

On Aug 17, 2021, at 2:44 PM, Mary Gottesman <mgottesman1023@gmail.com> wrote:

To: ElectedOfficials@Bexley.org

It is clear from the most recent data released by BRAIR that many interactions between our officers and African American citizens occur around very minor traffic and vehicular infractions. The same was true in Minneapolis. Elected officials in Minneapolis have directed police officers not to stop and ticket drivers for such infractions in order to decrease the potential for harmful interactions with police officers. Given the more than 2:1 greater likelihood of African American citizens being cited for minor violations than white residents (slide 24), an acceleration over earlier stop data, I believe that Bexley's elected officials should implement such a directive in Bexley. It is simply unjust and racist to allow this disparate treatment to continue over minor infractions. This would have as well the benefit of providing more frequent patrolling of streets and alleyways.

I respectfully suggest that this receive serious consideration for implementation. I also request that this message be included in Council Correspondence.

Thank you.

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Sent from my iPhone