

To stand or not stand for the Pledge

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Sun, Aug 8, 2021 at 12:56 PM

Change is hard enough in our personal lives, but it is incredibly difficult in society when there is always pressured to maintain the status quo. How does one respectfully bring attention to the need for change? Sitting quietly while others stand for the pledge is one way. I do not know of one instance of a citizen respectfully suggesting there needs to be change without others responding in anger. Annie's quiet and respectful way of saying there needs to be change does not break any law nor is it a precursor to breaking any law such as not paying taxes. Standing for the pledge is the acceptable way of showing allegiance, but those who died for our country did so for much more than for the ceremony of standing and facing the flag during the pledge. They fought and died for freedom of speech and the right to protest injustice. They fought so some can sit, and some can stand when it comes to issues.

Annie is one of the most community minded people I know. Skamania County is blessed to have someone so committed to our community. I am grateful we have someone on the council willing to look at local issues through fresh eyes. Annie is anything but thoughtless or rude, but she is a woman that is unafraid and unapologetic when it comes to righting wrongs. Her courage is a welcomed addition to our county.

Respectfully, Deborah Taylor

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Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 9:38 AM

Debbie,

Do you want your comments included in the next update of the council packet to be recorded for the August 12th meeting?

Thanks,

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Thanks for checking with me. Yes, please include them.

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On Aug 9, 2021, at 9:39 AM, Leana Kinley <leana@ci.stevenson.wa.us> wrote:

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