



## **rRemarks Data for February 17, 2026 Village Council Meeting**

**Agenda Section & Item:** Comments of a General Nature

**Commenter:** I Briner

**Comment:** Figures lie and liars figure

In response to Leslie Fugitt's comments at the Feb. 3 VC meeting that illegal immigrants commit crimes at a lower rate than citizens consider this. Under the IL Trust Act, law enforcement may not inquire or investigate the citizenship or immigration status of someone who is stopped, detained or in custody. If they cannot lawfully ask or investigate it, documenting it is unlawful unless status is already known from federal records, required by another law or court process, or involves a criminal immigration matter.

How many other states have laws similar to IL? Eight - California, Washington, Connecticut, Oregon, New Jersey, New York, Vermont, and Massachusetts.

When immigration status is not recorded, it skews any statement on percent of illegal immigrants committing crimes.

Figures lie and liars figure.

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**Commenter:** David Rose

**Comment:** Comment on public commenting

1. Why is it deemed acceptable for an individual running for public office to include mention of that fact in their public comment?

Why is that NOT considered a form of electioneering inappropriate to the meeting?

I am not proposing the individual be prevented from commenting. I am proposing it's not appropriate s/he include mention of being a candidate in their comment.

Such mention, if not prohibited at the meeting, should result in the comment being omitted from the minutes of the meeting.

2. Why is it deemed acceptable for public comment to include explicit mention or action denoting an individual's personal religious belief/understanding as a factor in the rationale for their comment?

Our public discourse has fallen so far that opposing sides now view the other as evil.

That's hardly an appropriate stance of a nation that purportedly adheres to the principle of freedom of religion.

Remember, the pledge of allegiance was modified to include the phrase "under god" for political reasons ... as part of the witch hunt against communists and communist sympathizers during the 1950s McCarthy era.

The nation has never recovered from that closing of its collective mind.

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**Comment:** Comment on meeting minutes

What is the reason a roll call vote is taken to approve meeting minutes?

Why is the vote not a simple voice vote, as is done with the consent agenda?

When is the last times approval of the minutes was not unanimous?

Have meeting minutes ever NOT been approved?

When is the last time minutes were amended to correct obvious misspellings or mis or inadequate characterizations of the content of discussion, including public comment?

Why has it become acceptable for minutes to give such little regard to public comment?

Why do minutes continue not to include mention of the existence of remarks submitted to the meeting and the identity of the individuals submitting remarks?

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**Comment:** Comment on Poffo statue as public art

I find it disappointing VC allows elaboration of a proposal for a statue of Randy Poffo at its meetings. for two reasons.

The first concerns the premature nature of the proposal, in light of the fact the process for deciding on what public art to erect and where has not yet been agreed upon.

The second concerns the tenuous connection between Poffo and DG. Perusal of wikipedia indicates the extent of that connection was his graduating from DG North High. Which begs the question: what other than entertainment spectacle like pro wrestling itself merits a statue of him in a prominent DG location?

Strikes me if his fans are serious, a more appropriate approach would be for them to buy the house in which Poffo lived during his brief time in DG, convert it into a museum, and put a statue somewhere on the property.

Maybe that effort could start a new program to honor any celebrity who had some connection with DG. Denise Richards? Sherrill Milnes? Johnny Sain? etc. It could become a whole new way to celebrate village buildings, supplementing the 'historic house' program (more properly labeled "historic street-facing exteriors," given VC's ordinance changes to make the program more attractive/attainable).

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**Comment:** Comment on the State of the Village report 's self-congratulations for its Sustainability Efforts

Among the list of VC's accomplishments CC B cited for 2025 is its so-called 'environmental sustainability plan" (ESP).

The question is, what is the ESP trying to accomplish?

I have long criticized VC's efforts on the matter and see no reason to gauge the ESP as an achievement. Indeed, I would argue it demonstrates VC's and DG's ongoing ignorance and self-deception.

In that regard, I have pointed out that VC is in fact the biggest contributor to the village's ongoing attachment to a way of living that is not ecologically sustainable.

The ESP's token gestures fall far short of what is needed, and sidestep the most important issues, notably VC's and DG's continuing commitment to population and economic growth and their complete avoidance of the need to reduce the rate of consumption of non-renewable resources upon which DG's way of living depends.

