov, Patrick Pline <plponline@hotmail.com>

Dear Jeff,

Thank you for taking the time to send the Town of Clifton your input. We wanted to start a discussion and reinforce to anyone who might be feeling excluded right now, that they are always welcome in our Town. We will continue the Town's effort to support longer term measures to improve racial justice in our community.

With Warm Regards,

Melissa

Melissa Milne

Town of Clifton Council Member

703.517.7703

7/7/2020

cliftonva.gov Mail - Banner over Main Street

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Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

RE: Regarding tonight's meeting

1 message

mmilne@cliftonva.gov <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>

Tue, Jul 7, 2020 at 12:04 PM

To: Jen Coon <jencocon25@gmail.com>, whollaway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov, dpoe@cliftonva.gov

Cc: Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Jennifer,

Thank you for taking the time to send the Town of Clifton your input. We wanted to start a discussion and reinforce to anyone who might be feeling excluded right now, that they are always welcome in our Town. We will continue the Town's effort to support longer term measures to improve racial justice in our community.

With Warm Regards,

Melissa

Melissa Milne
Town of Clifton Council Member
703.517.7703

-----Original Message-----

From: Jen Coon <jencocon25@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 11:17 AM

To: whollaway@cliftonva.gov; seffros@cliftonva.gov; rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov; mmilne@cliftonva.gov; ppline@cliftonva.gov; dpoe@cliftonva.gov

Subject: Regarding tonight's meeting

Dear Members,

Please add my family's name to the list of greater Clifton area residents who support keeping the Clifton Black Lives Matter banner displayed. We have two teens at Robinson who were quite concerned to think that a banner they feel shows support for their Black and mixed race friends and classmates is the source of controversy in town. We ask that you recognize the great change that needs to take place in our nation regarding race and the small but vital role a banner like this in a Virginia town like this can play.

Thank you,
Jennifer Coon
Clifton, VA



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

BLM banner

1 message

Ricka Hanson <rickahanson50@gmail.com>
To: Clerk@cliftonva.gov

Tue, Jul 7, 2020 at 12:21 PM

I support the banner pleAse leave it up - Ricka Hanson
Sent from my iPhone



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

BLM Banner

2 messages

Deborah Kranz <dkranz52@gmail.com>
To: clerk@cliftonva.gov

Tue, Jul 7, 2020 at 1:12 PM

I support the banner.
D. Kranz
7615 Partridge Berry Lane
Clifton

Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Tue, Jul 7, 2020 at 1:14 PM

To: dkranz52@gmail.com, William Hollaway <whollaway@cliftonva.gov>, Stephen Effros <seffros@cliftonva.gov>, Melissa Milne <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>, Darrell Poe <dpoe@cliftonva.gov>, Regan McDonald <rmcdonald@cliftonva.gov>, Pat Pline <ppline@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Ms. Kranz,

Thank you for your comments, which I am forwarding to the Council Members. I know they will appreciate that you took the time to send this message of support.

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Sincerely,
Amanda Christman
Town Clerk, Clifton, VA

July 7, 2020

Good evening and thank you for providing this opportunity for public comment.

My name is Peter Noonan and I live at 12635 Chapel Rd. and I am one of the Council's constituents.

I would like to frame my remarks around a couple of themes. First, the structural significance of the "Welcome to Clifton where Black Lives Matter" banner, next the personal significance, and lastly the values of our little town.

The structural significance: For centuries we have known, have seen - and see again, and at our core understand that people of color have been and continue to be, through deeply entrenched racism, anti-Black violence, and the continued structural privileging of those in power, placed on the margin. Because of recent, and tragic events that have always been present but are now being revealed for all of us to witness via videos and social media, many more of us have been called to racial justice action. And this time it feels different...we have seen the murder of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery and now Federal, state and local governments can and should make structural and symbolic change to redress racial injustice and ensure Black people feel safe and secure in the US.

However, the sign hanging over our Main St. is not only a symbolic gesture. It also serves as a beacon for change to begin in earnest. The council has a chance to not only continue to fly the banner with pride but also make meaningful decisions to move our community forward. And I know there are plans in the works.

