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Take 2 - regarding Annie McHale/Pledge

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Than you!

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Dear Mayor Anderson and City Council Members,

Thank you for your service, you make Stevenson a better community. With that said, I strongly lend my support towards Annie McHale whom opted to not stand during the Pledge of Allegiance.

This should not be a requirement of a council member. Frankly, each member is an adult, not a grade-schooler being asked to stand and mumble through something they don't fully understand and that I find incredibly outdated and not a true representation of our One Now Nation.

I'm a firm believer in the separation of Church and State as was the original pen in 1892. "One Nation under God" was added in 1954. We are a nation of many religions, gods and those who have neither.

"Liberty and Justice for all" is also a dream but not a reality. Does saying it make it so or does protesting it show we need to work on true Liberty and Justice for all? I would argue the latter.

I have no idea why Ms McHale opted to not stand but her action leaves me confident in her ability to serve on the City Council. We need leaders, not followers. Ms. McHale may not stand for an outdated and inaccurate pledge but she clearly loves her country and city and is willing to serve which make her a very patriotic woman in my eyes.

I request you kindly include this in the council packet.

Kind regards,

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