


# Town of Windsor

## Memorandum

April 20, 2021

**TO:** The Honorable Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** William G. Saunders, IV, Town Manager WGS 

**SUBJECT:** Moving Forward from the Police Stop of Lt. Nazario on December 5, 2020

### Background

As you are aware, the response to the Police Stop of Lt. Nazario on December 5, 2020 and subsequent law suit against Officers Gutierrez and Crocker, has sent shockwaves through our community and beyond. This has resulted in thousands of emails and phone calls, scores of requests for comment, and dozens of FOIA requests, coming into town offices. Given the small staff of the Town, which is stretched thin in normal times, the repercussions of this fallout have been severely detrimental to ongoing town operations.

### Specifics

- Temporary staff has been obtained in order to assist town staff in maintaining minimal levels of attention to normal duties and may be required moving forward.
- Other agencies and governments have been reached out to for various levels of support and assistance.
- Town staff have faced a withering barrage of vulgar and threatening phone calls and continue to do so in order to maintain town operations.
- Town staff are attending to the FOIA requests to the degree possible; however, with the short window to respond and so many extraordinarily large requests coming in at the same time, the town may need to petition the courts to have more time to respond.
- Current large special projects that staff are maintaining to the degree possible include: Windsor Town Center roof, FY2019-2020 Audit, FY2021-2022 Budget development, extra Real Estate billing cycle, and the Virginia Ave. and Duke St. Water Main project.

Town staff have performed admirably in the face of these daunting challenges and should be lauded for their dogged persistence.

### Enclosures

None

### Recommendation

For your information