Personal Significance - Following the protests in DC, Bethany and I returned home and put up our homemade signs that read "I can't Breathe" and "#BLM" and "white silence = black violence" on our cars for others to see. For those who don't know where I live, I am 3 houses down from the Fire Department and we are on the daily walking route of the men and women--the first responders--who serve Clifton Station. In the past two weeks I have had 3 different firefighters, all Black men, knock on my door to tell me how much they appreciate the signs at our house and particularly how much they appreciate the sign over main st. To quote one of the firefighters: "It means a lot when people who don't look like me take a stand and support the Black community the way you have." Town Council, these are the people who come to our community to serve and protect us and I want them to know they are welcome, valued, and safe here in Clifton. Further, members of my family are Black as we have multiple interracial marriages. When we took a picture of our banner and sent it to our family their response was "thank you, and good for the Clifton community." So, it's also personal.

Finally, I will end with this...ensuring that all people feel valued and heard is a core value in the town of Clifton. It is our Clifton Creed. When I moved here 19 years ago that became evident by those who welcomed me and my family. It is incredibly disappointing and hurtful that some who

oppose the banner are now calling me and those who support banner and the Black Lives Matter movement “Marxist”, “communist”, and other names--these are racist tropes. Council: You may hear some of that rhetoric tonight but I urge you to drown out the noise, the rhetoric, the division, the hate, and remember that our banner begins with the word “Welcome” - by publicly welcoming those who are victims and survivors of racial injustice and anti-Black violence, you speak our Clifton values. Let’s make peace, fight for justice, and keep the banner flying.



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Youtube Streaming of the Clifton Town Council Meeting Tonight at 7:30 PM

James Franca <JPF@francalaw.com>
To: Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Tue, Jul 7, 2020 at 5:22 PM

Thank you Amanda,

I would like to have these comments made a part of the written record of tonight's Town council meeting. Essentially what follows is what I hope to be able to cover tonight when I speak, but we were invited to also email the Town for inclusion in the record.

My name is Jim Franca. I live at 12631 Water Street. I first moved to Clifton in January, 1976, the bicentennial year of our Country.

I am proud to be a member of this community... A community that expresses it's support for those who want to advance, once again, the elimination of racism.

This Town, and its surrounding communities, have very few non-white residents. That does not mean this is not our issue. Truly this is everyone's issue. Our banner confirms that Clifton is a place where compassion and empathy reside.

If you have not done so I urge you to read the BLACK LIVES MATTER site titled "What we Believe". In part it reads: WE ACKNOWLEDGE, RESPECT AND CELEBRATE DIFFERENCES AND COMMONALITIES. WE WORK VIGOROUSLY FOR FREEDOM AND JUSTICE FOR BLACK PEOPLE AND, BY EXTENSION, ALL PEOPLE.

The war against racism must continue in a new direction. Battle by battle racism is losing the war.

SLAVERY- ABOLISHED

JIM CROW LAWS- ABOLISHED

LAWS PROHIBITING MIXED RACE MARRIAGES- ABOLISHED

What has not been abolished is a pernicious belief, grounded in fear, that the white race needs to protect itself from non-white races. We must overcome this fear. There is only one race, the Human Race.

My first lessons in racism came at a very young age. I had just learned to read. Murphy's was a department store at the corner of King and Washington streets in Alexandria, the place of my birth. Like many businesses in town it had two sets of bathrooms. Between them were two water fountains. I was now able to read the signs. Above the larger fountain were the words WHITES ONLY. Above the other COLOREDS. I recall being confused and disturbed by these signs. I remember being drawn by curiosity to drink from the smaller, forbidden one.

My Grandmother, an otherwise beautiful, funny, intelligent kind, woman, often sneeringly used the "N" word. When I became older we had strident difficult conversations about this....never coming to agreement. When the civil rights movement came to us through our television I became more disturbed, but no longer confused. Despite being exposed to many many influences to the contrary, I knew I was non-racist.

