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Dear Senators:

We, the undersigned members of the council of the City of Arnold, ask you to exercise your authority under the Pennsylvania State Constitution to investigate and address serious acts of conduct and complaints involving Mayor Karen Peconi. This matter is governed by the Third (3RD) Class City Code and the Pennsylvania Constitution.

The Third (3rd) Class City Code provides that elected city officials "must be removed from office in accordance with the Constitution of Pennsylvania as follows: (i) by impeachment; (ii) by the Governor for reasonable cause after due notice and full hearing on the advice of two-thirds of the Senate; or (iii) upon conviction of misbehavior in office or of any infamous crime." 3rd Class City Code § 10901(b).

Similarly, Article VI, Section 7 of the Pennsylvania Constitution provides that a civil officer, elected by the people, such as the mayor, can only be removed "by the Governor to reasonable cause, after due notice and full hearing, on the address of two-thirds of the Senate". In addition, Section 4 of Article VI give the House of Representatives the power of impeachment.

Mayor Karen Peconi, in the days following the death of Antwon Rose, a young African-American, killed by a police officer, publicly commented and posted videos of racially insensitive views on her public Facebook page. The post came in the

midst of days of peaceful demonstrations by protesters in and around the City of Pittsburgh.

Without cause, Mayor Peconi re-posted a video that was originally posted on July 27, 2017, showing "Rioters destroyed by water cannon." She stated, "I'm posting this so the authorities every where sees this ... I agree with Tom, bring the hoses." The council of the City of Arnold believes that this comment alone was meant to incite violence against peaceful protesters exercising their constitutional rights of Free Speech and the Right to Assemble.

At the time Mayor Peconi made the above referenced comments, she further stated in a subsequent post with images of a water cannon and in reference to an upcoming protest march, "We need one of these for tomorrow." Then, in part, she wrote, "They don't care about jobs for Pittsburgh...none of them work now. That's how they can do this at 7 a.m. ...Very sad."

We understand that these remarks may be protected speech under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. However, we believe that these remarks crossed the line of protected speech. The words are a call to action to harm citizens and should not be taken lightly by the legislature. She is the Mayor of a city and at the time had a wide following on her Facebook page. This page was deleted after the comments were discovered and the negative publicity came to light through the local news media.

These racially insensitive remarks are not the first time that Mayor Peconi has publicly displayed vile comments on her Facebook page. The Tribune Review reported that on at least six other occasions of racially discriminatory posts about former President Obama, Muslims and the Confederate Flag. Mayor Peconi was asked directly about making these posts at the public council meeting on July 10, 2018 and she admitted that she in fact posted and re-posted the posts.

We believe that the citizens of the City of Arnold have the right to have complete confidence in their local elected officials and that they will govern without regard to race, gender or sexual orientation. As a result of her comments, the Mayor has lost the confidence of the citizens to lead this city in any meaningful manner.

Stability and leadership in the City of Arnold is essential to meeting its mission, which is to ensure a safe environment for the community, promote an excellent quality of life and provide a substantial level of services directed in a courteous and respectful manner for the protection of lives, property and civil rights of all residents.


Over 600 residents of the City of Arnold presented the Mayor with a Petition requesting her to resign from her position at the public meeting on July 10, 2018. Many citizens spoke during the public comments portion of the public meeting on


that same date and also pleaded with her to resign for the good of the city. She refuses to step aside.

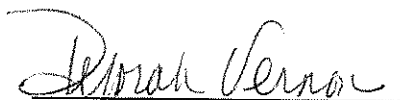
We are left with no other alternative but to request that the Senate of Pennsylvania establish a Special Committee to pursue possible address under Article VI, Section 7, of the Constitution of Pennsylvania relating to Mayor Karen Peconi and recommend by the proper authority to Governor Wolf that she be removed from her elected office. The council of the City of Arnold believes that if the complaints and charges, if established, constitute reasonable grounds for discipline of the Mayor up to and including removal from office.

