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**Subject:** Re: UPDATE: Charles County Farm Bureau Submits Recommendations for Charter Board

Good afternoon, Mr. Hopkins,

Thank you for including the Commissioners in your concern. This email confirms receipt and assures it will be provided to the Commissioners.

Thank you,

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In responding to a communication from the Farm Bureau, and as long time farm owners and operators, we are OPPOSED to Charter Government for Charles County. Before granting these inept, farm hating Commissioners more power under a new form of government the following needs to be addressed and reforms initiated:

1. It is imperative that the issue of whether one of the Commissioners engaged in racial discrimination in possible violation of federal and state law needs to be addressed. We strongly suggest that the MD Attorney General be requested to IMMEDIATELY take over administration of Charles County Government until this issue is resolved. Regardless, the Commissioner who engaged in the seeming discrimination needs to be REMOVED FOR CAUSE.
2. Waldorf and the so-called New Community of St. Charles need to be recognized and organized as a city with their own governmental structure. These are dense urban areas with serious urban problems of crime, poverty, inadequate city infrastructure, etc. This uncontrolled and uncontrollable urban concentration is not serving its purpose or its citizens with basic governmental services which are far removed from what little is left of a rural county and the decreasing farming interests. Once the rural and agricultural interests are divorced from the urban areas and accompanying problems, the County government can be made far simpler and less expensive to rural and agricultural folk.
3. The current government is doing little, if anything, to protect the interests of rural residents as it panders to unrestrained "development" by goniffs whose only interest is in gobbling up realty to construct more and more cheap, overpriced and crowded housing concentrations with no job opportunities or REAL business expansion. We are sick of the condition of rural roads which are being overrun by lawless vehicle operators who drive like maniacs endangering agricultural folk and traffic--particularly the Amish. It is time to get a handle on the two so-called race tracks in St. Mary's County which destroy rural roads and have patrons who operate vehicles in a careless and reckless fashion going to and from the increasingly noisy events. Remediation of the excessive noise is necessary as has been done in other more civilized jurisdictions. Also, the tracks are exceeding any reasonable restrictions on numbers of events, hours of operation and decibel levels. Law enforcement is non-existent when it comes to enforcing traffic laws particularly speeding, operation of non-compliant vehicles (use of mufflers, etc.), alcohol checks, etc. In the interest of civility and decency, it is time to take governmental action against the current tone deaf Charles County government that seems to be in the hip pocket of reckless growth and goniff "developers."

Please accept these recommendations that seemingly would improve the lives of farmers and rural residents.

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On Tue, May 21, 2024 at 5:39 PM Mitch Hopkins <[mhopkins@marylandfb.org](mailto:mhopkins@marylandfb.org)> wrote:

Charles County Farm Bureau Members and Friends,

On April 2 Charles County Farm Bureau hosted an informational meeting with The Charter Board. It was a well attended meeting and there was a lot of discussion.

At the April 9th Board meeting it was decided that a work group would be created to review the current charter document and offer recommendations and changes that we thought would best benefit our membership.

It was further decided that at this time we as an organization would not take a stand either for or against on Charter Government. The Board felt that it would be more beneficial to be involved in the process rather than immediately go against the proposed Charter form of government.

At the May 14th Board meeting the work group presented their recommendations and it was moved and seconded that these should be sent to the Charter Board. These recommendations can be found attached to this email.

Once the Charter document is finalized we will review and discuss and make a decision as an organization whether to support or oppose. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to members of the Charles County Farm Bureau Board.

Best,  
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