We have reached the stage of this war where it is no longer enough to be non-racist. We must become ANTI-RACIST. Our banner is ANTI-RACIST, and it has my enthusiastic support.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my view. James P. Franca

On Tue, Jul 7, 2020 at 2:34 PM Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov> wrote:

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James P. Franca, Esquire
P.O. Box 111
Clifton, Virginia
Phone & Fax (703) 830-7157

JPF@Francalaw.com



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Fwd: Black Lives Matter Banner

1 message

William Hollaway <whollaway@cliftonva.gov>

Tue, Jul 7, 2020 at 6:29 PM

To: Christman Amanda <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Cc: Effros' Steve <Steve@effros.com>, Melissa Milne <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>, Darrell Poe <dpoe@cliftonva.gov>, McDonald Regan <mcdonald.regan@gmail.com>, Pline Pat <ppline@cliftonva.gov>

Amanda,

Below is another communication that I just received regarding the banner.

Bill

William R. Hollaway

Begin forwarded message:

From: "J. DeCanio" <jjdecanio@gmail.com>**Date:** July 7, 2020 at 6:21:58 PM EDT**To:** whollaway@cliftonva.gov**Subject:** Black Lives Matter Banner

To whom it may concern:

I can't even express clearly how upset I am by my hometowns reactions to this banner. But I will try because I cannot stop thinking about how divided we really are. Let me start by saying, my family moved from Fairfax Station to Clifton in the summer of 1990. I was 8 years old. Looking back now, my classrooms at Clifton Elementary was definitely more white than it was at my other school. It wasn't until I attended Robinson that I realized how diverse Fairfax was and how sad is that? Because POC couldn't afford to live in Clifton? Or maybe they felt discriminated against? Yet another example of the bigger picture here. I, and many others who grew up here, felt a strong enough connection to this town to purchase our own homes and raise our own families here. Whether it's because it feels safe, or loving that feeling of small town living, or because we have always been able to come together as a community, or in my case living 2 miles from my mom. Hanging a sign that supports BLM we are stating for everyone who drives through here that we as a community are anti racism. And isn't that what we ALL want? For this town to hang a banner that shows its support to black people and to say this town is against racism, who is that hurting? WHY are you so offended by this sign? I'm sorry, but if you are, YOU are part of the bigger problem with moving forward in the demand to stop racism. And for you to argue that "you don't see color" is an even bigger problem. As the mother of a biracial daughter, seeing this sign showed my oldest daughter that the town SHE LIVES IN and calls HOME, cares about her and the color of her skin and HER RIGHTS. And it showed me that we are acknowledging that things need to change. So for all of you who this offends, you should ask yourself WHY. Why are you so reluctant to hang a banner that is making people (like my daughter) feel like she belongs here too during a time like this, when black people are begging for our support. I think we need to have more appropriate discussions about how people of color are STILL being treated differently than white people. And by no means is this sign a solution to the problem, but a step towards inclusiveness of black people in a town that is still predominantly white. Keep the sign up for a month. This is ridiculous, if this banner makes people like my daughter and other people of color more comfortable in the predominantly white town they live in, I do not see what the big deal is...and I'm sad to see so many people I know how they truly feel. Thank you for allowing the people of who live in this town the opportunity to write in on how they feel. I hope the community can come together on this.

Thank you,

Jenn DeCanio DiBari

Sent from my iPhone



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

RE: Support of Banner

1 message

mmilne@cliftonva.gov <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>

Tue, Jul 7, 2020 at 6:49 PM

To: "embreyal ." <embreyal@gmail.com>, whollaway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov, dpoe@cliftonva.gov

Cc: Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Ms. Embrey,

Thank you for taking the time to send the Town of Clifton your input. We wanted to start a discussion and reinforce to anyone who might be feeling excluded right now, that they are always welcome in our Town. We will continue the Town's effort to support longer term measures to improve racial justice in our community.

With Warm Regards,

Melissa

Melissa Milne

Town of Clifton Council Member

703.517.7703

From: embreyal . <embreyal@gmail.com>**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:29 PM**To:** whollaway@cliftonva.gov; seffros@cliftonva.gov; rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov; mmilne@cliftonva.gov; ppline@cliftonva.gov; dpoe@cliftonva.gov**Subject:** Support of Banner

Dear Clifton Town Council:

My name is Amanda Embrey and I grew up in Clifton. My parents built a house just outside the town boundaries in 1985 and have been a part of the community for 35 wonderful years. I have since moved away to Ashburn, VA but still consider Clifton to be my home. Though I am not a voting member of town I would like to voice my support for the Black Lives Matter banner that was put up in town a few weeks ago.

