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From: Andrew Trivette
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 1:33 PM
To: City Council Group
Cc: Executive Team;Nicole Trifone;Sarah N Smith;Dustie McCay
Subject: Lovelight Decision - Email Response

Good Afternoon Everyone:

Lovelight Placemaking is scheduled to host Second Sundays this weekend. Apparently they received a request to also have the event be host to a local Hanukkah celebration, which they decided not to accept.

The decision has gotten a lot of local and national attention and many are confusing the decisions made by Lovelight Placemaking with the view, opinions, and decisions of the City of Williamsburg. The City was not consulted on the proposed Hanukkah celebration and had no role in the decisions made by Lovelight Placemaking.

To help respond to the emails, phone calls, and messages we have all received, we have prepared this message as a response. Feel free to use it for your responses as needed or you may choose to forward emails to citycouncil@williamsburgva.gov and we will respond.

Suggested Response:

Sunday, December 3 we became aware that a community organization made a decision regarding the content of its planned event. Lovelight Placemaking's decision was theirs alone. The City of Williamsburg has no role in curating the artists, vendors, or participants of 2nd Sundays.

Our city is committed to our vision of One Williamsburg, where all people who live, work, and visit have the opportunity to thrive. Compassion and empathy are at the heart of our core values, and we remain dedicated to serving and engaging the community to achieve the One Williamsburg ideal.

Thanks,
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