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The Montgomery County Policing Advisory Commission will hold its first virtual public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 14, to hear from the community regarding the issue of drug enforcement. The hearing will focus on drug possession arrests and interactions that resulted in stop and frisk or search for drugs in which no drugs were found, and the issuance of civil citations for possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana. Community members are invited to register to provide live testimony during the public hearing or to submit written, audio, or video testimony. The following are examples of questions for members of the public to reflect on and address via their testimony:

- Were you stopped and searched by the police? What happened? How did you feel?
- After the police stopped you, what officially happened? Were you taken into custody? Were you let go? Were you given a citation? How was the encounter ultimately resolved?
- Have you experienced long-term consequences – such as suspension from school, loss of employment, loss of housing, family breakup, imprisonment?
- Looking back on this encounter, what was the effect of this encounter on your relationship to the police or with other government agencies?
- Would your experience in this encounter affect your willingness to go to the police if you were a crime victim or witnessed a crime?
- If you needed treatment for a substance use disorder, did your experience with the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) expedite, delay, or otherwise affect your ability to get appropriate treatment?
- Do you or your organization have a view on the public safety, public health, economic, social or other value of MCPD drug arrests—both for marijuana and for other drugs?

I suggest the following questions be added to the above list:

- 1) Do you agree with former Maryland Corrections Commissioner Bishop Robinson (an African American) that failure to enforce drug laws would amount to Black Genocide?
- 2) Do you support Biden's open border policy that has resulted in a 600% increase in imports of deadly Fentanyl - the drug that was primarily responsible for 71,000 overdose deaths in the U.S. in 2019?
- 3) Do you believe that proactive policing should end and that officers should wait until crimes have been committed before becoming involved?
- 4) Do you support the recommendation of the Washington Post editorial board that the best way to bring the number of murders down is to send social workers into communities with the mission to tell known criminals that murdering people is not good and they shouldn't do it? (I'm not making this up. Look it up. It was in the Post last week.)
- 5) In Germany, a 30% diverse country, illegal drug use is 90% lower than in the U.S. because 60% of young people complete one of 350 different salaried and mentored apprenticeships that prepare them for good paying white and blue collar jobs - including high pay jobs in

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