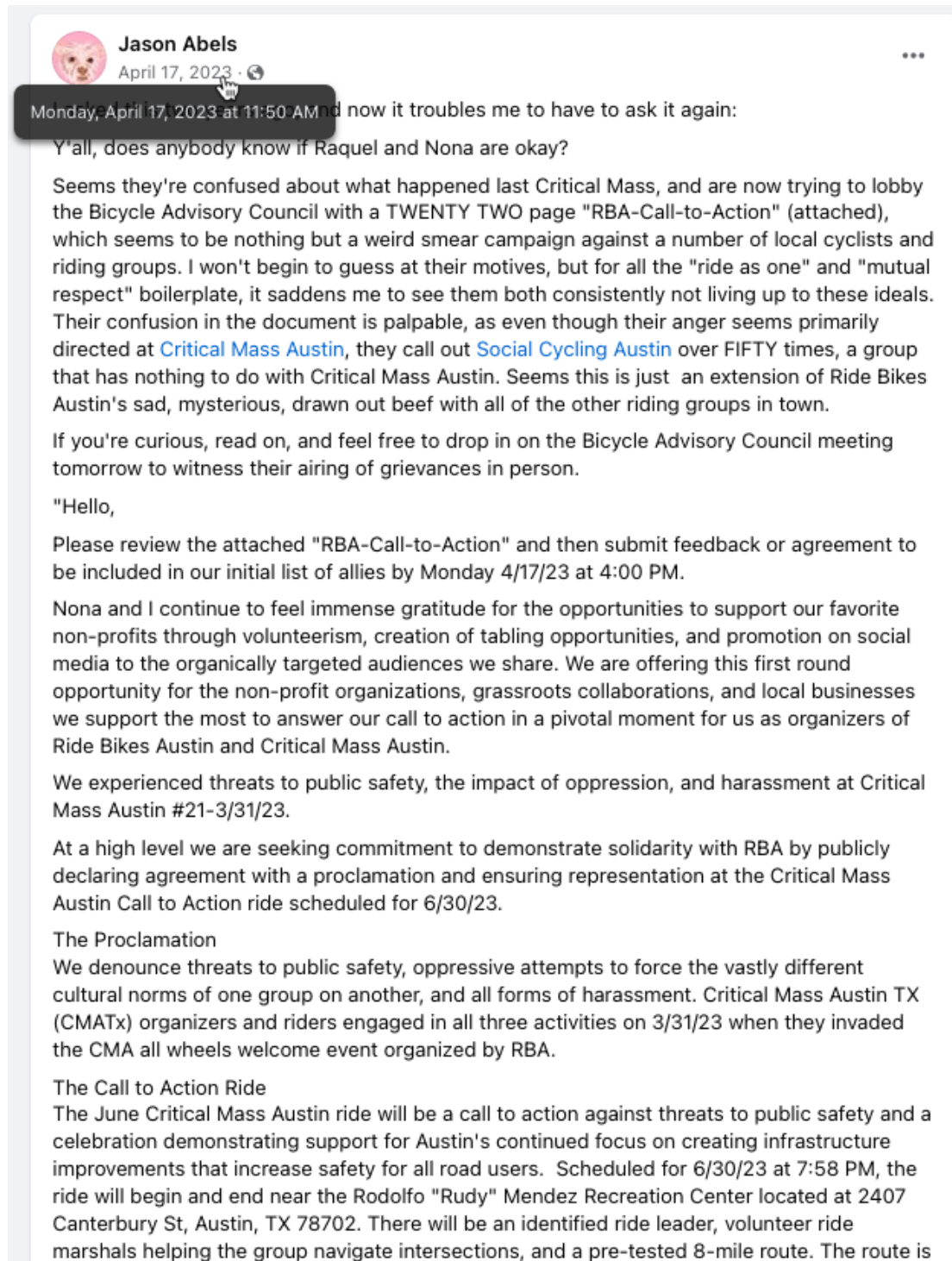




Jason Abels (Social Cycling Austin Ride Leader and Administrator) created a public post 4/17/23 at 11:50 AM accusing Ride Bikes Austin members of issuing a “weird smear campaign against a number of local cyclists and riding groups” to the Bicycle Advisory Council and encouraging his followers to “drop in on the Bicycle Advisory Council meeting.”



