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Comment letter

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Mon, Nov 30, 2020 at 10:36 AM

Please disregard my last letter, I accidentally sent it before I had finished (so sorry!!!). I would like to add to your December meeting the below letter I sent to the Pioneer. Thanks.

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Grow Up, Skamania.

It is sad so many are focusing on how certain people are debating the city’s sheriff funding issue, rather than listening to the actual content: find more impactful resources, reduce risk to citizens and officers, expecting the sheriff to do his freaking job and not make it a political platform...

Whether or not agreeing with the ideas or abrasiveness of some council members (in or outside of meetings), they and others are at least pushing a conversation to take place across the county. That conversation is about real topics that may or may not be important to one person but is important to someone else. Yet, rather than engaging on those topics, some can only focus on perceived “anti-sheriff” messaging, legal vs illegal, freedom restrictions, word choice, etc.

I would argue that it feels like every law or policy restricts “freedom” to some point. It is what makes the world continue to function together. Hand washing by food handlers and doctors, seat belts, speed limits, etc. are all adding an extra layer of inconvenience or restriction to ensure we all are safer and in sync (like it or not). Of all things, are masks or mental health services really the spot worth sticking your resistance flag?

These shouts for recalling McHale & Knudsen is shameful. They are speaking their minds, standing up for what they believe in, and getting behind those that are unable to speak out for themselves and I find that admirable. I for one am expecting people to stop this “sheeple” name-calling and start respecting your neighbors and their concerns, especially if you want to be treated with respect in return.

At the end of the day, though, forget all the white noise and focus on the core of what is being said. This is what actually matters and what is impacting yours and my community. Stop this mindless bickering on style, wording, recalls, and just find that middle ground to satisfy all (or at least most). I’m sad and tired of people avoiding the conversations that matter because it isn’t the message or style they like.

Grow up, folks.

Zach Quinn

On Mon, Nov 30, 2020 at 10:28 AM Zach Quinn <quinn.zachary91@gmail.com> wrote:

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