

# Town of Wethersfield

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Dear Friends:

As Wethersfield Town officials we have many roles – policy-makers, conveners, and stakeholders. The tragic death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, and subsequent protests and riots have shaken the center of our existence; not only as leaders or employees, but as mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, friends and at the most core, human beings.

The act of one or even a few police officers is not representative of the purpose and sanctity of law enforcement. At the most fundamental level, the job of first responders is to serve and protect, and while doing so, preserve life. We are heartbroken and disturbed by the reprehensible acts of a few and support the peaceful gatherings in town that help unify people.

Regardless of your race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, age, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, political affiliation, socio-economic status or any other affiliation, we should stand together. More importantly, we should share our concerns, feelings, and ideas on how to move our community forward, peacefully, and with a look towards the future of Wethersfield, our state, and nation.

In the near future, we will organize small, online group discussions followed by larger community conversations when it is once again safe to gather in person. We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

*Mike Rell*  
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