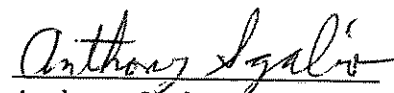
On behalf of the citizens of the City of Arnold, thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

Respectfully,


Joseph Bia
Councilman


Philip McKinley
Councilman


Deborah Vernon
Councilwoman


Anthony Sgalio
Councilman

cc: Honorable Tom Wolf
Mayor Karen Peconi
Mario Bellavia, City Clerk

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Karen Peconi


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It's a story of a man,
Who is **half white** but pretends to be black,
Who is a **Muslim** but pretends to be Christian,
Who **funded ISIS** but pretends to have fought them,
Who **incites Blacks against Whites** but pretends to be a social justice warrior,
Who was **born in Kenya**, grew up in **Indonesia** but pretends to be an American,
Who **gave our enemies Uranium and billions of dollars** but pretends to care about America

The Imposter





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January 27 · 🌐



Miete Miete
January 9 · 🌐

Muslim destroying in Italy, the statue of baby Jesus with the virgin Mary.
Country that welcomed him and gave him food, home and weekly money. Only those who believe in fairy tales thought it would be different. Time will say...

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April 5 ·



Paul Bennett

September 12, 2015 ·

LOCAL MAYOR REFUSES TO REMOVE PORK FROM SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU AND EXPLAINS WHY.

Muslim parents have demanded the abolition of pork in all the school canteens of a Montreal suburb. It seems it is offensive to the Muslim

families and shows much disrespect.

The mayor of the Montreal suburb of Dorval, has refused, and the town

clerk sent a note to all parents in the municipality to explain why.

The following is what the note stated:

"Muslims must understand that they have to adapt to Canada and

Quebec, its customs, its traditions, its way of life, because that is

where they chose to immigrate. They must understand that they have to

integrate and learn to live in Quebec. They must understand that it is

for them to change their lifestyle, not the Canadians who so

generously welcomed them."

"They must understand that Canadians are neither racist nor

xenophobic, they accepted many immigrants before Muslims (Whereas the



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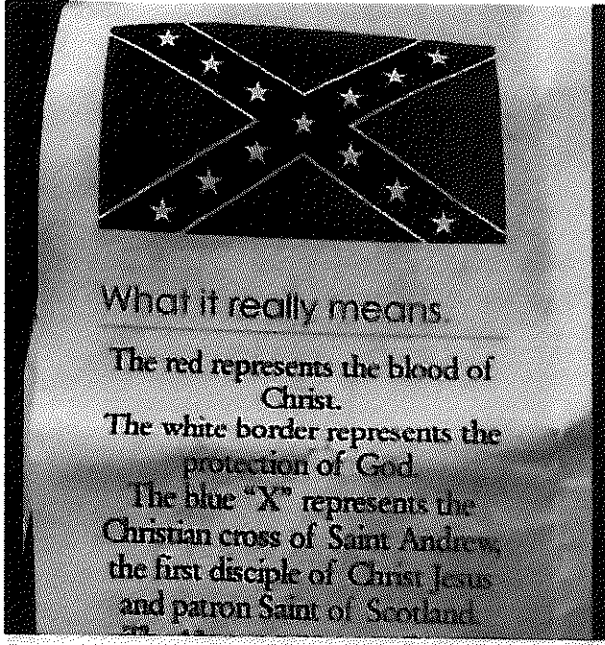


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April 25 · 🌐



Sandra Bailey is with Robin McMurray and 35 others.
February 17, 2016 · 🌐

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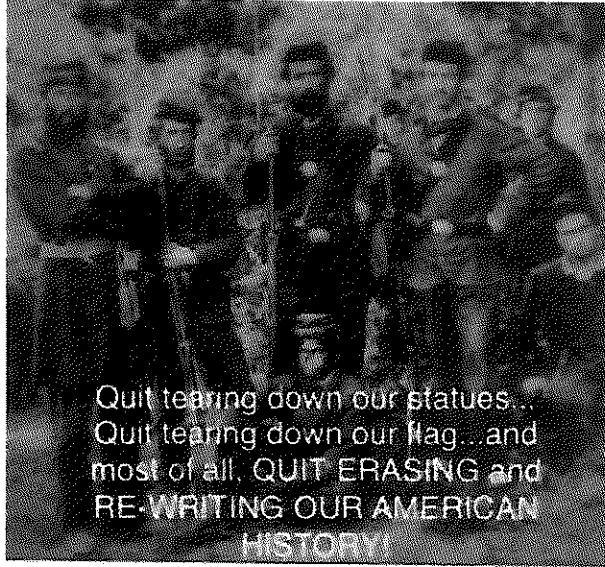
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Greg Katz
May 16, 2017 · 🌐



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