Jason Abels
April 17, 2023 · 🌐

Monday, April 17, 2023 at 11:50 AM and now it troubles me to have to ask it again:

Y'all, does anybody know if Raquel and Nona are okay?

Seems they're confused about what happened last Critical Mass, and are now trying to lobby the Bicycle Advisory Council with a TWENTY TWO page "RBA-Call-to-Action" (attached), which seems to be nothing but a weird smear campaign against a number of local cyclists and riding groups. I won't begin to guess at their motives, but for all the "ride as one" and "mutual respect" boilerplate, it saddens me to see them both consistently not living up to these ideals. Their confusion in the document is palpable, as even though their anger seems primarily directed at [Critical Mass Austin](#), they call out [Social Cycling Austin](#) over FIFTY times, a group that has nothing to do with Critical Mass Austin. Seems this is just an extension of Ride Bikes Austin's sad, mysterious, drawn out beef with all of the other riding groups in town.

If you're curious, read on, and feel free to drop in on the Bicycle Advisory Council meeting tomorrow to witness their airing of grievances in person.

"Hello,

Please review the attached "RBA-Call-to-Action" and then submit feedback or agreement to be included in our initial list of allies by Monday 4/17/23 at 4:00 PM.

Nona and I continue to feel immense gratitude for the opportunities to support our favorite non-profits through volunteerism, creation of tabling opportunities, and promotion on social media to the organically targeted audiences we share. We are offering this first round opportunity for the non-profit organizations, grassroots collaborations, and local businesses we support the most to answer our call to action in a pivotal moment for us as organizers of Ride Bikes Austin and Critical Mass Austin.

We experienced threats to public safety, the impact of oppression, and harassment at Critical Mass Austin #21-3/31/23.

At a high level we are seeking commitment to demonstrate solidarity with RBA by publicly declaring agreement with a proclamation and ensuring representation at the Critical Mass Austin Call to Action ride scheduled for 6/30/23.

