

March 22, 2021

As I listened to Supervisor Smith's Land Use Policy Committee meeting last Tuesday, it became abundantly clear that both you and Supervisor Smith are on a mission. That is a mission to destroy everything that Fairfax County represents. In this meeting you quite convincingly, at least to yourself, Supervisor Smith, and other like-minded supervisors, repeated this notion of "misinformation". At this meeting you believed that there is "probably intentional significant amount of misinformation" about zMOD's ALU proposal. The misinformation is rooted in the anti-environmental, social reengineering attempts recommended by staff influenced by Clarion and Gartner consultants. I will tell you firsthand, that nothing is further from the truth. And it's not just ALU but much of zMOD.

You have received testimony and several papers critical of zMOD's ALU proposal, which you and some your fellow supervisors have chosen to disregard as NIMBY and as "misinformed" resident's views. **We are not on a mission as you might believe to be on a deliberate effort to circulate misinformation.** We are begging to be heard in a public forum, have someone listen to reasonable concerns, and trying to find a reasonable accommodation that will improve our neighborhoods and not degrade them.

We are not "misinformed" as you put it but desiring to be informed by our supervisors and others as to the real reason for such drastic measures – especially during the pandemic. As many have stated, there is no real emergency here – except your desire to rush through an amendment, which darn few residents have had a chance to understand the impacts on their neighborhoods. The "informed" have come from all over Fairfax County to provide input on the potential hazards of zMOD.

You and some of your fellow supervisors have crossed the line that separates an elected leader of a democratic debate from an authoritarian partisan. In my mind it couldn't be more Trumpian. We will not stand for it and will prove it as we go to the election box in the years to come. From my point of view Supervisor McKay, your public announcement and unsubstantiated accusation, supported by Supervisor Smith, that there exists a "probably intentional significant amount of misinformation" re zMOD has triggered a visceral reaction among us. It's quite evident to all that you can be speaking of none other than the comments and testimony we residents submitted for the Board hearing on 9 March 2021.

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