When I thought of composing this letter I had thought I would want to say what this banner means to me. Although, I would like to keep it simple and short and let you know I have witnessed what it has meant to some friends of mine, that are from the minority community, which is more important and what it was about, in my opinion, in the first place.

Although, as I said before, I do not live in town, the discussion about the banner has been prevalent among friends and family that still do. And that, in and of itself, fills me with hope, as issues cannot be addressed without discussion. This banner has caused me to examine my own bias and thought process, which as we all know has and will continue to be very uncomfortable at times. I have also had these discussions with friends outside of the Clifton community, closer to Ashburn where I live now.

Recently, I was having a general discussion on anti-racism with a friend in Ashburn who is Puerto Rican. Without even knowing I was from Clifton she mentioned the banner. She said how amazing and brave she thought it was for a community in this area to take a stance like that on racism. She said she thought it was a good first step to promote change and progress.

Another friend, who is black, joined the discussion after a bit. She also had heard and seen the banner online, completely separate from my connection with Clifton. She felt very similarly and said it made her feel hopeful for progress, as she knew Clifton was a very white community.

I wanted to share this because that banner is about something much more than Clifton. Yes, it has encouraged the sharing of thoughts and ideas, which is extremely important in this process. But it has also shown many people outside Clifton that not only should they feel welcome in our town but people are willing to use their actions and positions to be their ally. It is only the first step. It is not the end and more action should and must follow. But as they say, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a first step."

On a personal note, I have never been more proud to call myself a Cliftonite. It hurts to see many of my friends and family share painful opinions regarding this. I would never want people I love to feel unheard or attacked. However, that's the point, isn't it? We need growing pains. I hope the banner is allowed to stay up, but even if it doesn't I know the work will not stop.

Thank you to all who supported this banner and made it happen. I wanted to share with you that it has already made a difference to people well beyond our little town.

Amanda Embrey

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Amanda Embrey

"The people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do." ~Steve Jobs



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

RE: Black Lives Matter Banner

1 message

mmilne@cliftonva.gov <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>

Tue, Jul 7, 2020 at 6:55 PM

To: Sarah Senges <saralb22@yahoo.com>, whollaway@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov, dpoe@cliftonva.gov
Cc: Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Ms. Senges,

Thank you for taking the time to send the Town of Clifton your input. We wanted to start a discussion and reinforce to anyone who might be feeling excluded right now, that they are always welcome in our Town. We will continue the Town's effort to support longer term measures to improve racial justice in our community.

With Warm Regards,

Melissa

Melissa Milne

Town of Clifton Council Member

703.517.7703

From: Sarah Senges <saralb22@yahoo.com>**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:42 PM**To:** whollaway@cliftonva.gov; seffros@cliftonva.gov; rmcDonald@cliftonva.gov; mmilne@cliftonva.gov; ppline@cliftonva.gov; dpoe@cliftonva.gov**Subject:** Black Lives Matter Banner

Dear Clifton Town Council,

I am writing in regards to the banner that is currently hanging in the downtown area of Clifton supporting the Black Lives Matter movement. I live in Little Rocky Run and frequent Clifton on regular occasion, to the restaurants and shops. It is one of my husband and my favorite date night places. I was so excited to see the banner for the first time as I drove through town. The Black Lives Matter Banner. This is a movement for justice and should not politicized. I applaud the move to hang it and I strongly support keeping it in place. The message it sends to those persons of color who might travel through or consider a move to Clifton is one of welcome and inclusion. We **need** to show this level to support to a community that is being targeted and discriminated against repeatedly, leading to unjust loss of life. We can't be silent to their suffering. I believe the banner is a visible, undeniable show of that support so that all citizens may lean towards inclusion, and visitors come to expect it.

