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Sent: 1/27/2022 3:58:34 PM
To: 'Sandra J W Brown' <sandorajwbrown@gmail.com>, 'Debra Campbell' <dcampbell@ashevillenc.gov>, sheneikasmith@avlcouncil.com
Cc:
Subject: RE: The narrative continues- Fwd: Stop the Ordinance to Curtail/Regulate Food & Resource Sharing

Ms. Brown â€” thank you for the email and for forwarding the Poor Peopleâ€™s Campaign message.Â It is incredibly unfortunate that this misinformation tumbled into the public without an opportunity to contextualize it, explain it, etc.Â The city did issue a press release trying to provide some clarification but weâ€™re no match for an e-blast campaign.

Yes, I agree that this further undermines peoplesâ€™ trust in government. Very unfortunate.

Thanks,
Esther

From: Sandra J W Brown <sandorajwbrown@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 10:01 AM
To: Debra Campbell <dcampbell@ashevillenc.gov>; Esther Manheimer <esthermanheimer@avlcouncil.com>; sheneikasmith@avlcouncil.com
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Good morning Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Manager,

(Iâ€™m sending this to the three of you since I am unsure which councilwoman is at the core of this heated issue. If for legalities you need to share it with the entire council, I have no problem with that)

At any rate, I received the following email just now and thought you should be aware that the narrative of yâ€™all trying to stop people from being fed is continuing throughout the community and now the Poor Peopleâ€™s Campaign is â€”on itâ€™.

If what was said at Tuesday's council meeting is true and the city is not trying to prevent and/or make it more difficult for food and hot meal distribution, I imagine you need to make that *very* clear to our entire community. Participation in council meetings and the number of folks who actually watch them on youtube is a tiny percentage of our population from what Iâ€™ve seen over the years. Too many people donâ€™t know what is going on and damaging rumors abound without having facts.

From my understanding after watching Tuesdayâ€™s meeting, a councilwoman is responsible for spreading this misinformation? If so, then they are not upholding their duties to their elected office nor to us, your constituents. Its damaging the already dwindling trust of government and other local agencies. If she took advantage of having the privilege to be seated among yâ€™all, she should be making a public apology/statement and held accountable, if not censured.

Iâ€™m unsure if you can get forwarded emails so Iâ€™ll copy and paste the contents of the email below.

Regards,
Sandra JW Brown - WAVL resident

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Dear Sandra:

The Western Circle of the NC Poor People's Campaign is standing with BeLoved Asheville to raise our voices in support of our neighbors who are houseless and food insecure. The City of Asheville is exploring an Ordinance to curtail/regulate the sharing of food and other resources by groups. This policy would stand in the way of some of the most vulnerable members of our community surviving. This is wrong and immoral.

We know that policies like this have far-reaching implications. It makes it harder to support our neighbors who are hungry. In the times of the COVID pandemic, many have turned to sharing food outdoors as the safest alternative including downtown restaurants. Certainly, groups that share food with people struggling with food insecurity have turned to this safe alternative to gathering indoors as well. This new policy could impact family reunions and neighborhood get-togethers in parks. People sharing food and water for people lined up to vote at our recreation centers would be impacted. Children's birthday parties are happening in parks all over our City to keep our children safe. They would be impacted. And if these are not impacted, are we creating laws and policies that target particular groups of people?

We are asking Circle members to sign the below petition and spread the request within your networks.

<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/stop-the-ordinance-to-curtailregulate-food-resource-sharing/>

Forward Together!

Leslie and Evan
Circle Co-Chairs

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From: **Western Circle, NC Poor People's Campaign via ActionNetwork.org** <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Date: Wed, Jan 26, 2022 at 8:19 PM

Subject: Stop the Ordinance to Curtail/Regulate Food & Resource Sharing

To: <sandorajwbrown@gmail.com>



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