

Greetings,

I have no special expertise that can bear on the intricacies of this issue. I am a 66 year old white male, born, raised and still reside in a suburb. A almost exclusively white suburb.

I have one overriding concern at this time.

Any and all changes **MUST DRAMATICALLY** improve the lot of non-whites in this state.

I will go further and state that we have a rare opportunity to atone for the mis-handling of the incorporation of the freed black slaves into the Union and society at large following the Civil War. To this end, while reviewing existing Statutes, please work with appropriate knowledgeable non-profits and advocacy groups to obtain their input as to what language constitutes "racist" - in their unique experience. This may seem a small matter but words have power, to lift up or to hold down. We seek a more perfect Union and this small act may help in this task.

Thank you

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