The reprehensible defilement of the Christopher Columbus statue, gifted to the City by the UNICO Club, was an egregious act of vandalism totally out of character for the City of Waterbury. Such behavior never has, nor ever will have a place in our community. THAT IS NOT WHO WE ARE.

We are a City built on the fruits of the labor of generations of immigrants of all nationalities, colors and creeds. And yes, while we might have spirited debates amongst ourselves, we never destroy, vandalize or deface public property. This is a shameful act of violence and a serious distraction to the work at hand.

Thanks to the Waterbury P.D. for their prompt and professional work to bring the perpetrator to justice. Let this sad moment in our City’s history serve to bring us together with renewed energy to focus on our goal of coalition building and effectuating real change.

Sincerely,

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