
Re: 1/28 Public comments

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Good Morning John,

Please see my updated public forum comments.

In my 53 years of life I have learned that people who live in a glass house should NEVER throw stones...especially when there are Doctors Google, the MD Judiciary Case Search, or MD Campaign Financing Reports allowing for that glass...to break.

Hence, during the November Townhall, Commissioners Bowling and Stewart put on quite a performance for the viewing audience when answering my questions, that I might add, they had in advance, so let's review.

1. Commissioner Bowling posted on 11/6/2024 via Facebook, "The Community has spoken! No Charter." The commissioners voted on behalf of the community.

Why does Commissioners Bowling criticize and insult his colleagues on social media when votes don't go his way vs. accepting the vote?

He never addressed the question but rather elaborated on his first amendment rights and the will of the people which he posted almost daily on social media. He continues to talk about each of them like they are dogs, and he is the sanctified master.

See Attachment #s 25-29

2. Commissioner Stewart posted on 11/6/2024 via Facebook. "It is really quiet now!!" following the Charter vote.

Why was Commissioner Stewart trying to gain support for a possible run at County Executive had the Charter passed?

Commissioner Stewart stated she never sought such support nor spoke to anyone about any position had the Charter passed. I am more inclined to believe certain well-respected women who don't post "It is really quiet now!!" the day after an election vs. an elected official who told the pro-charter citizens to deal with it but still wants our support.

See Attachment # 30

3. Commissioner Stewart's spouse's non-profit was awarded \$30k from the Charles County Charitable Trust.

Is this a conflict of interest and/or form of nepotism? Yes or no?

Instead of answering the question with a simple yes or no, she stated her spouse's non-profit, Rebuilding Charles County, didn't receive any such award but rather works with other non-profits that may or may not have received funds. In addition, she suggested I should speak with him since he was in the audience. Well, I chose to speak or visit the Charitable Trust website <https://www.charlesnonprofits.org/fy25-grant-award-list/> for the facts.

See Attachments #1 AND #2

4. Commissioner Bowling preached about Keeping Our Democrats.

Why did Commissioner Bowling use a Republican-based media group (such clients include the MD/NC/TX Republican Party) to push his anti-Charter agenda?

He never addressed the question but deflected to explain how he used his campaign funds to purchase anti-charter signs. However, thanks to Dr(s). Google and MD Campaign Financing Report, it is easy to see that numbers don't lie... people do.

See Attachments #3 THRU #12

https://rmcstrategy.com/clients/Campaign_Finance

5. Commissioner Stewart preached about having a blind/random selection for the Charter Board.

Why was it ok to have a non-blind/random selection for the Board of Appeals/Planning Commission campaign contributors for former/current Commissioners Kelly, Murphy, Robinson, Stewart, and/or Bowling?

She might not have understood the question. Simply put, why recommend a blind/random sample for the Charter Board when two of the most influential boards/commissions (Board of Appeals/Planning Commission), as well as the Charitable Trust aren't??? Commissioner Stewart's board/commission appointees contributed approximately \$3,760.17 while Commissioner Bowling's appointees contributed \$1430 but these numbers could be much higher.

Now I have no issue with people financially supporting whatever candidate they choose. My issue is not with the contributors but with Commissioner Stewart/Bowling chronic hypocrisy and asinine responses, or their lack of, continuous display of fakery to the public.

See Attachment #s 13 - 24

[Campaign Finance](#)

I will close with a FB post from Commissioner Bowling,

In a world full of opinions, I recall the best advice left for me on my desk as a young professional in a quote:

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. ~ Maya Angelou

The Maya Angelou I knew and met during my undergraduate years at Towson University would have most likely told me to respond with her following quote:

When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time. ~ Maya Angelou

V/r,

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