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January 19, 2024

Samantha F. Lawrence
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Re: Currituck County Senior Center

Dear Ms. Lawrence,

I am following up on my letter dated January 10, 2024, which is enclosed. I am writing to clarify what I mean by "moment of silence." The county is not prohibiting prayer at the senior center, it is allowing individuals to do what they wish in thanks for the meal they are getting ready to receive. This can be a prayer, song, complete silence, etc. It does not have to be "silent" in the literal sense of the word; however, it will be voluntary and not initiated by county staff.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Megan E. Morgan
County Attorney

Cc: Currituck County Board of Commissioners
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Dear Ms. Lawrence,

I represent the County of Currituck and am in receipt of your letter dated January 8, 2024 regarding allegations of prayer practice at the Currituck County Senior Center. According to the Senior Center Director, a voluntary prayer is held prior to lunch. It is a complete fabrication that individuals are not allowed to eat until they participate in the prayer. It is a voluntary activity for those individuals who want to participate.

Even though the Senior Center is not condoning an unconstitutional prayer practice alleged in your letter, there will be an immediate shift from a voluntary prayer to a moment of silence prior to lunch.

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