Supporters of the ESP justify its token gestures on grounds the plan represents the first steps in getting residents on board for the many steps to follow. But that claim relies on the bastardized, unscientific definition of 'sustainability' as 'environmental protection' in order to believe "doing something is better than doing nothing" and "doing something 'more' is better than just doing something". Properly defined, sustainability is a rate-of-doing concept; the appropriate question is, are we doing enough?

The ESP's approach sets the metric of its steps as that which is politically acceptable, when the metric should be that which is ecologically necessary (to avoid disaster aka to achieve ecological sustainability).

Of course since efforts in the wider world are failing miserably, that the ESP falls short is quite predictable.

Americans have yet to come to terms with the fact our way of living is not ecologically sustainable. VC and DG are clearly members of that set. How do I know? Because nothing is more important to DG residents than property values, and yet VC scrupulously avoids addressing my observation that property values are not sustainable if DG's way of living is not ecologically sustainable. Stated differently, that ecological sustainability and property values are inversely related — the higher the cumulative

value of a muni's properties the less ecologically sustainable the community's way of living. Nope; VC don't want to touch that one with a ten-foot pole. Easier to pretend I never brought it up.

Why bother determining the net ecological effect of building a new civic center and paying for it in part by allowing more single family (the Lngf travesty) and multi-story (Lot 2) construction on what used to be public property when the results might undermine one's claims of policy success? .

Given DG's and VC's predisposition to stay 10 to 20 years behind the curve, given their social and cultural insularity, given DG's lack of a critical mass of residents with the intellectual capacity and ideological predisposition to take on the task of moving toward an ecologically sustainable way of living, and given DG's lack of interest in attracting such people to live and work in the village, the unavoidable conclusion is that VC and DG will act sufficient to what is needed only after things have gotten much worse and only when VC can avail itself (as it usually does) of other munis' examples to follow. For a recent discussion of some of the concerns we need to face as things get worse, see energy analyst Art Berman's piece "Race to the Bottom" on his website:

<https://www.artberman.com/blog/the-race-to-the-bottom/>.

or Kurt Cobb's piece on resilience dot org: "World oil and natural gas consumption vs discoveries: Diverging trends mean trouble"

<https://www.resilience.org/stories/2026-01-25/world-oil-and-natural-gas-consumption-vs-discoveries-diverging-trends-mean-trouble/>

It is also worth noting, as economist Michael Hudson explains, control of the global oil market has been key to US global imperialism,

<https://michael-hudson.com/2026/01/how-washington-uses-energy-as-a-weapon/>

Which suggests the Trump Party's recent global actions vis-a-vis Venezuela and Iran are simply more of same.

Americans are encouraged to believe technology will save us and allow us to go on living high on the hog. The latest proposal for techno salvation? AI. Berman urges caution, however, arguing that AI in the US, and I would add like nuke power and the internet before it, is promoted as a technology beneficial to us all but absent major social changes will be used as a tool for social and societal domination.

<https://www.artberman.com/blog/complexitys-revenge-electric-power-and-ai/>

Is there an alternative to a chaotic destructive race to the bottom? The most attractive one I've come across is "planned degrowth", meaning: using resources for the purpose not of maximizing profit but of meeting human needs and promoting sustainable human development.

Given that the rich nations' way of living is not sustainable, planned degrowth means figuring out how to willingly and peacefully live within (ecological) limits by pursuing a planned (as opposed to unplanned, chaotic) reduction of the population and a planned

(as opposed to unplanned, chaotic) reduction of our current disruptive, destabilizing impact on Life's regenerative material/ecological cycles and relationships.

DG exemplifies the magnitude of the challenge here. How many DG residents — or members of VC for that matter — have even heard of let alone can describe what the phrase 'planned degrowth' refers to and means?

Furthermore, given the overwhelming preponderance of places like DG in the US and the world's other rich nations, how a planned degrowth movement takes hold and spreads in time to meet the challenge remains a troubling open question.

Given the sunk costs — material, psychological, social, societal, etc. — of the world's rich nations' current way of living, extrapolating from recent history suggests an effective degrowth movement feels less a prospect than a hope against hope.

Which is to say: Those committed to living ecologically sustainably will likely be starting the human species journey over. I say this because recent history suggests we (the people living in the world's rich nations) show no inclination of learning the lesson that our species needs to live ecologically sustainably other than the hard way. Working hypothesis: The less planned the period of degrowth/simplification, the harder the task of starting over.

