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Subject: Re: Hi

Jonathan:
Thank you for the email. Iâ€™m not going public with my views about this issue right now.
Best,
Gwen

On Jun 10, 2019, at 9:49 PM, Jonathan Wainscott <jonwainscott@gmail.com> wrote:

Gwen,
From your standpoint as a former CEO of a major corporation I'm sure you know that there are times when reversing course or scrapping a project just has to be done. I'm sure those case always come down to a bottom-line analysis and at some point every day down the wrong path is another day of loss. It's time move forward with the district thingamajig, I mean, forward by accepting it and getting the Board of Elections the info they need to establish new voter information. There is no lawsuit without that in hand, though I don't think the data will support a racial or otherwise gerrymandering claim.

I'm sure you all have your strategies for getting out of this conundrum, and my free advice is worth what you pay, but I'll offer it anyway.You have a very safe retreat from the racial gerrymandering/social justice battle by way of the data. The numbers don't lie I know districts are most opposed in your new district but you have 9 years of service to that community, you have delivered, and I think they will be able to swallow the hard realities of business and numbers better than other constituencies.

I think people are starving for a little humility and contrition from our leaders. The thing is, district elections would have helped preserve and protect the African-American communities here if we had that system when it was introduced in the 60's. Asheville has been big enough for district elections since the 1930's. Check out Wilson, NC today. Making some amends for the past (a past that you are not responsible for) is the admirable way to payback on some debt and pay forward by not repeating the same mistakes. In other words, you'll actually be doing the right thing and that will be more powerful than Keith, Sheneika, and Brian, plus you can score some deserved points by sticking up for Terry VanDuyn because she has been very unfairly treated by the press. You need to get your sister's back.

I'm certain that a thorough explanation of the facts, data, and a more complete recognition of how the system has historically failed the African-American community will prove to be more of a relief than painful and good things can come from this problem being resolved quickly. I think the back-lash will be reduced to the hysterical and for you, the political capital paid now will be recouped with not problem by 2022 and by then you may have had enough of all this.

See you tomorrow-
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Jonathan Wainscott

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