

Town of Washington Grove
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General Delivery
Washington Grove, MD 20880
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Dear Mayor and members of the Washington Grove Town Council:

I have learned the Racial and Social Equity Committee has submitted a proposed Town Resolution and supporting documents. I urge the Mayor and Town Councilors to fully review the documents regarding the Town Resolution, and to allow all Washington Grove residents the opportunity to review and comment on the documents.

Please do not pass this resolution at the upcoming Town Council Meeting to be held Monday, February 13, 2023. I, and other residents of Washington Grove, have seen the documents, and we have many concerns with what is included in the documents.

While racism was and is a very serious issue, I believe the documents, including the text of the proposed resolution, contain misleading information and make harmful and untrue claims against members of my family and other members of long-standing Grove families. We deserve the right to respond to the allegations made in the resolution text and other supporting documents. Pointing fingers and casting aspersions on persons who are no longer living and cannot defend themselves is cruel and unfair.

A resolution which promotes inclusion and equity, and which moves forward to work with our neighboring communities would be most welcome. The text of the current proposed resolution instills divisiveness, resentment, and anger. I do not believe this is what Washington Grove's founders intended.

Please allow the residents of Washington Grove to review all the documents and provide information that truly reflects the character of Washington Grove and its history.

Respectfully,

/s/

Kenneth M. McCathran