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Where is MY LIE?

For at least about a year and a half, supporters of 2 commissioners had no issue listening to their supporters criticize 3 other commissioners, regarding the Charter or anything they opposed. Now that the criticisms are targeting 2 commissioners, all of a sudden it is wrong or unjustified. In addition, Commissioner Bowling (Democrat) has no issue throwing shade via his 3-4 Facebook pages, at his colleagues and other elected Democrats.

So, let's take a trip down memory lane while I highlight the blatant hypocrisy, failure to produce facts, and opportunity to ask...Where is MY LIE??

Former and current Commissioners, with little to no public input, have used our tax dollars to do the following:

- 1) Expanded the size of the government with new FTEs (Full-time Equivalent)
- 2) Purchased 2 properties totaling \$9 million
- 3) Allowing a Charles County Administrator to be on a self-imposed administrative leave for almost 2 years while raking in approximately \$700k or more and still getting paid to not work; and
- 4) Granted County employees a paid holiday the day after SUPER BOWL

Now let's talk about Term Limits...

We know an overwhelming amount of citizens support term limits and not career politicians. Is 8 years or more necessary to gain experience for a job that repeats itself each year.

Am I to believe that a police officer, teacher, fire fighter, chef, or electrician needs 8 + years to do their job when most employees have a 1-2 year probation period to prove they can do their job?

Taxes:

Let's keep in mind, government entities rarely, if ever, request less funding from the previous year or make concessions to keep our budget financially sustainable. Most residents don't want higher taxes, don't want more homes or people, but do want more amenities from the increased revenue paid for by mostly Waldorf/St. Charles homes increased tax assessments.

Integrity

I have been called many things that vary in opinion, but one thing I will not let go is being called a liar. When elected officials paint you as a liar it questions my integrity, the sacred oath I took to proudly serve this country and my God. Now I have lied in the past, yes but who hasn't? However, there comes a point in your life or age and in my case age (53), where I don't have time to mince my words nor lie to anyone about anything. If anyone here can state one lie I have blatantly told I will gladly donate to your favorite worthy charity.

I am reminded of something my good friend DC stated, *I for one am grateful for all 5 commissioners' leadership on this Commissioners' board. I may not always agree on everything, but you have led with your version of honesty and what you feel is right or wrong with specific policy-related issues.* It is now time to allow others to lead, whomever they may be.

V/r,

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