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The current form of Government needs to stay as is because no one asked for Charter except for those who don't have the best interest of the taxpayers at the forefront of their agenda. This, in addition to who wrote it and how they were selected. Mostly friends of the 3 Commissioners who are committing fraud, waste and abuse. The cost of switching will be much more than \$1 million. Don't be fooled. Add \$10 million plus ongoing costs which translates to increased taxes and increased mortgage payments. All of this in addition to the much higher tax bills folks already received and incorrect home assessments. The latter also increases one's mortgage payment. None of this makes sense and those pushing it, and calling Commissioners Bowling and Stewart liars, are being dishonest themselves. We have two people looking out for all taxpayers and that's, for a lack of a better term, ludicrous!

None of this makes sense and we can see what's happening. Folks trying to position themselves to further fatten their pockets...allegedly, secure the black vote, further tear up the County, blackball taxpayers speaking up to protect themselves, "hook up" their friends and relatives financially, while continuing to place them certain positions in the County and State and eventually bring this County to its knees. They won't rest until the entire County is "Wretchedville USA" like PG County, while the taxpayers suffer and the corruption continues...allegedly.

We have seen what happens in the County meetings and such is really not alleged because of that, but I will state such to be politically correct. It's so sad and quite frightening. Just as bad as those who want Trump to become President again or leave Biden in office. The taxpayers, mainly the middle class, still suffer. We must be smart. There is voter fraud that occurs so if this tragic charter passes, which it shouldn't or folks will be screwed, the votes should be recounted given possible vote tampering. It's a real thing that happens more often than not.

With this Charter Board, that wasn't vetted or requested by ALL taxpayers, honest people needed to apply and be appointed. Not most of the friends, acquaintances and family members of those who sit on our Board of Commissioners (the 3 who were called out and caught for fraud, waste and abuse). It is and was lot of trickery and slick moves occurring. You don't get the opinions of the taxpayers while the Charter is being drawn up.

Firstly, informational meetings should have occurred, prior so that ALL could have been informed, having the opportunity to make informed decisions regarding something that will cost the taxpayers a lot of money, not just the million referenced. It will be more like 10 million with ongoing costs that the taxpayers and the County cannot afford. This effort will only truly benefit a handful of people, while certain people of color are continually and strategically placed in key positions in the County, which will make it harder for certain taxpayers to get things done, fairly, if any of the embattled Commissioners or their cohorts don't care for them. Seen it happen and experienced it. Not fair or smart, to say the least.

We see what's happening and it's wrong. Someone is trying to set themselves up for success, while ignoring most of their constituents. It can't be the will of a small number of African-American constituents or Caucasian constituents, it must be the will of ALL. Multiple requests for a Charter Government from a few friends, some supporters, and family doesn't count. This travesty of justice is being forced by three board members and their rogue cohorts, some that work for us, instead of it being ALL of the taxpayers asking for it. Too much power in one person's hands (especially with what is occurring now, with the same three people trying to get rid of our County Administrator without cause) spells disaster and downfall for the County overall. We only have Commissioners Bowling and Stewart looking out for the good of the taxpayers and that's extremely sad and concerning.

Examples of fraud, waste and abuse in counties with a Charter Government:

<https://share.newsbreak.com/7eufivhr>

<https://osp.maryland.gov/2024/06/20/june-20-2024-prince-georges-county-councilman-charged-with-multiple-counts-of-felony-theft-scheme-embezzlement-and-perjury/>

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/md-politics/frustration-and-sadness-in-prince-georges-after-lawmaker-charged-with-federal-crime/2019/10/11/7a7df932-e9f7-11e9-9306-47cb0324fd44_story.html

<https://archives.fbi.gov/archives/baltimore/press-releases/2011/former-prince-georges-county-executive-jack-johnson-sentenced-to-over-seven-years-in-federal-prison-for-federal-extortion-and-bribery>

<https://www.fox5dc.com/news/prince-georges-county-delegate-charged-with-federal-wire-fraud>

Read the Charter here: <https://www.charlescountymd.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/25856>