With US imperial decline overlapping the downslope of peak oil worldwide, DG's way of living is destined to simplify dramatically in the not-too-distant future, which is to say, within the 20 year timeframe of the Comp Plan of which the ESP is a part .

Do proponents of the ESP, and the broader Comp Plan for that matter, truly believe the plan provides the appropriate first steps toward that future? From what I've seen, they have no clue.

What is the future they imagine they're striving for?

The first Earth Day was over fifty years ago, and DG's VC applauds itself for just now getting around to developing an ESP?

Not exactly a testament to concern for the environment, let alone of a desire to change the village's way of living toward one that is ecologically sustainable.

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**Commenter:** David Rose

**Comment:** Comment on Discussion of Proposed actions concerning Federal Immigration Activities, part 1

The discussion of VC's proposed response to federal immigration activities was another reminder that in DG controversial issues expose most clearly the difference between the right and left of VC's political spectrum.

Those on the left had much to say, those on the right did not.

Most striking to me was that after offering mostly legalistic comments on the matter and asserting empathy to sentiments, Mr T chose to avoid casting a vote on the proposal by missing the meeting.

For me, this attested to Mr T's unwillingness to do anything that might jeopardize his political ambitions. I have noted previously that was likely the reason he chose to be MIA during the Longfellow travesty because contributing might have harmed his chance to win a seat on VC again.

As he well knows, I find his performance on VC underwhelming. Most disturbing to me is his ongoing failure to understand and address the fact that the way of living in DG is not ecologically sustainable.

As we can now appreciate from observing current events at the federal level, good Repubs are more than willing to make unsupportable claims and make up definitions and then claim successful policy accomplishment given those definitions.

For me, the most egregious example in Mr T's case was his claiming during his stint as CC that VC was meeting its goal of "environmental sustainability." The claim was meaningless because the term was undefined at the time. Then when he supported a bastardized unscientific definition he continued to make the claim in spite of lack of evidence.

The travesty of the matter has only compounded now that a bastardized unscientific definition has been formalized as the underpinning of the feeble objectives articulated in VC's Comp Plan and its ESP.

The travesty in other words reflects a willful ignorance shared by all members of VC and residents of DG.

In the matter of responding to ICE, Mr D by contrast went from mainly voicing distress about the situation and feeling unclear about what could be done to voicing both support for the proposed ordinance and solidarity with the people of Minneapolis.

CC B explained his opposition was to the proposal being an ordinance instead of a resolution. Much to my surprise and more importantly from my perspective, he shifted his comments from focusing on the negative message of urging people not to feel any more safe should the ordinance pass to the more positive message (as the example of Minneapolis has given us all) of urging residents to understand safety is the direct result of taking shared responsibility for each other.

I don't know when epiphany struck him, but I was pleased it did.

I remain disappointed but not surprised his charge did not include a call for resistance. One can hope that will come should the Trump Admin continue its flouting of the Constitution and other laws.

On the other hand, I was pleased to see that students of DG's two high schools joined in similar region-wide action to walk out of class as a sign of resistance.

Why is resistance appropriate?

Because the immigration activities are part of a larger process still unfolding to spread fascism within our midst.

I appreciated Comm S-F pointing out the desire by the parties involved not to politicize the Forest Ave incident as an immigration issue. Problem is: Facts don't matter to MAGA. just as they don't matter to fascists elsewhere.

"Alternative facts" is one of many features of the American fascism Trump is trying to build. Or so Jonathan Rauch argues in his piece in "Yes, It's fascism" at theatlantic dot com

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/2026/01/america-fascism-trump-maga-ice/685751/>

Or <https://www.rsn.org/001/yes-its-fascism.html> Or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vGghrgXeylg>

An old expression states: "The beatings will stop when morale improves."

The discussion of how to react to ICE in the US manifests our current polarized society, and the polarized understanding of that saying.

Notably, MAGA and those on the right more generally interpret the saying as a policy and action guideline. They are big believers in corporal punishment.

As we witnessed in the public comments of those opposed to the ordinance, MAGA's endorsement of preserving 'law and order' conveniently ignores ICE personnel operating outside legal constraints on other law enforcement entities.

