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To: "City Council
Cc: "
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 5:37:05 PM
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Bylaw

Dear Councillor _____,

Your comments are null and void as none of this is actually written in the by-law. The by-law does say that all actions must be non-judgemental which overturns any protection allotted to those whom you have listed and further threatens religious doctrine which teaches that homosexuality is a sin. The bible also teaches that adultery is a sin so is the city going to put a by-law in place next that prohibits addressing this matter. Where does it end?

Therefore, you have opened up the church to persecution and violated the constitutional rights and freedoms of religion, thought, speech, individual rights ("adults rights to choose therapy") and International agreements in support of parental rights. The by-law intentionally favoured one therapy and one therapy only. That which would counsel children toward a homosexual lifestyle "only". Regardless of the statistics which prove that over 90% of children who struggle with dysphoria embrace their birth sex, if they are not discouraged from doing so. Information was also provided explaining that many children struggling with gender dysphoria have also experienced some form of childhood abuse but this was also ignored. So now, under the new by-law, minors, who desperately need therapy to "overcome" trauma, have only "one" option...which will very likely lead to hormone blockers, sterilization and sex reassignment surgery because that is the only counselling they are "permitted" by the city to receive. This is child abuse and abuse of power.

This will not stand up in court and you indeed are responsible for your decision to support this by-law and the legal costs Calgarians will be burdened with in overturning it.

Time and again the City Council was informed that conversion therapy no longer exists. Conversion therapy consisted of institutionalization, castration and electroshock treatment. We all unanimously agree that this is not appropriate or effective in treating anyone. And that is why it was banned decades ago.

What we are dealing with today is a ban on talk therapy, reparative therapy and you were given plenty of evidence to prove that it is highly effective. But you chose to ignore it and support the LGBTQ sex activists mission to shut down opposing views and force their ideology on all of society. Due to the manipulation of the term conversion therapy the activists, for now, successfully turned this into a misinformation campaign in order to pull at the heart strings of councillors and have their demands met.

The majority believe this is a violation of Canadians rights and freedoms provided under the Constitution, is an act of a totalitarian government and this will definitely reflect in the next municipal, provincial and federal elections.

Best Regards,

Action4Canada

From: "
To: "
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 3:37:30 PM
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Bylaw

Tanya, I supported this as we heard at Council that it would not apply to those who provide support to persons questioning their sexual orientation, sexual feelings or gender identity (such as teachers, school counsellors, pastoral counsellors, faith leaders, doctors, mental health professionals, friends or family members).

From:

Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 2:09 PM

To: City council

Cc:

Subject: [EXT] Re: Conversion Therapy Bylaw

Dear Councillor _____,

Thank you for having the integrity and respect for the Canadian Constitution and individual rights and freedoms in voting against the draconian conversion therapy ban. The by-law is indeed unconstitutional and will be challenged in the courts.

Mayor Nenshi and the rest of city council should be ashamed of their decision. They do not care one iota that the court costs associated to challenge this obvious violation of the Charter, will be on Calgarians. Albertans are hurting really bad and the City just poured fuel on the fire. Shame!

Citizens across the nation are growing rightfully intolerant of the governments consistent overreach and draconian policies.

You, however, set yourself above and apart in this matter and are someone worthy of support come the next Municipal election.

With deepest gratitude,

Action4Canada

From: "

Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 11:43:02 AM

Subject: Conversion Therapy Bylaw

Good Afternoon,

I would like to thank you for taking the time to correspond with me on the Conversion Therapy Bylaw. I have received hundreds of emails and letters on this issue indicating how important this matter is to residents of Ward 2 and our City. On Monday, this bylaw passed Council with a final vote of 14-1. I was the lone vote against the third reading of this bylaw and I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with a rationale as to why.

As with any bylaw that comes before Council, I attempt to do as much research on the subject matter as possible. In this case, I have always made it clear that I oppose conversion therapy, which was why I supported the Notice of Motion brought to council to ban conversion therapy. However, the language and the words used in a bylaw matter. In committee and in council, it was clear that there were issues with the wording of this bylaw as often The City's legal team was unable to clearly answer many important questions from myself and other councillors. As such, I sought the input and advice from constitutional lawyers who indicated to me that as written, this bylaw was likely unconstitutional and could be subject to court challenges. Therefore, I proposed an amendment to align this bylaw to the federal law banning conversion therapy that has passed first reading of the House of Commons. My amendment was defeated by a vote of 10-5.

With significant issues being raised with the current wording coming from Calgary's faith communities, ethnic communities, and from the LGBTQ community, I believed that we needed to get more clarification on the wording. I was appreciative that City Administration provided some clarification;

however, this clarification was not written within the bylaw. Laws should not be passed that are open to interpretation as they can have costly unintended consequences. Although I completely oppose conversion therapy, I could not support the wording of this bylaw.

I thank you, again, for your input into this important matter.

Regards,

City Councillor – Ward 2