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I am shocked that a citizen of this town would use such language and misguided information. To insist and demand that the "Artwork" be removed goes against our basic freedom of speech. This is the kind of rhetoric that further incites a divisional and racist agenda. No one in our Borough, State or Country has a license to kill. I am legally allowed to carry a gun along with every citizen that is allowed to own a gun in Alaska that does not give me a license to kill. This is not a court room and we are not on trial.

We have cities like Portland, that wanted to remove the police department. I fully appreciate the need to support our police. My brother in law and step son were both police officers. The horrors that they saw and delt with were very traumatic. Every day they went to work with the real possibility that it would be their last day on earth. I am sure that defense attorneys see them in a different paradigm.

This person does not speak for the citizens of the community, at least not the majority.

Chief Kerr's statements were not about masking but using excessive force on a very controversial mandate of fining the citizens of the community and using police to enforce it. This shows that Chief Kerr is against excessive force.

Miss Walsh was consulted by members of the Assembly that wanted to bring punitive measures against Chief Kerr. His Lawsuit is a direct result along with the other current lawsuit; due to a lack of transparency by the Borough and the Assembly that were standing at the time.

This community has been about acceptance and to tell us that the flag represents something other then what we feel it is, is wrong. I find it fascinating how far reaching her statement is and has jumped to some wild conclusions. Also, Ketchikan does have a blue line flag in their police station.

I would submit that she has issues with the police department. She had submitted an email that basically asked to "defund", the police by taking money from the department and paying for sidewalks. She accused the department of being raciest after the firing incident of officer Pickle. There is also the fact that she is named on the pending lawsuit.

We have real problems and real issues, this is not one of them.