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To My Constituents:


Thank you for contacting my office regarding recent allegations of illegal behavior by some of the Supervisors on the Board of County Supervisors. Please know that my office takes seriously any allegation of criminal behavior by our Board of County Supervisors or other elected officials. Violations of the public trust are not something I take lightly, nor do I entertain the politicizing of allegations of such. We are living through a global pandemic, a recession and social upheaval in the last few months that few of us have witnessed before and as your Commonwealth's Attorney, I am dedicated to conduct the business of this office in a fair and efficient manner.

After receiving yours and similar emails, my office undertook to determine if the allegations were, in fact, credible. My Chief of Staff reached out to the Prince William County Police Department for information about the event held on May 31st. We have learned that following the events on Saturday evening, May 30th, on Sudley Road the Acting Chief of Police, Jared Phelps, initiated a meeting of the Police Department's Citizen Advisory Board. After speaking with Chief Phelps, it was quite clear that no public business was transacted, nor was the intent of the CAB meeting to transact public business. I have therefore concluded that this event does not fit the definition of "Meeting" or "Meetings" pursuant to VA code 2.2-3701 and therefore was not illegal or in violation of the law.

Additionally, while you and others sent emails to my office, I have yet to receive *any* formal or informal inquiry or complaint about this alleged "illegal meeting" from any Supervisor, their staff, or any other Prince William County employee or official.

I wish you the best and remain,

Very truly yours,



Amy Ashworth
Commonwealth's Attorney