

## Erika Smith

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**From:** Merrie DeSisto <MDeSisto@barrington.ri.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 3:25 PM  
**To:** Erika Smith  
**Subject:** FW: Correspondence BLM Flag Over Town Hall

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 9:10 AM  
**To:** Jim Cunha <[JCunha@barrington.ri.gov](mailto:JCunha@barrington.ri.gov)>  
**Subject:** BLM Flag Over Town Hall

Dear Mr. Managed,

To endorse the act of flying a BLM flag over the Barrington Town Hall is pure stupidity.

You must believe your self-righteousness is next to godliness. Ain't so.

Fact is, you're a duckin' idiot. A double dumbass.

Steve Boulton  
Narragansett (God's country across the bay)

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**From:** Merrie DeSisto <MDeSisto@barrington.ri.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 3:27 PM  
**To:** Erika Smith  
**Subject:** FW: Correspondence (BLM )Proud of you

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**From:** Derick Ariyam

**To:** Jim Cunha <[JCunha@barrington.ri.gov](mailto:JCunha@barrington.ri.gov)>  
**Subject:** Proud of you

Dear Mr. Cunha,

I just wanted you to know, I don't usually write to city officials. But I was just so happy to read about the bold stance you are making in the town of Barrington despite all the opposition and controversy. I am not a resident, at least not currently. My wife and I were planning to relocate somewhere in RI, and I had mentally dismissed Barrington as an option because of fear of discrimination: I'm Sri Lankan and my wife is white -- and we have two little girls.

While I know racial discrimination is prevalent everywhere -- and it is impossible to fully shield our children from it -- it warms my heart to see what you are doing in Barrington. You have changed my perspective of the town. Even if there are the few who may have some degree of racial bias (consciously or unconsciously), the fact that leadership in the town is willing to confront it so openly, is just remarkable and so powerful.

I don't expect a reply, but I just wanted you to know how I felt.

All the best to you,  
Derick Ariyam

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**To:** Erika Smith  
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**From:** Jeff Rockwell <  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 11:24 AM  
**To:** Jim Cunha <[JCunha@barrington.ri.gov](mailto:JCunha@barrington.ri.gov)>  
**Subject:** BLM FLAG

I am disgusted that the flag of the overtly political and sometimes violent group black lives matter is being flown at the town hall. It was nice to see the banner that says Barrington Is For Everyone next to the traffic light at the corner of Maple Avenue and County roads. A couple of weeks ago I dropped off a very large check at the drop-off for town taxes. The check was for all four quarters-paid in advance. Now my wife and I are thinking of moving out of town to escape the political correctness. Please take the blm flag down.

Jeff Rockwell  
Barrington High School Class of 1965

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Subject: Black Lives Matter

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