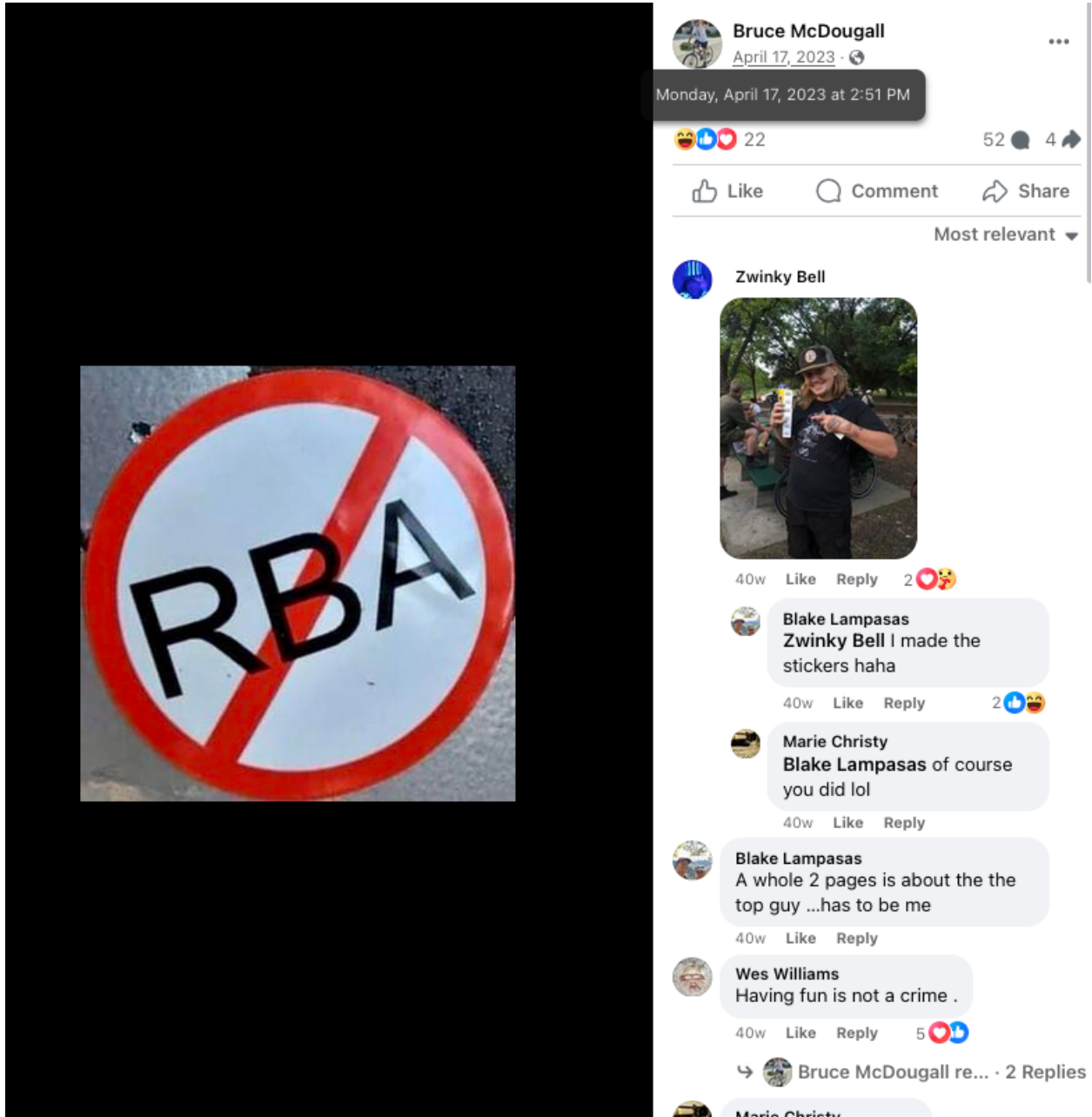
The Proclamation

We denounce threats to public safety, oppressive attempts to force the vastly different cultural norms of one group on another, and all forms of harassment. Critical Mass Austin TX (CMATx) organizers and riders engaged in all three activities on 3/31/23 when they invaded the CMA all wheels welcome event organized by RBA.

The Call to Action Ride

The June Critical Mass Austin ride will be a call to action against threats to public safety and a celebration demonstrating support for Austin's continued focus on creating infrastructure improvements that increase safety for all road users. Scheduled for 6/30/23 at 7:58 PM, the ride will begin and end near the Rodolfo "Rudy" Mendez Recreation Center located at 2407 Canterbury St, Austin, TX 78702. There will be an identified ride leader, volunteer ride marshals helping the group navigate intersections, and a pre-tested 8-mile route. The route is

Bruce McDougall (Social Cycling Austin 5 year member) changed his Facebook profile picture to an RBA hate sticker a few hours after Jason Abels' public accusation against RBA organizers. Bruce's refers to the to the RBA proclamation which states, "We denounce threats to public safety, oppressive attempts to force the vastly different cultural norms of one group on another, and all forms of harassment."



Corina Oliva-Hansen (aka Zwinky Bell; Social Cycling Austin Ride Leader and 10-year member) shared a picture of Blake Lampasas in the comments. The picture shows Blake holding a stack of stickers that are printed with “Fuck RBA” at the Social Cycling Austin Thursday Night Social Ride meeting location.

Blake Lampasas (Social Cycling Austin Ride Leader and 10+ year member) responded to the picture posted by Corina, sharing “I made the stickers haha.”



Zwinky Bell



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Blake Lampasas
Zwinky Bell I made the stickers haha

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Monday, April 17, 2023 at 7:11 PM

Maria Chrissy

