DC-MDC Minutes May 7, 2020

Start: 7:37 p.m.
End: 8:43 p.m.
Present: Anais, Edmundo, Katie, Tyler

Agenda.

1. Discussion with Tyler regarding Car caravan protest procedures.
   a. Best practices.
   b. Different experiences in VA vs. DC.
   c. VA: Questions and concerns regarding traffic lights. Are LO cars supposed to stop?
   d. Tyler: we are currently working on magnets. Different chapters are having similar conversations.
      i. Signs: in response to requests, we have started to develop 12x12 magnets that would identify cars as Legal Observer cars. We plan to print a small number given their cost.
      ii. Best practices: We released Best Practices guidelines. What we are working on right now is revising the protocols to incorporate car caravans. A lot is going to come down to the discretion of the LOs. We are including questions like leaving one’s car or interact with organizers.
      iii. Timeline for magnets: About three weeks to get magnets. We are getting 20 and ship them in pairs; sent 2 signs to chapters up to 10 chapters. If we have signs left over, we will receive requests and send them.
   e. Question: Are we seeing any arrests?
   f. We are seeing cops denying permits and breaking up demonstrations in several cities (LA, NYC, Sacramento); citations for noise disturbances.

2. “Chapter Stuff”
   a. Newsletter was started by Chapter. We will be sharing events the Committee has participated in.
   b. Discussion over the buddy system under the new circumstances. Do we only honor requests when we have 2 cars (a pair of LOs) or do we adopt a temporary policy of doing with one car? Yes? Thoughts? How do we determine when that is safe? We should a conversation about this with the greater group.

   [NOTE: Members are encouraged to give their opinions on this issue. Please contact us at demassfense@gmail.com to be added to this discussion over email.]

3. Next meeting: June 4th. 7:30 p.m.