

Public Comment Session – Tracking Sheet

DATE: September 10, 2024

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

TOTAL OF COMMENTS RECEIVED

WRITTEN	IN-PERSON	VIRTUAL
1	4	1

SUMMARY OF IN-PERSON COMMENTS

SUBMITTED BY	TOPIC	SUMMARY
Jamie Larson	Residents are watching Commissioners and lack of leadership; removal of Commissioner legislation; do the right thing	See Attached Statement
Derrick Terry	Charter Board	See Attached Statement
David Heidelberg	Questions Commissioners feedback policy on public comments and elaborate on votes and statements	<p>The speaker reflects on Commissioner Patterson attending a meeting in District 2 to discuss changing the name of Black History Month, where Dr. Mack shared his opinions at the meeting and previously in public comments. Commissioner Patterson mentioned to Dr. Mack that he was not allowed to speak due to the current format of public comment sessions. The speaker believes that the Commissioners should reconsider the feedback policy. Additionally, the speaker requested that Commissioners explain their votes if they vote against addressing public comments.</p> <p>The speaker asks Commissioner Patterson to elaborate on his comment that the county commissioners can "basically do whatever they want as far as county government is</p>

		concerned." The speaker asks the Commissioner to clarify whether it was out of context. Zoning text amendments 22-174 concern mixed-use, which was discussed before the break. The speaker would like to remind the Commissioners that the public would like to know what the developers came up with.
Joseph Mank	Appreciate for recreation facility; revisit removal of Commissioner legislation	The speaker expressed gratitude for the funds to purchase the Sears building and emphasized the need for transparency during its conversion into a recreation facility. They highlighted the importance of better coordination for town hall scheduling and thanked the Recreation and Parks department for their contributions. Finally, the speaker urged the board to revisit the issues of removing a County Commissioner, implementing term limits, and granting more authority to ethics if the Charter does not pass.

SUMMARY OF VIRTUAL COMMENTS

SUBMITTED BY	TOPIC	SUMMARY
Tammi Crank	Lack of representation of certain Commissioners	The speaker highlights frustration with the lack of representation and communication with elected officials, especially regarding public comment sessions and charter board meetings. There are concerns about fairness, lack of information, and feeling disregarded as citizens. The

		speaker also expresses gratitude towards certain commissioners who have demonstrated professionalism and a willingness to attend meetings.
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SUMMARY OF WRITTEN OF COMMENTS

SUBMITTED BY	TOPIC	SUMMARY
Brian Johnson	Letting out Criminal with ankle monitor	See Attached Statement

Fw: Jamie Larson's Public Comment

Christina Ledman <LedmanC@charlescountymd.gov>

Tue 9/10/2024 5:13 PM

To: Julie Losh <LoshJ@charlescountymd.gov>

From: jamielynnelarson@gmail.com <jamielynnelarson@gmail.com>**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2024 4:27 PM**To:** Christina Ledman <LedmanC@charlescountymd.gov>**Subject:** Jamie Larson's Public Comment

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- Commissioners we are watching, sharing and remember what has taken place at the commissioner meetings.
- I'm grateful for the Bipartisan platforms like Voices of Bryan's Road Facebook pages that provide unbiased information. It is a valuable resource where you can watch commissioner and community meetings. It shows exactly what has taken place in our county gov't. It allows community members to hear from many perspectives in a respectful healthy manner.
- Commissioners Collins, Coates and Patterson.
- We are paying attention to your lack of leadership, ethics and blatant disregard to follow the county and external attorney's counsel.
- We see who is speaking with leadership, integrity, and values.
- Thank you commissioner Bowling and Stewart for being a great role model for our community.
- We do not need to agree on all the issues, but you both have shown time and time again you listen to the community, encourage engagement and communicate the reasons for your views.
- I would like to know what changes have been made to protect all county staff from commissioner directed racial bias.
- This behavior is against any organizations code of conduct.
- I challenge all the commissioners to do the right thing.
- Before the October 2024 deadline, Revisit Bill 2023-12 Removal of Elected County Commissioner that commissioners Collins, Coates and Patterson voted against moving to public hearing after numerous requests were made during the local legislative proposal process.
- Unfortunately Collins, Coates and Patterson's poor behaviors have carried over to the pro-charter supporters.
- There has recently been an elevated polarization of Charles county's form of Gov't.
- Organizations like our Volunteer Fire & EMS, Farm Bureau, Fraternal Order of Police are coming under scrutiny from pro-charter supporters.
- The community is asking questions and Pro-charter supporters are being hostile towards anyone who may have a different opinion.
- We need to refocus, do the right thing, use our energy on encouraging others to engage, properly communicate and get to the polls in November.

