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Commissioners Bowling and Stewart have stated, and I am summarizing, citizens make the time to come out and provide public comments and the least we can do is provide them with a response. Based on their history, I don't expect to get a direct answer nor do I care. I just want this to be on the record and let the chips fall where they may.

1) **(Commissioner Bowling)** Why does he continue to use the Republican-based strategist

McShane Consulting to promote his "Our Democrats"/anti-Charter agenda?

2) (**Commissioners Bowling**) Are some of his financial contributors directly/indirectly linked to residential/commercial development?

a. THE WILLS GROUP, INC. PAC

b. Maryland Realtors Political Action Committee

c. Hollybrook Associates, LLC and Steve Scott Law Group

d. Chaney Enterprises

e. Quality Built Homes

f. Sandy Excavating

3) (**Commissioner Bowling**) Why was his anti-charter sign illegally attached to a political sign paid for by the MD Democrat Party and once exposed, was cut and thrown on the side of the road like trash?

4) (**Commissioner Bowling**) Why doesn't he use the same Republican-based media group to promote his support for Angela Alsobrooks for U.S. Senate vs No-Charter?

5) **(Commissioner Stewart)** Weren't property taxes raised three from 2009-2014 under Code Home Rule and the water bill rates have steadily increased under Code Home Rule?

6) **(Commissioner Stewart)** During the 2014 Murphy Administration, did the Commissioner meetings change from once a week to bi-weekly to accommodate her Charter County's PGCPs former educator job, and as commissioner, sometimes at the same time?

7) **(Commissioner Stewart)** Under Code Home Rule, does she consider the approximately \$30k awarded by the Charitable Trust to Rebuilding Charles County a form of nepotism and/or conflict of interest considering it's headed by her spouse/Chairman of the Central Democratic Central Committee?

8) **(Commissioners Bowling/Stewart)** Are they implying all Charter forms of government are corrupt as well as the County Executives but other forms of government aren't?

9) **(Commissioners Bowling/Stewart)** Why do they continue to target Charter forms of

Government and County Executives as a power grab, corrupt, and/or development charter when they both endorsed and took photo ops with County Executive Angela Alsobrooks, who happens to be running for U.S. Senate?

10) **(Commissioners Bowling/Stewart)** Didn't Calvert and St. Mary's County recently raise taxes?

11) **(Commissioners Bowling/Stewart)** Can Code Home Rule guarantee there won't be an increase in taxes and/or cuts from government services considering it happened 3 times from 2009-2014?

12) **(Commissioners Bowling/Stewart)** During their Charter town halls, what tangible information/resources did they provide to residents as means to educate and make informed decisions for themselves?

13) **(Commissioners Bowling/Stewart)** Did they oppose the required/permanent citizen "wants" that are included in the Charter?

a. Term limits

- b. Town halls/public comments
- c. Inspector General
- d. Public hearings on all department heads
- e. Checks and balances
- f. Full-time county executive
- g. Performance metrics from departments
- h. Attendance guidelines (public record/hearing)
- i. Having a seat at the table in Annapolis vs sitting at the kids' table

What I find ironic about this whole anti-Charter situation which has been portrayed by Commissioners Bowling/ Stewart as corrupt, power grab, developer-centered, crime infested, and Black PG County is the following about them:

- .Commissioner Bowling worked for PGCD for
*20 years
- .Retired with a pension from PGCD
- .Commissioner Stewart worked for PGCPS for
*15 years and was either forced out or
retired/resigned for some undisclosed reason
- .Commissioner Stewart Initially endorsed Peter
Franchot for Governor not Governor Wes
Moore

- .Both are against the same form of government which paid them higher salaries than the current form of government they strongly support and reside in
- .Both were working their *then* full-time jobs while serving as a part-time commissioner
- .Both endorse and took photo-ops with soon to be U.S. Senator and current COUNTY EXECUTIVE Angela Alsobrooks (who endorsed and is endorsed by Governor Moore)

Commissioners Bowling and Stewart did this all under a CHARTER FORM of government they oppose yet personally/financially benefited from it.

Respectfully submitted,

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