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Let's Talk

This email was received from a user of the Buncombe County Website.

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Managers Message on Police Brutality and Protests
Questions / Comments:
I wanted to take a minute to express my feelings towards the recent manager's message that was sent out regarding police brutality and the subsequent protests. To be frank, I was appalled that the County manager would use her position of authority to push her political views to the employees of Buncombe County. Especially when they are based on feelings and not facts. I want to point whomever is reading this to a Wall Street Journal article that gave facts on the issue that show that there is not a systemic racism problem when it comes to law enforcement in this country. Here is a link to the article. https://www.wsj.com/articles/the-myth-of-systemic-police-racism-11591119883 If you do not have a WSJ subscription, I will list a few of the facts that are covered in the piece. In America in 2019 there were 1,004 fatal shootings involving the police. Of those 1,004, 41 were unarmed citizens that were killed. These numbers are astounding since there were over 10 million arrests in America last year. If we dissect the 41 unarmed deaths at the hands of police, 19 of those were white citizens, while 9 were black. Her comment about being the mother of two black sons and the fear she has that they will be persecuted based on the color of their skin is simply not founded in fact. In fact, it is I as a white person with two white sons that should be in fear, as twice as many unarmed white citizens were killed by the police than blacks. However, I am not in fear for their safety, as I plan to teach them to be law abiding citizens and they will not have contact with the police. Should they have contact with law enforcement, I plan to teach them to be respectful and courteous. I feel like the manager's message condoned the lawlessness of the protests across the country based on falsehoods. I hope that this message finds its way to the Commissioners so that they will discuss the issue and take a stance on this misuse of a power position. I understand that the majority of the Commission are democrats, and more often that not, party lines weigh heavy on this discussion. What I ask is that you research the facts and form an opinion from them and not the falsehoods that are being spread.