Regards,


Jamie Larson
Sent from my iPhone

Fw: DTerry Public Comments-09102024

Christina Ledman <LedmanC@charlescountymd.gov>

Wed 9/11/2024 9:31 AM

To: Julie Losh <LoshJ@charlescountymd.gov>

 1 attachments (5 MB)

Public Comments Attachments-09102024.pdf;

From: Derrick Terry <edvocare@gmail.com>**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2024 9:29 AM**To:** Christina Ledman <LedmanC@charlescountymd.gov>**Subject:** DTerry Public Comments-09102024

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On January 27, 2024, former Charter Board Chair Greg Waring agreed to participate in a joint public forum held at the Bryans Road Shopping Community Center. The public forum was co-moderated by a Bryan's Road community activist and I; it was respectful, impartial, transparent, and well received.

During this forum, Mr. Waring answered approximately 40 charter-related questions via cue cards and 10 open questions. This was unprecedented and a testament to how the event was run and Mr. Waring's willingness to answer each question in a timely manner. To date, Mr. Waring and various members of the former Charter Board conducted 50+ meetings with various organizations at their own expense and time.

For over year, residents had ample opportunities to attend at least 20 Charter Board meetings and several town halls. As for the Commissioners, (with the exception of Commissioner Coates one opportunity) residents could have attended an estimated 5 from Commissioner Stewart (with 3 purposely held during Charter Board meetings) 6 from Commissioner Patterson, 4 from Commissioner Collins, and 9 from Commissioner Bowling (with 5 purposely held during Charter Board meetings). Every Commissioner spoke and had a member of the Charter Board present and/or invited to address the public's concerns/questions except Bowling and Stewart.

Commissioner Bowling has conducted, at the expense of County resources and his own political campaign, a series of anti-Charter vs. informational town halls to directly undermine the Charter Board since its inception. His "No Charter" "Keep Home Rule" and now "Keep OUR Democrats" agenda, has been racially divisive as he still refuses to denounce the constant racial references and microaggressions towards Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks' constituents. Some current as well as former-Prince George's County residents now residing in Charles County have been labeled hoodlums, ghetto, colored, welfare recipients, criminals, bovines, and trash yet for political convenience, he and Commissioner Stewart endorse County Executive Alsobrooks for U.S. Senate.

In addition, Commissioner Bowling and Stewart have called one or more commissioners corrupt, power-hungry, or sucking up to lobbyist, special interest, and/or developers while accepting campaign contributions from organizations with connection to commercial, residential development and/or special interest groups such as:

(Commissioners Stewart and Bowling)

MESA Fund for Children and Public Education

(Commissioner Bowling)

Professional Paramedics & EMT's of Charles County
 THE WILLS GROUP, INC. PAC
 Maryland Realtors Political Action Committee
 Hollybrook Associates, LLC
 Chaney Enterprises
 Quality Built Homes
 Sandy Excavating
 Advanced Residential Management, Inc.

