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Sayers, Margery

From: Larry Walker
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2015 4:01 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Human Rights Commission

Dear Council Members,

Please, please, please put the brakes on any attempt to rush through changes to the Human Rights Commission. A wise person once said "if it ain't broke don't fix it." There is no good reason to implement changes to the commissions structure and function against the will of its members and the community they serve.

Regards,
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From: Fox, Greg
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2015 7:11 PM
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Subject: RE: Human Rights Commission

Mr. Walker:

A wise man once said, "look before you leap". In this case "looking", means reading the resolution so that you are aware of what you are talking about. It is unfortunate that someone such as yourself that claims to care about Human Rights feels that certain definitions in which we received testimony about the need for updating can wait. Basically, those that testified said definitions "were broke" and "to fix them". The resolution also updates an number of outdated provisions that are long over due (note: The resolution and its prefiled amendments can be found here...

<https://apps.howardcountymd.gov/olis/LegislationDetail.aspx?LegislationID=1147>)

As it relates to the changes in the structure of the commission, the resolution only asks per Section 2 the following "And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, 14 that, in accordance with Section 12.202.IX.(o) of the Howard County Code, the Human 15 Rights Commission shall work with the Office of Human Rights and the Executive Secretary 16 of the Commission in order to prepare and submit a Report to the County Executive that 17 shall:" It goes on to list the things to be reviewed so decisions about the Commission's structure can be made.

I personally don't believe this step is even needed if the County Executive believes it should be changed based off of feedback he received that indicates the structure is likely broken....as justice delayed is justice denied. He is doing this to be inclusive despite having already had this discussion with a number of folks including the chair of the commission. The chair was previously quoted as supporting the potential changes in the paper back in December...two months before the bill was filed.

While I am sure there will be plenty of real reasons to get your dander up over the next few years, don't jump off the bridge just because they told you to.

Finally, if you can let me know where you received this misinformation, I will gladly help you get to the bottom of it.

Best Regards,

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