

From: Anne Craig <ennagiarc@gmail.com>
Sent: 6/7/2022 11:26:53 AM
To: Sage Turner <sageturner@avlcouncil.com>
Cc:
Subject: Re: Felony Littering Charges Fiasco

Thank you for your quick response, Sage. I know one of the defendants personally who I have respect for as a young concerned activist/citizen. I have told her about your response to my e-mail to you and have asked if she has any clarification about what you said.

I'd like YOU to tell me what you think happened in the park? Do you think felony charges against young activists are appropriate? I've written the chief and the d.a. and was not offered the courtesy of a response.

What other response/reaction could our city have had toward these young folks that could have moved us all in a better direction? I can think of some...

Sincerely, Anne

On Tue, Jun 7, 2022 at 11:05 AM Sage Turner <sageturner@avlcouncil.com> wrote:

Tom, Anne,

I know sometimes by the time media shares a story, there are lots of perspectives and statements shared that may not necessarily reflect what really occurred. I care tremendously for our unhoused and vulnerable. What happened in the park with this situation was nothing of the sort. Young activists from various states showing up to trash a place and make a statement they can use for social media manipulation or attention, or whatever it is, is not helping our unhoused people get the real help and resources they need. Instead, it detracts from the real work and the people that need help.

As to whether the level of the charge is appropriate, I leave that to our chief and DA, and will continue to listen in on what it all means. I do not, however, support what happened in the park. And it should not be continued, allowed, or celebrated in any way. Serving hot meals is one thing. This was not that.

Sage

On Mon, Jun 6, 2022 at 7:29 PM Tom Craig <tomtgiarc@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mayor and City Council Members

To me it is outrageous that the participants in a support action for unhoused people in Aston Park are being charged with felony littering. At first I thought it was a pathetic attempt at a joke, but then I noted that the charge is usually aimed at those dumping more than 500 lbs of "litter" on an undesignated site. Still, that seems like it shouldn't be called littering but something like "Malicious Dumping" which this action was certainly not.

No this falls into the category of jailing people for offering water and nutrition to voters waiting in line or suing someone who helped someone else have an abortion. You know, the kind of thing our glorious GOP would back because they don't have a clue to really solve the problem at its core. Also I'm sure the avaricious developers are smiling smugly as they write their checks to politicians who also stand against the human street litter that affects tourism in our fading city. This is also legal manipulation of the most extreme kind, the kind George Orwell used to write about.

2+2=5, anyone?

Sincerely,

Tom Craig

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"I wonder how the foreign policies of the United States would look if we wiped out the national boundaries of the world, at least in our minds, and thought of all children everywhere as our own." — Howard Zinn