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**Subject:** Gay Conversion Therapy Ban

Dear Common Council members,

Good evening! My name is Kristen Keyser and I live at 8132 W. Raymond Lane, West Allis, WI 53219. I request this correspondence be made public and on official record.

A month ago, I spoke to you about West Allis being a leader in banning gay conversion therapy in our city. Tonight you will find two items regarding conversion therapy, including a resolution in opposition to the practice, and an ordinance to ban the practice here in West Allis. I am writing to encourage you to support both items.

There is precedent set to ban gay conversion therapy in other cities throughout Wisconsin and we now have the opportunity to expand on those ordinances. This is an issue of public health and prevention. Preventing this terrible practice from entering our city puts us at the forefront of caring for our citizens and shows our community that West Allis is a safe haven for LGBTQIA+ individuals and families to settle and flourish.

The resolution and the ordinance support the West Allis' Five Year Strategic Goals, in particular: The City of West Allis will promote the quality of life for residents by ensuring a safe and healthy community; will increase citizen engagement to facilitate a sense of community, belonging, and ownership for citizens; and will identify most impactful crime prevention strategies and expand/improve them.

I want to make Wisconsin a safe haven for LGBTQIA+ youth who face torture in order to change who they are in their heart and soul. It's not good enough to say "We disagree with gay conversion therapy" without a ban. We must include strong language that West Allis is not going to welcome bigoted actions. Tonight, I ask the aldermans to vote "YES" on both gay conversion therapy ban actions being considered.

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Sincerely,

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