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Subject: Conversion Therapy - Please Support Both Resolution & Ordinance

Good Afternoon, Alderpersons,

On this evening's agenda you will find two items regarding conversion therapy. Those items include a resolution in opposition to the practice, and an ordinance to ban the practice here in West Allis. I am writing to encourage your support of **both** items.

The resolution of opposition to the practice is a good first step and I hope you will vote in favor. On its own, however, it is nothing more than a wag of the finger to those who would practice conversion therapy, a "thoughts and prayers" to the gay community, and a nice talking piece without taking the necessary walk.

If the Council means what it says in the language of that resolution, it follows that it will take a firm stand against this unethical treatment of youth by voting in favor of the ordinance to ban the practice. It tells those who would practice conversion therapy here that they are not only unwelcome but in violation of the law should they attempt it here. It tells the gay community that you mean what you say by taking action. It is the walk to follow up on that talk.

Lastly, I will remind you that the resolution and the ordinance support the City's Five Year Strategic Goals. More specifically, #2 Quality of Life ("The City of West Allis will promote the quality of life for residents by ensuring a safe and healthy community") and #3 Citizen Engagement ("The City of West Allis will increase citizen engagement to facilitate a sense of community, belonging, and ownership for citizens).

Thank you. Your decision tonight is not "either a resolution or an ordinance". It is "a resolution AND an ordinance". I encourage your vote in support of both.

Please add my email as a petition in favor of both items.

Sincerely,

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