

“They Made Me Do It”

Skepticism is the first step to Truth – D. Diderot

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“Albemarle Supervisors Up Tax Rate Proposal”*

Supervisor Liz Palmer. “I don’t feel comfortable right now with this high of a tax increase, quite frankly, so I’m torn. But, at the same time, we had **a whole room full of people saying, ‘Fund the schools. We need it.’**”

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Thomas Jefferson

“A democracy is nothing more than mob rule, where fifty-one percent of the people may take away the rights of the other forty-nine. ”*

*American History Central Encyclopedia of American History

Our Government Is A Representative Republic, Not A Democracy

A Republic is representative government ruled by law (the United States Constitution).

A Democracy is government ruled by the majority (mob rule).

A Republic recognizes the unalienable rights of individuals

Democracies are only concerned with group wants or needs.

Code of Virginia § 49-1. Form of general oath required of officers

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia..."

*Your sworn duty is to represent all people, not just the most
noisy crowd of the moment*

*You were elected to conduct impartial analysis of difficult
issues and govern with concern for all taxpayers, and not
just placate the never-enough protesters*

*Please get over your discomfort and recognize the
destructive impacts increased taxes have on all citizens.*

*The "never-taxed-enough crowd" is welcome to make
voluntary tax contributions*