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Andrew Jackson Young, protégé of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1960's

…as they were getting ready to pick us up we were marching with the sanitation workers who were striking to demand a 3 step increase in pay Excuse me officer, can I respectfully remind you that these sanitation workers are on the same payroll as you are and if they get a three step increase or even a single step, you will likely get one too. But If you beat us up none of us will get anything

– do your job arrest us but remember "We are all on the same side." I stuck out my hand to shake hands with him and he shook it and then he pulled me up and pushed me in the paddy wagon which was all right.

Even if Portland agreed with everything that the demonstrators wanted, if the people did not vote, it would all be for naught. Right now, the focus should be

Election Day is always the Judgement Day in a Democracy

Even if they don't stop demonstrating there should be an established negotiation process and an attempt to achieve certain goals that you can agree on.

In Atlanta when people talk about defunding the police which is a good slogan when you are angry with the police. I don't think any city has had a million people in the streets

There are people who are vulnerable – the crises are not always criminal –

Example – large older trees present danger to the residents when they topple down in the midst of a storm --- public servants are the ones who must work together to get things just functioning again.

That is a powerful statistic when they talk about defunding the police – how many 911 calls -- if you simply rephrase the term to Reimagine the Police or to Reposition the Police   For having a police force that was balanced in race and in gender – must rely on the calls that require mind and heart to respond to the calls for help

Reconciliation process and a negotiation process maybe the timing it really good for that

I would not know who to go to to talk to somebody who is making decisions about demonstrations. A part of the civil rights movement that has it be a people's

Somebody has to negotiate the process because money does not come by thin air – anything you want to do within your City --- raise taxes to fund most new programs

We were demonstrators here – in order that we could have a voice in the running of the government -- we did not want to become the government although twenty years later they made me the Mayor --

Peaceful demonstration is still one of the better ways of getting attention

Ted Turner I've been thinking about you (Ted Turner is a two time nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize) – I remember the good old days

We should all thank Ted Turner because in many ways, he saved the United Nations. He also moved the United States into a much better position with the Soviet Union when he set up the Good Will Games after the United States pulled out of the Olympic Games Now if he had not done that, we would not have been able to host the Olympic Games in Atlanta in 1996. So as far back as I can remember, Ted, you have always been Johnny on the Spot doing what nobody else wants to do and having a vision and an insight of Peace On Earth and Good Will to all Men Women and Children – you have done that all your life people often did not understand it, but when you put your money up too that kind a shut them up. I think you are still the one of the only persons that have given a billion dollars overtime to the United Nations and I was privileged to serve with you on that board for a little while and we will always be grateful for your vision and commitment and for everything you did all the way back to the billboards

God Bless You and We Remember you here in Atlanta

We remember you here in Atlanta and we thank you and appreciate you for all you have done --- thank you – thank you we love you Andy The Braves are Winning.

Gary: What do you do in a situation where you have hundred nights in the row they start out somewhat peaceful but they do not end up so – how do you begin a negotiation process - our Mayor has said they do not know what they want

 -- come in to a conference room and they can select their own delegation

In demonstrations, every time there is violence in them – it was violence that made MLK come back to Memphis where he was killed. If it became violent we stopped the demonstration - they were paid to be violent. – it is used against us to disrupt and to well to make YOU the enemy – to be on the right side of history and justice, it is important to be non-violent. I say that but we had twenty years of preparation 1941 Sixth grade Andy went to hear Thurgood Marshall argue a case then in 1961 Marshall was just then going to be in the court – twenty years of arguments and discussion by the law schools in the region during that time to prepare for the movement

Setting up some kind of moot court on the issues that can be suggested by the demonstrators themselves arrange some kind of moot court in the law schools there that will argue both side – there has to be a discussion . – single slogan – Black Lives Matter so what do we do about that?   A very creative thing would be to set up a lunch hour

…so between now and the end of the year, we should focus on politics and determine what we want on the issues Regardless of who wins the election, it is the issues that count the fires are not going to die down, the virus is going to stay for awhile, the prople out of work the add to it the storms coming up from the gulf

We have more than enough work to do but we must do it in such a way that we do it as brothers and sisters. And that we realize that earth is the Lords and the fullness thereof and that things are going to go on - Dr. King used to say and I quote that the hymn I think it is

Truth forever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne

But that scaffold sways the future for behind the great unknown standeth   God behind the shadows keeping watch above his own

Closing by Nancy

Maya Ahmed – how can I improve myself to achieve my goal

Tricia Harris the frostocracy vs the ghettoocracy