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Dear City Clerk and City Commission,

I would like to provide feedback on the agenda item regarding the "Report on the City's response to the Protest Miami Demonstration". My apologies for sending this message after the start of the meeting, but I hope these comments are entered into the public record and made available to the commissioners and the CG Police.

First, I would like to sincerely thank the CG Police Department for their thoughtful, measured, and kind participation at the protest in CG on Saturday, 30 May. While I did not attend that demonstration, it was heartening to see photos of officers bowed in prayer and paying respects to Mr. Floyd, not to mention that they were engaged in discussion with the community, rather than putting on military-style gear and confronting citizens.

Second, I would like to ask the CG Police Department and the city to continue to work to police the community in a matter that serves the community and affords dignity to every citizen. That is, policing needs to be done legally, fairly, collaboratively, and without bias. Please invest in bias training and de-escalation techniques. If choke holds are allowed, ban them. Investigate complaints of abuse immediately, and thoroughly, and dismiss and prosecute officers who act illegally. Dismiss/prosecute bystander officers who abet illegal behavior. None of these things should be questionable, and they should be the backbone of our city.

If these actions are difficult or prohibited because of police unions, please make that known so the citizens can lobby the unions to do the right thing to make our community safe, just, and welcoming for every single citizen.

Thank you all for serving our community.

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