The Repub Party has a long history of using fear tactics about crime to scare white people into voting for its candidates. Race and class differences have been a central component of that effort. Immigration is simplest the latest theme in that tradition. Have we already forgotten that Trump himself prior to the 2024 election stopped Congress from enacting legislation that would have thwarted him from using the subject first as a campaign issue and now as a policy issue pushing forward the Trump Party's fascist agenda?

We should however also appreciate Trump is merely riding a wave of the militarization of police forces in the US that has been taking place over the past decades.

One's perception of police — as occupier or protector — depends on one's experience with them. During Mr T's stint as CC, as I recall, individuals pointed out to VC that black people don't necessarily trust the police of white suburbs.

In elaborating his position on the ordinance, CC B said he trusts DG's police.

How should one interpret his comment? Partly it reflects his position within village government: he has to say that, as would anyone in his position in every town. Until scandal exposes otherwise.

But to the extent the comment reflects an accurate assessment of performance, isn't it an unfortunate implicit indictment of the unequal way things work in the US? It's very much like the inequality that exists in K12 education. And the cause of the difference is the same: the mismatch created by munis relying on property taxes to fund operations ... when the growing inequality within American society manifests as inequality (in the

class profiles) between municipalities. The effect of inequality on police forces of property-poor towns is as pernicious as that of education funding inequality, because the kinds of crimes police address tend to be more prevalent in property-poor towns and neighborhoods.

Police these days are required to wear body cameras precisely because the nation has a long history of police lying. Body cameras are intended to protect both officers and the individuals with whom officers are interacting — since the public too are capable of lying. Even with body cameras, authorities have the capacity to mislead. Which is why citizens using their phones to record encounters with ICE and other law enforcement has become so prevalent and important.

Trump's ICE flagrantly ignores these normative expectations/legal requirements.

We are experiencing a social and cultural decline in the US these days in no small part because lying and prevarication are so pervasive.

Pols lie and prevaricate. We've seen it here in DG. We're seeing it in spades at the fed level. Pols (and elites more generally) are so good at it because they tell themselves they're not lying. They believe their own BS. On that score, Trump has shown he is hands down the world champion.

Both Repubs and Dems are held in low regard in part because of their lying. Which is why opinion polls indicate the largest bloc of voters now are independents.

Some DG residents against the ordinance spoke as if fed policies don't affect local government. Those are clearly the people for whom the policies have been a wind at their back and they don't even realize they are beneficiaries.

OR perhaps they are Trumpers who don't give a damn about the multiple ways in which the Trump Party thumbs its nose at the Constitution because that's their attitude as well.

The Epstein files have become a touchstone because they represent an effort to rebuild a culture of morality in both speech and conduct.

Holding ICE accountable has become another touchstone for similar reasons.

CC B commented at the 20 Jan meeting the ordinance is performative. An "expression of our values." Is it? Are DG's values really being tested? I have my doubts, at least as it pertains to immigrants.

I say this because VC and DG have shown no desire or intention to be other than its insular self: it has done nothing to encourage immigrants to come to DG as a sanctuary, in no small part because DG's most important community value is rising property values. Which means, absent explicit efforts to the contrary the wonderful invisible fence of high property prices keeps out immigrants and other undesirables.

VC is not averse to adopting policies that are largely performative — village speed limits and the Comp Plan's ESP being handy examples.



The issue is then: what needs to be done to make an ordinance MORE than performative?

Stopping fascism takes far more than the ordinance VC has now passed.

It takes involved citizens who care not just about being safe inside DG but about preventing the travesties happening around the country.

Do we imagine we are safe inside DG when one has rampaging thugs dismissive of the law operating in other communities?

Are we so far removed from WWII that we cannot recall the sequence of caution raised about the Nazis in Germany — “First they came”?

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First\\_They\\_Came](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_They_Came)

### **Agenda Section & Item:** Comments of a General Nature

**Commenter:** David Rose

**Comment:** Comment on Discussion of Proposed actions concerning Federal Immigration Activities, part 2

Trump and the Trump Party have demonstrated quite clearly they have no regard for the rule of law, either domestic or international. Trump is violating his oath to defend the Constitution. He doesn't care, nor do his supporters.

ICE actions are not trying to rid the country of the worst of the worst among immigrants. The actions are nothing less than the Trump Party's attempt to terrorize and intimidate not just immigrants and people of color (including native americans???) but the entire population. ICE are the Trump Party's brown shirts.

