

On Wed, 21 Apr 2010 14:12:07 -0400 Deborah Bier wrote:

Stephanie, I hadn't noticed the link to the survey when I responded before. You are kidding, aren't you?!

This method has ZERO validity. I've already voted willy nilly as many times as I could (with different random answers) and now I'm inviting my friends both here and all around the world to do the same. Anyone can do that -- it only takes access to multiple computers and browsers -- and be assured: anyone IS already doing it!

And then there's the biased way this is worded. Truly, the Chamber's looking to get this to fail, right?

I don't give a damn what position the Chamber takes, but it needs to be genuine if it's touted as a reflection of its members' thoughts. What's going on here is a corruption of the democratic Town Meeting process. As a dues-paying member of the Chamber, I am deeply offended. I am aware that the petitioner has already pointed out the many flaws of this approach and the Chamber has let it stand nonetheless. That's mostly why I'm so disgusted, Stephanie.

I see three prominent choices here:

- 1) The Chamber pulls this survey acknowledging that it is fatally flawed.
- 2) The Chamber does #1 above, and work to create a REAL survey -- one that has some real validity to it. There's huge brain power in Concord to tap on this. It can be done correctly.
- 3) Do neither. The Chamber will be appear to be the tool of landlords and franchises -- not its members interests.

This survey was already totally invalid without my throwing the results in this way. I'm only making it more pointedly so -- because the Chamber has insisted on leaving the door wide open for this.

I will be telling this story to the Concord Discussion List and on the Concord Blog after 5 PM this evening. Let me know before that time via email what the Chamber is planning on doing to make this right. I will be publishing our correspondence in full.

Debbie

At 9:12 AM -0400 4/21/10, Deborah Bier, PhD/Greater Wellbeing.com wrote:
We feel passionately positive about both -- what would Concord be without its great business districts? Just Anywhere, USA.

We prefer 47 because let's be fair and treat all parts of town evenhandedly.

best,
Debbie Bier & Rich Stevenson