<https://campaignfinance.maryland.gov/Public/ViewReceipts?theme=vista>

Commissioners Bowling and Stewart, as well as the Charles County Volunteer Firemen's Association, the Charles County Emergency Medical Services Association, and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #24, Charles County, have consistently pushed dis/misinformation while providing a disservice to Charles County residents they claim deserve a transparent, accountable, honest, and responsive government. Unfortunately, they are using some of the same Jim Crow tactics to suppress the vote by disseminating falsehoods, using the fear factor, and recently denying the transfer of the previously approved \$65k marketing budget, hence, deliberately denying the citizens the ability to receive factual information.

When presented with facts, others and I are labeled by the FOP President and some anti-charter residents as elitist, demeaning or disrespectful...translation... uppity Negros. However, when they are faced with providing facts to address their lies or the racial references, the closest they have ever come to telling the truth is telling a story that either makes them the victim or the hero, but never the villain.

Hence, staying true to being transparent, accountable, honest and responsive to residents, I am requesting all five commissioners answer the following simple questions:

1. Can the current **Code** Home Rule guarantee taxes will never increase and/or cuts to government services?
2. Does the County Administrator run the day-to-day operations under **Code** Home Rule?
3. Is commissioner attendance currently a mandatory requirement per **Code** Home Rule?

4. Who makes the final decision on any change to **Code** Home Rule, the commissioners or the people?
5. Can the Commissioners form a separate police department per **Code** Home Rule?
6. Does this **Charter** Home Rule call for elimination of an all-volunteer fire department?
7. Who makes the final decision on any change to **Charter** Home Rule, the council or the people?
8. Can the County Executive appoint the Superintendent of Schools per **Charter** Home Rule?
9. If the **Charter** Home Rule fails, are you in favor of Waldorf exploring becoming a municipality?
10. Do you think I can get a response to my questions by November 1, 2024?

I will close with this, Commissioner Stewart stated during 9/10/2024's meeting with Charles County Public Schools. Commissioner Stewart stated one reason for the lower percentage of school funding is linked to the increases within county government. This has been happening under Code Home Rule and while Commissioner Stewart has been in office. Goes back to what the Charter Board stated from Day 1...services and/or needs drive the cost of government, not the form of government.

So regardless of how you vote, education yourself on the facts and substance of what is in the Charter Home Rule vs. what is not and don't allow Commissioner Bowling and Stewart as well as others to spread dis/misinformation without at least providing facts to back it up.

Respectfully submitted,

Derrick Terry
Waldorf, MD



Gilbert "BJ" Bowling



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BETHESDA, Md. (DC News Now) — Property taxes are going up in Montgomery County. The county council voted to approve a \$6.7 billion budget for fiscal year 2024.

