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This is a comment for the Citizen's Forum that I request read into the record at the Council meeting this evening, June 24th, 2020.

My name is Jonathan Niehof and I live at 25 School Street in Dover.

I was appalled to read in Foster's that the Mayor is considering the words "All Lives Matter" for a sign at City Hall. Nobody said "All Live Matter" until people started saying "Black Lives Matter." It is a counterargument, a contradiction, to the statement that Black Lives Matter.

I appreciate the desire to have a phrase that celebrates the range of diversity in Dover. "All Lives Matter" is not that phrase. The fact that it was even considered suggests that Council should commit to a period of active and engaged listening before issuing a statement regarding racism in our community and country.

Thank you.