7/9/2020

cliftonva.gov Mail - RE: Black Lives Matter Banner

I realize a banner is only cloth but in this case, it means so much more. It is heartwarming that our children see this sign and know that it is the right thing to do. I have 3 children going through the public schools in the area and they believe strongly in this cause. This reinforces that they are on the right side of history and the town they live in supports justice. It isn't a Democrat or Republican issue. It is a human rights issue, plain and simple. We can't deny our black and brown friends and family have different lives than those of us white folks.

"There comes a time when silence is betrayal." Martin Luther King Jr. That time is NOW. Please, please continue this show of support for Black Lives Matter,

Sincerely,

Sarah Senges



Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

RE: Black Lives Matter Banner

1 message

mmilne@cliftonva.gov <mmilne@cliftonva.gov>

Tue, Jul 7, 2020 at 7:15 PM

To: mia dibari <miadibari04@gmail.com>, dpoe@cliftonva.gov, ppline@cliftonva.gov, rmcdonald@cliftonva.gov, seffros@cliftonva.gov, whollaway@cliftonva.gov

Cc: Clifton Clerk <clerk@cliftonva.gov>

Dear Ms. DiBari,

Thank you for taking the time to send the Town of Clifton your input. We wanted to start a discussion and reinforce to anyone who might be feeling excluded right now, that they are always welcome in our Town. We will continue the Town's effort to support longer term measures to improve racial justice in our community.

With Warm Regards,

Melissa

Melissa Milne

Town of Clifton Council Member

703.517.7703

From: mia dibari <miadibari04@gmail.com>**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 7:06 PM**To:** dpoe@cliftonva.gov; mmilne@cliftonva.gov; ppline@cliftonva.gov; rmcdonald@cliftonva.gov; seffros@cliftonva.gov; whollaway@cliftonva.gov**Subject:** Black Lives Matter Banner

Hi, my name is Mia DiBari and I am 15 years old. I was born here in Clifton and my mom grew up here too. My family and I are very invested in the community. We volunteer for several of the town events and love being involved in such an active community. The Black Lives Matter banner has really made me happy to live in a town that has made the decision to show their support to the black community. When I first saw the sign hanging in the town I just smiled. To me, and many other people of color, the sign is more than just words. It shows that this town is a safe place for everyone to live and that we care about the people of color in our community. A community like ours, which is predominantly white, can be super influential to those who are driving and seeing this sign can really make people of color feel like they can feel comfortable in our town. As a biracial (half black half white) it

means a lot to me to see our town taking a huge step forward. This sign can initiate many conversations that may be uncomfortable to talk about but, are very important to learn about and recognize what is going on outside of our small town. The sign also teaches younger children about equality. Everyone should be accepted and we all need to treat everybody with kindness no matter the color of their skin. There are so many micro aggressions that a lot of us are unaware about but, we can all take this time to become more aware of our words and how they can hurt the people around us. Inform yourself about black history and what poc have had to go through. There is a lot of information that gets skipped over in school but, it is so important to try and learn about the years of oppression that the black community has gone through. I hope you all will consider keeping the sign up to show that the Town of Clifton supports the black community.

Thank you,
Mia DiBari

The Washington Post

Democracy Dies in Darkness

A small, mostly white Virginia town put up a ‘Black Lives Matter’ banner. Ginni Thomas denounced it.

By **Patricia Sullivan**

July 10, 2020 at 11:08 a.m. EDT

The banner says “Welcome to Clifton where Black Lives Matter.”

It was posted over the tiny Northern Virginia town’s Main Street, in a space mostly used to advertise community events, after residents proposed staging a protest like the ones that have swept the country since the death of George Floyd in the custody of Minneapolis police.

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The gesture — which Mayor William R. Hollaway called “a first step” to beginning discussions of racial equity — drew mostly positive responses, according to the town clerk. But it prompted outrage from some residents of Fairfax County and nearby towns. Hollaway called the banner “the biggest controversy we’ve seen in many years.”

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One critical email, which was shared with The Washington Post, was sent from the email account of Ginni Thomas, an outspoken conservative whose consulting company is based in Burke and who is married to Clarence Thomas, the only black justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

“BLM is a bit of a dangerous Trojan Horse and they are catching well-meaning people into dangerous posturing that can invite mob rule and property looting,” Ginni Thomas, who is white, wrote on June 24. “Let’s not be tricked into joining cause with radical extremists seeking to foment a cultural revolution because they hate America.”