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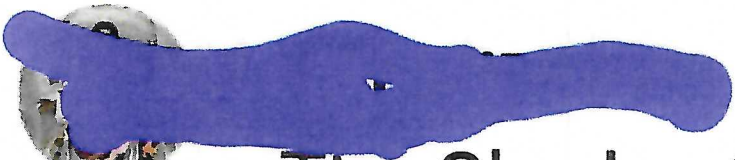
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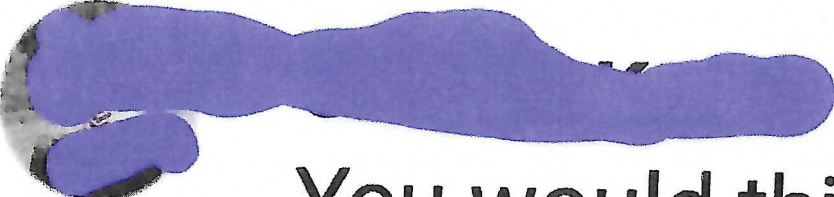
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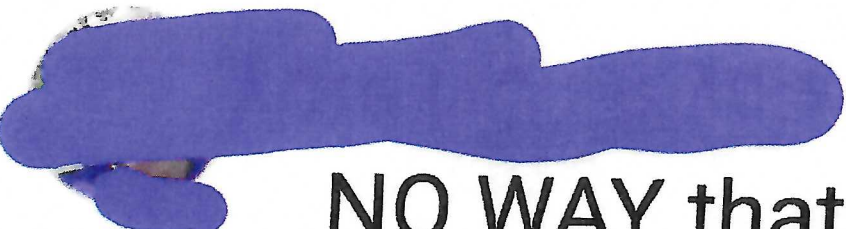
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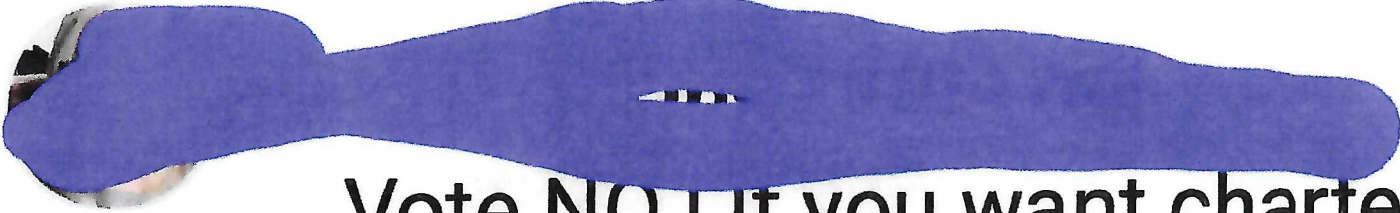
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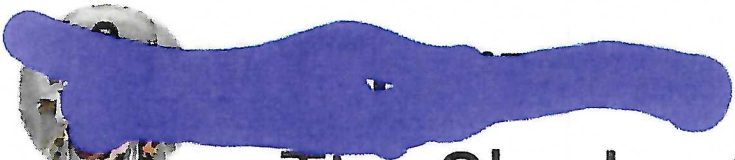
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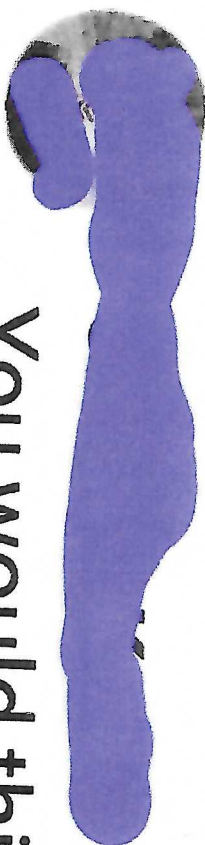
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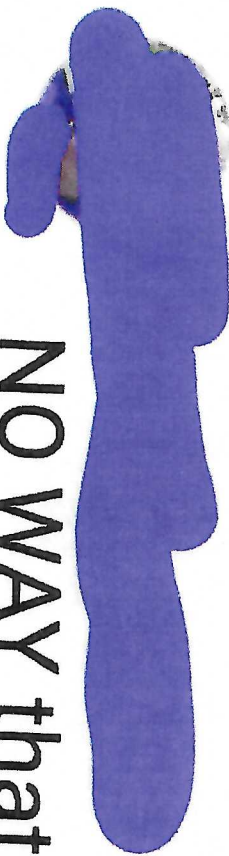
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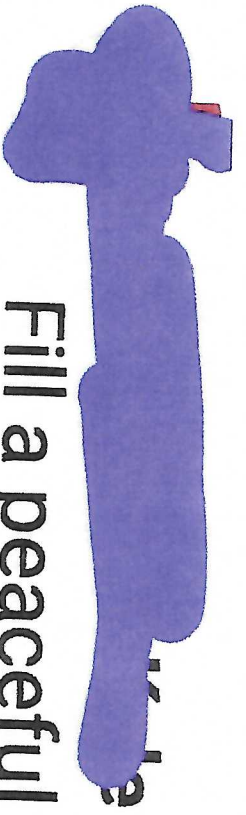



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