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Medfield Introduces Dedicated Hotline to Report Discrimination and Bias-Motivated Incidents

Medfield, MA - The Town of Medfield Administrators Office is pleased to announce the creation of a dedicated hotline for residents to report incidents of hate speech and actions that violate the Select Board's "Statement Against Oppressive Actions and Speech Directed at Individuals and Groups." This new initiative is part of Medfield's ongoing commitment to ensure everyone in our community has the opportunity to be heard, respected, and acknowledged.

Hotline Details:

The hotline is set up as a messaging system and will not be staffed for receiving live calls. Residents who have witnessed or experienced bias-motivated speech or actions are encouraged to call and leave a detailed message. Calls that include the reporting of theft, threats, vandalism, or violence will be communicated to the Police Department, but callers reporting these kinds of events should also call the Police Department directly. This hotline is not intended to substitute for direct communications or reports to the Medfield Police Department

Purpose of the Hotline:

The primary goal of this hotline is to ensure the incidents that violate the Select Boards Statement are addressed by the necessary parties regardless of whether the incidents are legally actionable. By implementing this hotline, Medfield aims to enhance its visibility and understanding of the prevalence and severity of undesirable conduct within the community.

Important Information for Residents:

- **Reporting Only:** This hotline is solely for reporting incidents of discrimination, bias, or intimidation. ***Residents who are in life-threatening emergency situations should contact 911 immediately.***
- **Confidentiality:** You may report incidents anonymously, however, if you are willing to provide identifying information that will help the town take appropriate action in response to your report or if you are willing to answer follow-up questions, leave your contact information.

Statement from the Administrator's Office:

"The Town of Medfield is dedicated to creating a safe and inclusive environment for all residents. This new hotline is an important step in ensuring that instances of discrimination and bias are reported and addressed promptly. We are committed to listening to our community and taking action to improve the quality of life for everyone in Medfield."

For more information, and to access the hotline, please visit the Town Administrator or Select Board's website.