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Subject: Gay Pride Month Resolution

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Dear Mayor Perotte and Council:

First, I have throughout my adult life been openly supportive of full civil rights for gay/lesbian/bisexual individuals, including the right to marry and have a family. I also believe it appropriate to mark June 28th as a solemn anniversary date, the Stonewall protests.

However, there is a distinction between L,G, and B rights, and those recognizing transgenderism. I specifically refer to the following section of the resolution to be approved this Tuesday:

“ . . . [T]ransgender individuals and youth, face disproportionately high risks of violent hate crimes, suicide, homelessness, bullying, and mental health problems.”

The statement is false. First, transgenderism as a medical condition is extremely rare, especially among females. Furthermore, there is clear evidence that the mental health problems attendant with transgenderism are more often than not, the result of other issues in the individual's life. This also includes higher rates of autism within that population than one would expect. The switch to the opposite sex does not resolve those pre-existing mental conditions, including predisposition to suicide. In fact, it exacerbates them.

But most important for me, as a feminist, is the direct assault on female civil rights and protections under the law. No other marginalized group has ever shredded the civil rights of the majority: including blacks (1964) and the disabled (1990). Their attainment of full civil rights was a recognition of their rights under the Constitution. As a people, we celebrate and honor their rightful attainment of civil rights.

Women and girls are currently being pushed aside. In sports. In the locker rooms and dormitories. In prisons where the females have no recourse locked inside a cell with a biological male. In honors and awards. Historically, females are the prey to the male predator. This is true throughout history. It remains true today. Without the law, women and girls are again vulnerable and disadvantaged and placed in danger with NO RECOURSE.

In the case of youth, most children and teens will find their way through “gender confusion” and settle onto their biological sex – the DNA designation imprinted upon conception, even before the zygote is implanted into the womb. Some among that group will come to realize that they are gay. Others not. But either way, they will mature to love their God-given body. Gay men are first and foremost, MEN. Lesbians are WOMEN.

Currently, women are being bullied, silenced, beaten, threatened with loss of careers (especially in Athletics), and yes – raped. All because we dare to claim what is true: We are women. No man can ever be a woman.

I respectfully request that you remove that paragraph from your resolution.

Celeste Barber

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Former Honoree, Santa Barbara County Woman of the Year, 4th District

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From: Lisa Sloan <lsloan@protonmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2023 12:41 PM
To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>
Subject: June 6 Agenda Item A.2

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Dear Goleta City Clerk,

Would you please include my attached comment letter into the record for the June 6 City Council meeting?

Thank you.

Lisa Sloan
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Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

June 5, 2023

MAYOR PAULA PEROTTE & GOLETA CITY COUNCIL

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Does the Constitution allow our government to adopt a state religion?

The resolution proposed in the City Council's June 6 agenda item A.2 supports the adoption of June as LGBTQ+ Pride month. The kind of pride that supports relationships which go against the teachings of the three major religions in our community denies the rights of most citizens not to condone sexual immorality. The ideology of atheism, that God is not real, that one should simply do what feels good are tenants of secular humanism. A federal judge in Oregon ruled in 2014 that secular humanism is a religion. Therefore, the adoption of this resolution would go against the First Amendment to the Constitution to not respect the establishment of religion.

Why would our City cite the Stonewall Riots as justification for this resolution? In 1967 Manhattan, the Genovese crime family opened the Stonewall Inn, which became the largest gay bar in the United States, catering to drag queens, transgender people, male prostitutes, and homeless male teens. The bar violated many city laws, such as operating without a liquor license, lacking fire exits, no access to running water behind the bar, serving drinks in dirty, used glasses, which patrons blamed for an outbreak of hepatitis. The mafia-connected owners reportedly bribed police with around \$1,200 a month to turn a blind eye to the bar's violations. Is this the kind of establishment our City seeks to permit?

Will this resolution lead to the promotion of gender confused individuals over the feelings and valid concerns of women and girls in restrooms and locker rooms in our city? There have been multiple instances of sexual assault in public schools that allowed boys dressed as girls into the girls' restroom.

No doubt that supporters will accuse those of us speaking against this resolution of hate and bigotry. This accusation could not be further from the truth, because it is only out of love for our community and for its children that we come forward. In fact, because children cannot be expected to understand the significance of permanent sterility and resulting lifetime of required ongoing medical care, most Americans do not approve of sex change medical treatments on minors that do not benefit their mental nor physical health. The highest incidence of suicides occurs seven to ten years after medical transition than in any other group.

This resolution before the Council denies women's rights in favor of promoting the ideology of gender confusion and the religion of secular humanism. For these reasons I urge you to please vote no on A.2. Thank you.

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Sloan". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lisa" and last name "Sloan" clearly legible.

LISA SLOAN

From: [Susan Clayton](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: LGBTQ+ Pride Month.
Date: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 11:02:37 AM

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To City Council,

Thank you for recognizing the month of June as **LGBTQ+ Pride Month!**

I am sure you will be getting negative feedback and want you to know that many of us out in the community support your decision.

Susan Clayton
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From: Jeffrey Wayco <jwayco@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 6:14 PM

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Subject: From Jeff and Loralyn Wayco - 6/5/23 Council Meeting - Agenda Item 2A

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6/5/23 Council Meeting - Agenda Item 2A

Dear Mayor and members of the city Council of Goleta,

I am writing this to voice my objection to the City of Goleta making a proclamation recognizing June 2023, as LGBTQ plus pride month and I implore you to strike this item from the agenda as it is NOT city business, it is a political and activist driven issue, and to eliminate it as an item to be brought up in the future city business.

As our mayor and city Council, you were elected, by we the people, to represent all of us, to guard the safety and well being of all of our residents, and to maintain the roads and infrastructure of our city Not to weigh in on, recognize or sanction particular political causes or groups. That is not your place.

By putting this proclamation of recognition formally on the city's agenda, formally voting on it and ultimately entering it into the books of the city, you are ostracizing a huge number of this residents of the city.

Granted, this is a political issue that has been addressed for years, and ultimately given recognition by the federal government, that should be enough. But for any city to recognize a particular group of people, albeit a very small percentage of the population, whose sexual preferences do not reflect those of the vast majority of the population, and to display the symbols of that small minority for that particular group on city property, or as part of the city governance, steps out of bounds.

I believe it is fine if a particular group of people want to live a particular way, and we should let them. But I strongly object to our Mayor and City Council, spending time and our taxpayer money on picking and choosing and sanctioning and recognizing particular groups. By doing so, it then begs the question, what groups will you not recognize? I find it sad that you have felt compelled to cave-in to the pressure from a few loud voices.

I find it very troubling that the city feels that it is within their purview to display pride flags, it is not your place. Additionally, by doing so, you offend people with other beliefs and you have forced people with children to have to address things that they may not be prepared to discuss with her children yet. It is one thing for parents to discuss sexual issues with their children, but it is another thing when the city displays symbols of a particular groups sexuality.

Lastly, with a formal proclamation and recognition by the city, you open the door for the sexual preferences of a fringe group to be included in our city library's, our City Hall, our community center and our schools. As you well know, city councils, and school systems across the county are being sued by their citizens, and I think it best that the city of Goleta abandon this agenda.

Again, I implore you to drop this proclamation of recognition from your agenda, and no longer address it from our city chambers., It is not your place to do. Stick to the job you have, surely there is enough to attend to and plenty to get done.

Respectfully yours,
Jeff (and Loralyn) Wayco
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