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Letâ€™s say the General Assembly gets tired of dealing with Asheville and decides to put us in timeout. They donâ€™t want other cities to feel compelled to follow Ashevilleâ€™s Weâ€™ll-do-whatever-we-want attitude so they take all citiesâ€™ right of referendum away. Or, they decide not to punish all the kids for how one is behaving so Mama revokes Ashevilleâ€™s chatter entirely, sending a very clear message to all the other municipalities.
Seems as realistic of a response as us trying to change the charter at the last second forcing an election the State doesnâ€™t want us to have (The Keith Young Plan).
Just get the primary back and move on. Blame the lack of community engagement on a tumultuous year with an interim attorney, police chief, and manager. This new slate of leadership coincides with a change in our election and hopefully better relations with the State. And the thing is, thatâ€™s really not an egregious spin.Â

The Flat Iron became a hotel because four people on Council knew there was nothing that could be done to stop it and we were gonna get sued if we didnâ€™t allow it.Â Hopefully the same four will understand the election changes are just not worth fighting at this point (except restoring the primary).

Thanks for the consideration of this perspective-
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