The email echoes remarks by President Trump and conservative commentators, who have denounced protesters for racial justice as radical, violent and un-American.

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Ginni Thomas did not respond to a request for comment Thursday. Her Facebook page is full of similar sentiments, quoting the same sources as in the email.

An email to the Town Council from Lin-Dai Kendall, a tea party Republican who once ran for Fairfax County School Board, said the sign appears to welcome “rioters who have vandalized entire zones in multiple American cities across the United States for the past three weeks.”

“You are affirming a misnomer that threatens to send us all into a cultural revolution pitting Marxists against freedom-loving Americans,” Kendall’s email said.

Critics also posted comments on Clifton’s Facebook page and anonymously mailed fliers to residents that try to tie the Black Lives Matter movement to international conspiracies.

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In response to the uproar, the council set aside half of its regular meeting Tuesday

night to hear feedback about the banner.

Nearly all of the 16 people who spoke at the meeting said they supported it. Several described their relief and thankfulness that the overwhelmingly white town of about 300 residents had taken an anti-racist stance.

“As an African American, I never would have guessed that this community would come together . . . to make such a clear message of welcome and openness,” said Mark Cherry.

Another speaker, Tony DiBari, posed a challenge to the assembled council members. “You guys already made the right decision; you put up the banner,” he said. “Now do you have the willingness, the wherewithal, the fight to stand behind the people of this community?”

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Hollaway — who works as a lawyer in downtown Washington in addition to serving as mayor — said the council called an emergency session June 11 to discuss possible responses to the national reckoning on race that has been amplified by Floyd’s death.

He was acutely aware of the sizable protests sweeping downtown Washington. While generally peaceful, the protests early on included some property damage and looting, and Hollaway's legal office "had all of its windows smashed out of it," he said.

"We couldn't go to work there. It was a volatile time," the mayor said. He believed the Town Council needed to make a statement right away.

While some residents wanted to organize a demonstration in solidarity with those seeking racial justice, council members suggested the banner as an alternative, noting that Black Lives Matter is a movement that goes far beyond the advocacy organization with that name. The council said June 11 that it did not support the group's goals of defunding police, decriminalizing prostitution and other "radical" aims.

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"We took action because we believed it was urgent, and we had a crisis before us," Hollaway said.

After the banner was stretched across Main Street, someone complained to the

Virginia Department of Transportation. Town Council members said the state agency has never expressed concern about banners erected in that space for the past three or four decades, advertising pancake breakfasts and the like.

The council decided Tuesday night that it would not remove the welcome sign until another organization requests the space to advertise a civic event, most of which have been canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic.

“We knew we had a 60-day maximum,” said Steve Effros, Clifton’s vice mayor. “What happens after that is, we may finally have a pancake breakfast.”

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Correction: A previous version of this story misspelled the name of Clifton's mayor. It is William R. Hollaway.

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Updated August 2, 2020

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Understanding racism and inequality in America

Patricia Sullivan

Patricia Sullivan covers government, politics and other regional issues in Arlington County and Alexandria. She worked in Illinois, Florida, Montana and California before joining The Post in November 2001. Follow 



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donaldgjoy%40gmail.com 1 week ago

Black VIOLENCE matters. It's atrocious that so many people of all races are brainwashed by the media and establishment to believe the false narrative of alleged continuing black victimization. Blacks are only 13% of our population, yet they commit over 52% of all murders and other violent crime. The truth is that the police hardly dare do anything to even make a dent in the black violence wildly out of proportion, because of what the brainwashed public, media, establishment, and seething mobs do to officers such as Darren Wilson and their families.

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Calver 2 weeks ago *(Edited)*

To think they accused Michelle Obama of looking like a man.

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Calver 2 weeks ago

Anyone else notice that whenever white supremacy is challenged, racists blame “communists”, “Marxists”, “anarchists” and people who “hate America”?

Get a new schtick That one's played out

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rockinrod 2 weeks ago

Don't forget "socialists."

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Calver 2 weeks ago

What an ugly bear of a woman! And her husband! What a pair!

