

This is a short paper more of an open letter format.

There has been an article in the Carroll County Times reported to be information regarding commissioner candidates and responses to questions from Times reporters. This is not exactly how the matters proceeded.

There is no Times reporter conducting interviews as the article makes out. The Baltimore Sun has a Carroll County Times Government reporter. I have received emails from two who identify themselves as such.

The first was a few months ago and never asked for an interview or asked questions in the email. It was only two sentences; the first identify themselves and the second indicating they 'wanted to know me better' then asked for my age. Not quite sure how this is supposed to be news-worthy political discussion. Rather the message sounded more like the many scam attempts I get sounding like a poor social-media gossip article or dating app.

The second email, from a different reporter that was recently sent out, at least focused on my candidacy, sort of. She asked two questions; one was how I thought my campaign was going and the second was a repeat from the Voting Guide Survey as to why I was running. Neither response I gave was printed, the second question could be obtained from the voting guide and is the one they used. However they didn't use my response to the first question. I brought up the possibility how the pandemic and redistricting fights have seemed to stagnate the election cycle this year and the media coverage was a stalled effort. Judging from the Times reporting (or I should say the Sun reporting) that would appear to be the case.

For two other candidates; the Sun reporter indicated that they responded to either an email interview or some other interview. This is most likely not the case. The Sun offered no interview nor tried to request one from me. Asking a single unrelated question or duplicating the effort of the Voting Guide is not an interview nor a request for one.

The Baltimore Sun itself has reprinted the article without the mention I could not be reached for comment. This is because I did comment on their question, they just saw fit not to print my comments.

This is poor reporting and not best effort to contact a candidate. I have only ever received two messages as I explained above and one phone call to remind me of the email. There has been no interviews or requests for such asked of me nor have a granted an interview (since no one even asked).

Original my last essay before election day was going to be about the lack of participation in democracy by voters but I guess you can't participate in something no one bothers to inform you about.

I'd have to write separately about the few emails I have gotten from voters.