

## **He's At It Again**

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On the eve of the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington and Martin Luther King Jr's "I have a dream" speech, County Commissioner Mike Forte is once again spewing his racist hate speech on social media. Forte's inflammatory commentary is a plague to Brunswick County citizens, and he should resign from public office.

Of course, this isn't the first time Forte has used Facebook to spread hatred and discord. Last year, thousands signed a petition urging him to resign after he posted hateful comments in the wake of the George Flood murder. Now, he's at it again, providing a new twist on "white privilege" that is little more than a racist dog whistle.

For those who haven't seen it, this is what he posted: "When someone says 'white privilege' what they mean is 'Two parent privilege' or 'Marriage privilege' or 'high school diploma privilege' or 'having a baby in wedlock' privilege or several other 'privileges' that have nothing to do with race.

Why does Forte believe his despicable views represent responsible Brunswick County residents? Why must we continue to be subjected to the racist cant of a man elected to represent all residents of the county?

It's long past time to kick Mike Forte out of office. The Brunswick County Democratic Party will work hard to replace him with a commissioner who does not hold and spew bigoted views.

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