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Hi Libby.

I was at the meeting last night and I don't know how you guys put up with some of that stuff. No question there was some excellent testimony, lots of very informed and committed people spoke and that was great to see and hear. But too many f-bombs being dropped for me, too much yelling, too much off-handed disrespect for the members and the mayor. The irony for me is always that they come to these meetings, and rely on these meetings, which are part of the democratic system, and yet they seem so disdainful of the system. (I can be, too, I admit.) They plead for trust from the police and the government, and yet give no trust and allow for no possible good will on the part of those who run the city. There is a difference between exasperation and despair which I think too many people cross.

I am against the DAC and against widespread surveillance. But, even though I called our city leaders feckless once, I'm not sure that treating them this way is productive.

Hang in there,
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