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## *I hope this finds you well*

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### Prelude

One of the things journalists grapple with is the idea that extend from the statement, [report the news, do not become the news.] I have also read this statement in reverse...I began Something Media® LLC in 2007. I have since adopted two positions, 1.) [I don't want to be in the industry, I want to

become the industry.] I also like to remind people that this agency was founded on our creative pursuits, having more to do with the website development, design, music, photography, and video. And less to do with reporting the news; but we cannot escape our upbringing. We must share our stories, and endeavor to tell the truth. I pledge to present the truth. I have no reason to lie to you. I have a for profit company, I plan to use any wealth and authority to help those less fortunate by taking social responsibility seriously.

I will report my observations to the best of my abilities. If you are reading, commenting, sharing, these blogposts, then I will continue to put in the work. You don't have to like it; you can use the *angry react* if you hate it. You should correct me if I get something wrong. I hope to demonstrate how small conversations make big decisions. Before you read into my time in the Dane County Equal Opportunities Commission, or the Madison Common Council, or any public discussion, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Shia Aaron Lloyd Fisher, the first. I am the father of one, I am a student studying to become a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, currently enrolled at Madison College in the Pre-Professional Health Program. As a hobbyist I do many fun things. My passion is equitable opportunity development.

You've read so far that I am a busy person whose hobby is entrepreneurship. I began my own company at the age of 17, the same year I had my kid. As a father, my role in life is to protect while providing for my child. I do this by actively listening in discussions that impact our society, which is why Something Media® reports the news. The title of this series is an adoption from my older brother who used to begin (or end) his emails with, [I hope this message finds you well.] This endearing and warming expression of good will, and concern, instilled for me the *pro social* behavior of a gentleperson who is genuinely vested in building a society. Let's do the thing!

## The Complications in City Council

It is 2019 and we are moments away from Summer Solstice. The second Tuesday June 11, the Madison Common Council convened in healthy quorum. To be clear, I would have missed many of the fireworks in tonight's meeting had the Dane County Equal Opportunities Commission (D-EOC) made quorum. Quorum is the set number of participants to be present in a particular committee, according to law. Open Records Law requires five (5) commissioners to be present at D-EOC meetings for example. As a result, I took it upon myself to begin writing issue #1 of Something Media® - *I hope this finds you well*, weblog.

The Common Council frequently begins hearings with the passing of resolutions. This is not a formality. These are given a lot of thought, appreciation and attention. As part of a normal formality there are votes on suspension of certain rules. This process helps customize the way the hearing is conducted to accommodate the agenda with a straightforward approach. Of course, roll is normally taken first, but it is up to the mayor to move the meeting. At first Madison Mayor, Satya Rhodes-Conway, didn't call roll. Instead, this meeting was called to order, and almost immediately Mayor Rhodes-Conway asked for a moment of silence in reverence of the loss of life of two triathletes over the weekend...