

RACISM AND ABORTION?

I find it offensive that once again some Leelanau County Commissioners are attempting to insert abortion language into County business. Their views are not County business and do not reflect the majority of citizens in Leelanau County.

To suggest abortion amounts to “genocide for Black Americans- is perhaps the truest form of racism”, is a myth perpetrated by anti-abortion organizations. The reality is, this is not genocide. Black women are capable of making their own decisions about their bodies and their and lives. Abortion doesn’t “happen” to Black women, or any women. They choose it because it is right for them, their, families, and bodies at that moment in time. To suggest that abortion is Black genocide is insulting and demeaning to Black women. The real threat to Black communities' safety, health and lives stems from lack of access to quality affordable health care, police violence and the criminalization of reproductive health care by anti-abortion proponents. These disparities are the result of systemic racism that allows for these conditions to exist and continue, not the other way around.

So, commissioners, please focus on and address the real issues of racism in Leelanau County.

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