Seriously just take a good look at those two. She looks like a man and he looks like a punk girl gorilla. They deserve each other because no body in their Right mind would spend one minute with either one of them.

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K_A_Hay 2 weeks ago

“Let’s not be tricked into joining cause with radical extremists seeking to foment a cultural revolution because they hate America.”

Those who love America should consider requiring equal justice and racial equality from our government agents more of a Constitutional imperative rather than a ‘cultural revolution’. The most obvious trick here is how ‘conservatives’ try to excuse unjustifiable police abuse.

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Ben Jackson 3 weeks ago

I will be interested to see the perhaps unintended results of cities and towns opening up their streets to be open forums. Like the Left argued in the Trump Twitter case, once a government body opens up their spaces to expressions of

opinions on controversial subjects, they must open the forums to ALL "speakers"

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Calver 2 weeks ago

Ok.

Go and paint "White Lives Matter" on Main Street and let's see how you handle the results.

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ChesDead 3 weeks ago

BLM Inc. is a Marxist organization collecting huge amounts of money from weak-kneed corporations for a planned remake of America along more progressive/socialist/communist lines:

Convicted terrorist Susan Rosenberg, she sits on the Board of Directors for the fundraising arm of Black Lives Matter. She was convicted for the 1983 bombing of the United States Capitol Building, the U.S. Naval War College and the New York Patrolmen's Benevolent Association.

Inside the female-run communist terror group hell-bent on destruction By Mary Kay Linge January 4, 2020 | 1:56pm | Updated

Susan Rosenberg, Judy Clark and Betty Ann Duke (left to right) turned radical and caused havoc with bombs and heists in the 1980s. Duke remains a federal fugitive from justice. The handcuffed woman glowered as federal investigators swarmed the Cherry Hill, New Jersey, storage unit where her "combat materials" were stashed.

But not even a hardened homegrown terrorist like 29-year-old Susan Rosenberg was ready to die this November night in 1984. "Put out the f-king cigarette," she growled at an officer who had unwisely lit up.

Rosenberg knew that the unit was stuffed with 740 pounds of leaking explosives. The nitroglycerine oozing from her poorly maintained cache of dynamite — stolen from a Texas construction firm four years earlier — was dangerous and highly unstable.

Reagan's election in 1980 told the remnants of America's radical left that the country had rejected their call to revolution. But M19's core of five women and two men pushed back with a series of seven explosions that they intended to be "percussive wake-up calls" for the nation, Rosenau writes — "proof that an underground army was still at work."

Most of M19's women were lesbians who claimed their orientation fueled their politics. The men had to prove their worth with initiation tasks: Alan Berkman donated his sperm so that founding member Judy Clark could get pregnant without having to endure conventional sex...

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Calver 2 weeks ago

You lie!

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ChesDead 3 weeks ago

In comments uncovered and reprinted in The National Pulse, Black Lives Matter co-founder Patrisse Cullors reveals that she and fellow co-founder Alicia Garza are followers of an ideology that could not be more foreign to the American way: "We actually do have an ideological frame. Myself and Alicia in particular, we're trained organizers. We are trained Marxists. We are super-versed on ideological theories."

BLM merged on the ground with the antifa anarchists and inner-city gangstas and felons to riot, loot, destroy shops and stores and murder more minorities in several weeks that bad cops do in a decade.

They hate America. They see nothing redeemable in America's history. They want to tear it all down and replace it with... Well, there was an effort in Seattle but now the Post won't even mention it!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=133&v=8J68p5I-gjQ&feature=emb_title

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Calver 2 weeks ago *(Edited)*

Actually, it was white Boogaloo infiltrators who caused all the trouble.

Nice try. Thanks for playing. Free balloons and phone chargers are on the table in the back. Help yourself on your way out.

And stop upvoting your own comments.

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normanbates2001 3 weeks ago

"We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement" ...

What does that mean?

