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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Ms. Farag,

I am writing in response to the PAC recommendations that I am deeply disturbed by. I will outline below all the my concerns:

- 1) The PAC states that traffic enforcement has not led to a decrease in accidents. How did they come to this conclusion? How do they know that the persons who were stopped didn't lead to them not causing an accident. I will give you an example. Officer Jones stops Mr. Smith for driving 20 miles over the speed limit. While that may not keep Ms. Johnson from doing the same and getting into an accident, it will mostly likely stop Mr. Smith from getting into an accident that day.
- 2) The PAC refers to race as a reason for traffic stops. How can officers determine the race of a driver when most windows on cars are tinted. Is there some kind of technology that they are using that we are not aware of but should be? I think that would be more disturbing.
- 3) The PAC seems to suggest that fewer traffic stops will lead to fewer accidents. Based on what? One study by Takoma Park? I'm perplexed by this. In the years since the start of the Pandemic, I have seen people driving erratically, speeding, weaving in and out of traffic, tailgating, etc. The PAC does not want those drivers stopped? Every day on 270 it's like a scene from Mad Max. We need more enforcement not less!
- 4) The PAC stated that they got complaints from citizens about unfairly or over zealous traffic enforcement. This seems very subjective. If I am stopped going 15-20 mph over the speed limit and I complain to the PAC that I was stopped by an overzealous police officer and it was based on my race, is there any verification done to see if the officer was in the right? If I am going 20 over the speed limit and I get a ticket, its because I am driving reckless not because of my race.
- 5) PAC states that traffic stops should be measured against the impact on traffic accidents. But if the police stop 5 drivers for DUI and gets them off the street are they not stopping three potential accidents from happening? Traffic stops impact the person being pulled over not anyone else. If I see a driver pulled over, that does not prevent me from driving fast.
- 6) The PAC wants more ATE. How do they plan on doing that on 270 where people are driving like lunatics and aggressively driving?
- 7) The PAC infers that officers are biased based on the subjective opinion of residents. What proof do they have that officers are prejudice and not just doing their jobs? Again, if I get pulled over for going 20 miles over the speed limit and weaving in and out of traffic, and an officer pulls me over. Is the officer racist because I say he/she is? Or is there more evidence of an officers prejudice than a person expressing their opinion?
- 8) At a time where crime is increasing in Montgomery County and more and more police officers are retiring with no new officers to replace them, is the PACs goal to demoralize the existing officers who are enforcing the laws of Montgomery County so they also leave? The PAC seems like they are against proactive policing and instead want officers only to be reactive. I have lived in this country for 47 years. How many on the PAC have lived here that long? I'm quite frankly tired of the increasing crime. I'm tired of hearing about people being murdered and robbed and car jacked every day. This county used to be one of the safest counties in the country. Not any more. The PAC needs to find a way help the police department instead of just producing a product that is VERY subjective in nature and pass it off as a report.

Sent from my iPad