With the murders of Renee Good and Alex Pretti by federal officials in Minneapolis, perhaps white America will now finally begin to appreciate at an emotional level the havoc they have been wreaking on non-whites and the poor, both at home and abroad, for decades.

Trump's personal shortcomings, erratic personality, and unpredictable decisions have now shown that those suffering from Trump Derangement Syndrome are not his opponents but his supporters, who continue to trust and believe him rather than their lying eyes and ears. Let's call them “Trumpers.”

Will the shooting of Pretti and the obvious lying, defaming ass-covering by fed officials dislodge Syndrome sufferers from their stupor?

MAGA Trumpers and their Repub forebears have been master practitioners of psych projection, attributing to others their motives and actions.

Their hypocrisy would be laughable if it were not dangerous. “Shouldn't bring a weapon to a protest” is their explanation for why Pretti was killed? As I recall, Trumper protests, such as the one at the Michigan capitol building a few years back, are regularly littered with people openly brandishing firearms, including assault rifles. So apparently as far as the far right is concerned, “the right to bear arms” is valid for only those on the right.

Officers “feared for their lives” after Pretti was disarmed, so they shot him 10 times in the back? Because Pretti was a “domestic terrorist” bent on “maximum damage and massacre law enforcement”, so claimed Trumpers Noem and Miller? Trump Party logic here: Since Americans were willing to accept the cover up of Abu Ghraib (to cite one example among many), shouldn’t they be willing to accept a cover up in this case as well?

Protesters in Minnesota are paid? Where does that idea come from? Likely from the many US ‘democracy-promoting’ color revolutions and other such destabilizing activities around the world. Always justified in the name of spreading democracy, never in the name of its root purpose, maintaining US imperialism.

Also from domestic episodes such as the Repubs’ “stop the vote count in Florida” in 2000. Or the assemblage witnessing Trump descending the escalator back in 2015. Stealing elections? Florida and the 2000 prez election was also noteworthy for its voter rolls purge. Cowardly Dems more fearful of those on their left blamed the Green Party and Nader for that defeat, rather than place the blame where it belonged. History suggests Dem Party leaders’ spines take a long time to grow.

With opinion polls and recent elections showing approval of Trump and his policies in the toilet, Trump talks openly about not holding the Fall mid-term elections.”Who needs it when things are going so great?” One backup possibility? Prez-induced civil unrest compels the prez to invoke the Insurrection Act. Prez claims of civil unrest provide the pretext for invoking the Act.

Even if elections are held, concern grows that the Trump Party will do its best to make them anything but free and fair. The fight over gerrymandering is on; and Trumpers are working feverishly to dis-enfranchise voters thought likely to vote against them.

The Justice Dept confiscates Fulton County GA ballots to ‘investigate’ if the 2020 election was stolen?

They’re even mucking with the postal service’s postmark process in hopes of throwing mail-in ballots into disarray?

Their current amendment to the trial balloon of not holding the election? Federalizing the election under the direction of Republicans, in order to ensure “integrity”. Integrity being the code word for disallowing votes by Trump Party opponents.

Clearly, the system of checks and balances of our government is failing miserably.

As MLK Jr observed decades ago, white Americans are more than willing to give up democracy if that’s what it takes to keep the poor and non-whites in their place.

The greatest danger here? The Trump Party starts a major war ... to deflect from taking the blame and paying the political price for long-smoldering economic problems erupting into widespread political economic chaos AND to hope the war generates a rally-round-the-flag mentality justifying even more suppression of its opponents.

The US has always had a reputation for being anti-intellectual. However, have we ever in our past elected someone of such dubious intellect and character to the nation's highest office?

During the campaign, Trump claimed he loved the uneducated. Clearly, he continues to court their support, as we witness in his repetitious boast he's lowering drug prices by 300, 400, 500, 1000%, and more. A result the uneducated and mathematically challenged do not understand is mathematically impossible.

But hey, when you've turned governing into a reality tv show, such bravado is not to be taken seriously; it's simply part of the show, part of the con. World Wrestling Entertainment meets The Godfather in the Oval Office.

Of course the bigger joke on the uneducated, a joke that hits us all, is Trump's claim tariffs on imported goods are not paid by Americans in the form of higher prices.

That joke on the uneducated is topped only by Trump's claim their personal economic problems will be solved if the US can just get rid of all the immigrants and undesirable non-white people. Because we know how much the uneducated whites are clamoring to fill those custodial jobs in the hospitality sector or to become migrant farm workers.

