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Public Hearing Comment Form

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Are you:

For Topic

Comment

My name is James Thiel. I am a college-educated, registered architect, lifelong resident of Bryans Road. I speak five languages and volunteer with the Sierra Club and the Charles County Historic Society... I'm also a survivor of police brutality. At no point following my assault and torture by police did either Montgomery County or the State of Maryland come to my aid or instruct me where I might file complaint other than upon my request, direct me to the very same agency that treated me like a carcass, laughed at, and taunted me while I objected. Rather, both the agency and the state decisively used my objection and my withholding of consent to condemn me as: "uncooperative", and administratively deflected liability for my own attack onto me in a most shameful and cowardly display of victim blaming. Perhaps this sort of thing doesn't happen in Charles County at the moment... but what could happen in Montgomery (by virtue of the same devious system), can very easily happen here in Charles, if we don't take measures to provide for unbiased police accountability directly answerable to the same population being policed. Police will ask, how they can ever be judged without knowing what it means to do police work... They will question the public's ability to empathize with the uniqueness of their position. But is their work and any of their lives anymore unique than any of ours? We who are subject to the violence of their justice at any and every moment of the day and must often choose between asserting one's own rights to human

dignity in the face of physical force and the loss of life, limb, and sacred Liberty. Internal Affairs representatives will claim to be objective, but always from the point of view of one immune and ultimately unaffected. The Fraternal Order of Police which is nothing more than a protection racket disguised as a labor union will hold your safety hostage and have you living in the grip of fear for as long as you let them.

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