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## Letters to the editor

An issue of freedom

We live on a cul-de-sac near the high school. Our lot is pie-shaped and abuts onto Stanley Boulevard. We fly an American flag next to a rainbow flag because, in our opinion, you can't have freedom for some and not for others. We also support our nation's police forces. What we do not condone is the actions of a few rogue officers who feel that some people's lives are not as worthy as others. Like many Lamorinda residents, we have watched in horror as black men and women are abused, shot in the back, shot in their beds, suffocated to death, and generally not accorded any dignity that is inherently theirs just by virtue of being a human being. I don't worry about my 6-foot, 3-inch son walking out the door wearing a hoodie, but he's white.

Because of the shape of our lot, we have a fence facing Stanley Boulevard. Over the last two years, we have put up protest posters regarding various political issues that reflect our values, especially regarding black lives matter. We feel that the current legal system is unfair, and we feel that we have the right to air these opinions. These posters are being torn down. We don't know who is tearing them down. These posters on OUR property. We keep putting them up and others keep pulling them down. At least the last poster that was torn down was thrown over our fence. We promptly put it back up. We are close to contacting the police because we consider this vandalism.

You don't have to agree with our political stance. Fine. You can fly whatever flags you want at your house. A confederate flag? Go to town. Nail it to your fence. We can assure you that we will not tear it down. Because we respect the right you have to air your opinions, as vile as they may be. We value your rights as a homeowner, and we will not trespass on your property. We ask that you give us the same consideration.

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