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Please distribute this letter to all Commissioners and put it in the public comments. Thank you.

From: Nancy Flanagan, Solon Township

I was a public school music teacher for 35 years, and am currently a paid church musician. I am intimately familiar with the line between church and state, public and private.

I know how easy it is, in a largely Christian community, to assume that 'everybody' appreciates bringing God and Jesus into a public gathering. This is neither true, nor helpful in establishing good government.

The list of local clergy willing to contribute a prayer each month will be 100% Christian. And non-Christians will understand that Christians are given a prime spot to proselytize at a civic gathering of elected officials every month.

No cautionary language in the resolution will prevent the mention of Christian beliefs. And none of what is said in public prayer will help the BOC do better work. It will become yet another distraction.

Go ahead and offer a moment of silence. But please--no prayers.

Thank you.