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MEDIA STATEMENT

While posing for a photo with our beloved seniors in Medley is something I do on a regular basis, posing for this particular photo clearly sent the wrong message.

I'm upset with myself for not realizing at the time the photo was being taken how serious and hurtful this image would be to people of color. I was insensitive.

For this, I am genuinely sorry.

I have learned from this and appreciate all who have contacted me to kindly show me the error of my judgement and to better educate me on how posing for this photo inadvertently went against my values and our Town's beliefs of inclusion and respect for all.

Again, I'd like to express my apologies. I look forward to rebuilding the trust of any of our residents, employees, and all; who were upset by my lack of sensitivity.

Sincerely,

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