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I am writing to voice my support for keeping the Black Lives Matter banner on the Town Hall.

I was born in Arlington and my parents still live in Arlington. I am now 57 and I want to be able to be proud of my town. However, recent incidents and voting to take down the Black Lives Matter banner make it harder and harder to be proud of Arlington.

It seems lately, that Arlington has been making the news for the wrong reasons. Whether it is the arson targeting the Jewish institutions in Arlington, the Swastika graffiti, the vandalizing of the Black Lives Matter banner at the High school, it seems that Arlington is a community of intolerance and hate.

I want to be part of a town that stands up for what is right, which includes standing up for, and supporting, the rights of those who need more standing up for.

Black lives matter. It should be an easy statement to support. It is like saying, "the sky is blue". Maybe it should not need to be said, but unfortunately it is necessary to say it and I think, that as a town, we should be saying it on the Town Hall.

please attach my comments in this e-mail to the meeting minutes

Sincerely,
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