"freeing ourselves from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking"

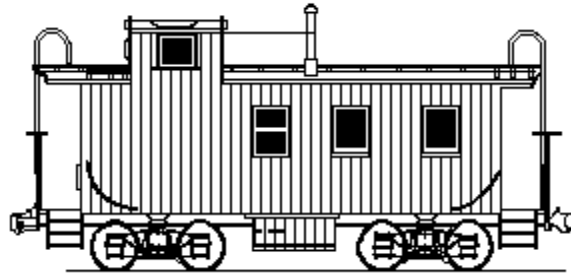
What does that have to do with racism?

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ziplly123 3 weeks ago *(Edited)*

Hooray for Clifton! Ignore Thomas and her ilk as they repeat the GOP Facebook



**CLIFTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020, 7:30 PM
ELECTRONIC MEETING BY ZOOM
12641 CHAPEL ROAD
CLIFTON, VA 20124**

Until further notice from the Mayor of Clifton, and in accordance with the Resolution of the Town Council regarding Remote Participation by Electronic Means Policy and the Town Council Continuity of Government Methods Authorizing Remote Participation by Electronic Means Without a Physical Quorum Being Present Pursuant to Virginia Law, the Town of Clifton Town Council is holding the Meeting noticed herein electronically for the purpose of continuity of government of the Town of Clifton.

The meeting will be conducted using Zoom teleconferencing audio and video service, and connection information will be provided to members of the public to afford the opportunity to citizens to witness the operation of the Town of Clifton government. Connection information is available from, and will be provided by, the Town Clerk.

Any member of the public wishing to observe or participate in the electronic meeting **must notify the Town Clerk at clerk@cliftonva.gov in advance by Noon on the day of the meeting** in order to register for the meeting.

Any member of the public requesting to speak or make comments during the electronic meeting **must register with the Town Clerk at clerk@cliftonva.gov in advance by Noon on the day of the meeting, providing their name and address and the subject matter of their comments,** in order to have an opportunity to speak and provide comments during the meeting. Any such comments will be **limited to three (3) minutes** per speaker and priority will be given to the citizens and taxpayers of the Town of Clifton. Members of the public may also submit written comments to the Town Clerk in advance of the meeting. Any such written comments will be included in the record for the meeting, but will not be read aloud during the meeting.

Order of Business:

1. Appointment of Town Employees, Officers, and Committee Members for 2020-2021:
 - a. Appointment of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer;
 - b. New Appointment and Reappointments to Planning Commission;
 - c. Reappointment of Architectural Review Board;
 - d. New Town Council Representative for Parks Committee;
 - e. Establish New Committees:
 - i. Pink House Maintenance Committee;
 - ii. Holiday Tree Lighting Event Committee.
2. Report of the Town Clerk:
 - a. Approval of the Minutes (previous meetings and work sessions).

3. Report of the Treasurer.
4. Citizen's Remarks - Suggestions or complaints of citizens and taxpayers, and other persons authorized by the Mayor to address the Council.

Each person wishing to address the Council shall, when recognized by the Mayor:

- (i) Give their name and address;
- (ii) Direct their remarks to the Council and not to other citizens present;
- (iii) Be limited to one period of not over three (3) minutes, unless granted additional time by unanimous consent of the Council.

Persons requesting to speak must have registered with the Town Clerk by no later than Noon of the day of the meeting. Priority to speak shall be given to citizens and tax-payers of the Town of Clifton.

5. Reports of Committees:
 - a. Planning Commission.
 - b. Report of the Zoning Administrator:
 - i. Update on Residential Construction Final Use Permits;
 - ii. Update on Residential Commercial Use Permits.
 - c. Architectural Review Board.
 - d. Streetscape Project Committee.
 - e. Other Committees:
 - i. Communications Committee – Use of Town Email Addresses.
 - f. Board of Zoning Appeals Vacancy.
6. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Clifton COVID-19 CARES Act Small Business Grant Program – Status and Approval:
 - i. Industrial Development Authority – Directors, Resolution;
 - ii. Memorandum of Agreement with Industrial Development Authority;
 - iii. Application Process and Selection of Grant Recipients;
 - iv. Approval of Grants and Distribution of CARES Act Funds.
 - b. Additional Discussion of “welcome to Clifton where black lives matter” Banner – Further Discussion and Consideration.
7. New Business:
 - a. None.
8. Adjournment.