I am writing to register my disgust and disapproval of Steve Urban's efforts to prevent ballot dropboxes being placed. First he tried to ban them, which is clearly unconstitutional and would violate Home Rule, so now he has proposed this workaround preventing county employees from doing the job of placing them. The Council needs to vote down this proposal and stop catering to this kind of harmful obstructionism, fueled by hearsay not evidence. Calling constitutional voting methods into question creates public confusion, mistrust, and anxiety about how people will be able to vote close to an election. Preventing ballot boxes from being placed would disenfranchise people who deal with reduced mobility and disability, people who work long hours and have tight schedules. The Council would better spend its time SUPPORTING the people's right to vote. Why doesn't it want all people to be able to vote easily? Could it be because it has been wasting time on this kind of nonsense instead of publicizing how to propose ways to use American Rescue Plan funds up until less than a month before applications are due? Does the Council want $112M to be spent only by a small circle of insiders? Does the Council wish $112M to go unclaimed instead of actually doing the work to use it on things that would make people's lives better, like keeping our hospitals open?

Do better, and people will actually want to vote for you.

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