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Councilmembers:

The proposed Ordinance 21-6 is abhorrent. It infringes on the free speech and free assembly rights of protesters.

Banning defensive items such as shields and limiting what is considered a public assembly to only five people does nothing to keep citizens safe.

We all saw the lifted pickup trucks coming in from the suburbs and outstate in late May and early June, taking advantage of the unrest to engage in theft and arson, as well as the cosplay commandos at the Capitol and Governor's Residence during their anti-science rallies, wearing camo, ballistic vests, and open carrying firearms in a sad attempt to intimidate political rivals, yet the city council decides to focus on people protesting what they perceive to be police brutality and the wrongful killing of a civilian.

The very fact that this ordinance is being discussed makes me beyond angry. The laws we have on the books are enough to prosecute people engaging in illegal activity. We don't need even more limitations on protest.

Yours,

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