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Subject: Suggestions/concerns

To: <citycouncil@bexley.org>

Dear Council Members,

I had two suggestions / concerns that I wanted to bring to your attention:

I attended the Bexley 4th of July events, and it occurred to me that, there may have been some missed opportunity to demonstrate inclusiveness. In particular, I wonder if the planners of the event for next year might try to have more racial diversity at the microphone for the part of the event on the Capital lawn, and also if whoever Bexley hires do the fireworks and music could commit to a more racially diverse playlist. There is no shortage of appropriate patriotic or celebratory music by racial diverse artists, but the fireworks playlist was very White. The fireworks themselves were terrific, and the event was really nice, so I just thought I'd pass along what I consider to be two opportunities for Bexley to do even better.

Also, and more importantly, I just looked at the findings of the recent traffic citation study completed by BRAIR, and it is upsetting to see that it seems like there hasn't been progress on the disparity in traffic stops. I would be interested to hear what Council plans to do to address continued disparity.

Thanks,
Jill