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I would like to share my thoughts regarding what occurred at the last two Town Council meetings during the Pledge of Allegiance when counselors did not stand.

I respect that people have strong feelings about what is happening nationally and about the current Administration and its departments. However, when serving on this commission, members are not acting as individuals — they are representing our town.

The flag and the Pledge of Allegiance stand for something much bigger than personal political opinions. They represent liberty and justice for all, and they honor the generations who stood together — through wars and times of great division — to protect those freedoms. Standing for the pledge is not about supporting a president, a policy, or an agency; it is about recognizing the ideals that unite us as Americans.

When commissioners choose to make a personal political statement during a civic tradition, it shifts the focus away from unity and toward individual views. I believe that misses the bigger picture and the responsibility that comes with public service.

I hope that moving forward, our commission meetings reflect respect for our shared values and the community we all serve.

Thank you.

Warm Regards,
Lee Ann Berry