True, for some of the uneducated, it's not a joke at all ... because ICE looks like a jobs program for uneducated white nationalists. A particularly attractive job at that. i) Venting their racist rage is a job performance requirement, and is unhindered by normal legal restraints because the targets of their enforcement are 'lesser' people for whom legal protections that cover "real citizens" don't apply. Or so MAGA claims. And ii) ICE agents don't have to worry too much that their incompetence will get them killed, as it could if they were in the military somewhere fighting people who were not using non-violent methods to promote their cause. Best of all, as the Pretti murder suggests, they join the set of special people who are above the law.

Given the volume of people in the US needing to be rounded up, including all the liberal commie and Democrat Party sympathizers, and either deported or thrown into for-profit concentration camps, an ICE job could last decades.

Nope, the problem isn't capitalism, especially in its finance capitalist form. The stock market's doing great after all; and look at how well all the billionaires are doing. Can't be capitalism. Nor can it be worsening climate chaos; Trump says that's a hoax.

Do the uneducated realize a core aspect of the inflation they're feeling is due to the financialization of the economy, specifically the impact of mortgage debt on the price of everything they buy? They surely don't because the mainstream media's not going to tell them. Because they don't want to antagonize their advertisers or the Trump Party. Nor unfortunately has the bulk of the Dem politicians explained that relationship, and the fact it contributes substantially to the increase in inequality.

Nope, it's the immigrants. The self-described 'nation of immigrants' has decided that having set fire to the world, it's time to pull up the drawbridge.

Of course, as far as the uneducated Trumpers are concerned, the joke is on the rest of us. Because Trumpers put into office a person unfit to do the job but who must be shown respect both because of the office he occupies and because he's a sociopath. The interesting sociological question going forward: Will the murders of Good and Pretti cause Americans more generally, especially working class ones, to reassess with whom their principal allegiances should align? Up till now Americans have been heavily propagandized to believe their interests align across class lines with American capitalists. The same capitalists who exported their jobs overseas.

The same capitalists who exploit and extract resources from the poor nations, in the name of maintaining the American way of life. Should we be surprised some people living in those countries flee their exploited homeland in hopes of benefitting from living amongst the exploiters? Of course, if some immigrants were members of the exploiting class in their homeland before they fled, they likely want the US to help bring things back to the way they were, so that they can return to their homeland and take their rightful place among the exploiters again.

Big problem for them: the American Dream is looking more like a pipe dream for more and more people living in the US.

Trump has boasted he can count on the loyalty of his supporters, regardless of his conduct.

How will Evangelical Christians react should Trump one of these days declare himself to be the son of god returned to earth? All his depraved conduct, he will explain, was simply a ruse to prevent his non-Christian enemies from killing him before he could gain access to the visibility of political office he needed to have the greatest impact when he revealed his divine secret. He'll explain that those wanting to see the Epstein files just can't understand and accept his higher purpose.

Will his supporters believe his claims? Why should they not? What sets those claims apart from all the fantastic otherworldly (i.e., non-material) notions they already believe? After all Trump has recently boasted he's a very moral person, so moral his decisions as Prez are guided only by his own morality. By my take, that comes pretty close to claiming divinity.

Which means anyone who opposes him or his policies is by definition evil, a domestic terrorist like Good and Pretti.

Ironic question: Will Trump's obvious unpredictability compel his nominally Christian followers to ponder if their god is equally unpredictable? Asked differently, if their god has no plan, what makes them so sure they are among the 'saved'? How do they know their god isn't just using them for his own unpredictable selfish ends and amusement? Trump's clownish, erratic, vindictive, unlawful behavior should be an embarrassment to the nation. But we see no indication it stops unless local and state officials and a

movement of American citizens rise up to stop it. Meaning: Stopping not just him, but the minority of the population bent on keeping the Trump Party holding the reins of power.

The anti-ICE measures VC put in place are needed. But not sufficient.

The root question remains: What are residents of DG and members of VC prepared to do to help stop the spread of fascism in the US?

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**Commenter:** David Rose

**Comment:** Comment on the format of submitted remarks

What's with the loss of paragraph formatting of submitted remarks?

What is gained by removing the spacing between paragraphs of submitted remarks?

Doing so makes reading lengthy remarks, such as I often submit, more difficult.

Or is that in fact the objective?