From: Jonathan Wainscott <jonwainscott@gmail.com>
Sent: 8/5/2019 4:57:56 PM
To: Julie Mayfield
Cc:
Subject: Re: You are supporting Jim Crow

Julie, I'm upset because the districts enhance the chances of African-American candidates being elected. It's very simple math and again, at-large systems have been used by majority white towns in the South to dilute the black vote. It's just that simple. The narrative that our districts somehow dilute the black vote is not true and it's not a matter of opinion, it's math.

Also, the City is holding up the publication of the District voter data at the elections office. Why is that happening?

Also also, do you really think the NCGA is going to take this sitting down? They have legitimate reasons to do this and Asheville is going to look very foolish. Did you even read this article? This guy writes for the Atlantic. He's been on the Daily Show with Trevor Noah. He's 30 years old and from Rocky Mount NC.

Also also also, why hasn't out Department of equity and inclusion weighed in on this? Why did the NAACPLDF decide not to take up Asheville's case?

Remember, the will of the people when controlled by a dominate majority is certainly not inclusive. So what that the voters voted no on a different map entirely? The new map creates 2 districts that have a much higher percentage of African-Americans than the at-large system, and you are not telling the people this. You are hiding the most important information about this matter from the public.

Is why I'm upset.

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On Mon, Aug 5, 2019 at 4:35 PM Julie Mayfield <juliemayfield@avlcouncil.com> wrote:

> I'm not sure why you're so upset Jonathan. My views on districts has nothing to do with race. It's really quite simple – our voters said no and it's my job to try to deliver that. After we reset, I would welcome a public discussion about districts – whether and what they might look like here, what would we be trying to accomplish by imposing them, etc. There are benefits and drawbacks that we should explore. At this point there isn't strong support for that among some other council members, but perhaps that will change with time.
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> Julie
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> **From:** Jonathan Wainscott [mailto:jonwainscott@gmail.com]
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> Do you really think the NCGA is going to let Asheville do whatever we want?Do you really believe a voting population that is down to 10% of the whole is better served by at-large elections? Do you think the Asheville Blade is s better source of news than the Atlantic? Would you like to see Asheville written up in a major publication, outside of this crazy echo chamber? Mother Jones maybe?
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> How much embarrassment do you want to invite to town? I guess if Embarrassments book hotel rooms we'll be just fine.
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> https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2017/04/voting-rights-at-large-voting-louisiana/524691/
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