

Hello,

I was directed to email your Committee by The Secretary of State Mr. Condos, with regard to the City of Burlington's recent Charter Change Approval by the voters. It is my understanding that you will be reviewing these Charter Changes.

As a longtime Resident of the City of Burlington, I find it difficult to believe that our City Government has such total disregard for the Lives of its Residents and Visitors.

I am still trying to wrap my head around the fact that any government entity under the guise of Public Safety could actually write up and send to the voters a Law that requires people to deliberately be put into harm's way and possibly be killed, and make it illegal to defend against said action. These 3 Charter changes are 100% going to get someone killed,

And I was always taught that killing is morally, ethically and legally wrong, except during war and self defense, so for my government to suggest that to Serve the greater good some of us must give up our lives is unthinkable.

I have read in the State Statutes that there are 2 Laws that I feel fit what the City has done, One being Conspiracy and to me the worse is Reckless Endangerment. If any normal citizen were to do anything even remotely close to what the city has done they would be arrested. But yet our government gets away with it under the guise of lawmaking.

This is Wrong.

How anyone on the City Council, the City Attorney or the Mayor, all who approved these changes can sleep at night knowing they are going to get someone killed, I do not know.

I have also since early March have attempted to find out from the City that if, God forbid, these do make it into Law. Just how are they going to enforce them without violating search and seizure Laws.

They cannot go door to door looking for gun locks, or stop and frisk every patron at the bars and restaurants, or search houses during domestic looking for weapons without probable cause.

To date the Mayor does not even return my emails, The City Attorney will not discuss the issue, only to say she will not speculate on how the Police will do their job. The Chief of Police only states that all of his officers follow Fed, State, and local laws.

My district Councilor and also the Councilor who Chaired the Charter Change both say they are to be passively enforced or enforced like the seat belt law.

Thank you for your time and I hope I have gotten the gist of what I am trying to say across.

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