

[EXTERNAL]24-00029054 - Open - COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council -

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on behalf of
Alex311 <alex311@alexandriava.gov>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 10:59 AM

To Christina Thompson <christina.thompson@alexandriava.gov>; Amy Jackson <Amy.Jackson@alexandriava.gov>; John Chapman <john.taylor.chapman@alexandriava.gov>; Kirk McPike <kirk.mcpike@alexandriava.gov>; Tenesia Wells <Tenesia.Wells@alexandriava.gov>; Regina Benavides <regina.benavides@alexandriava.gov>; Melissa Douglas <melissa.douglas@alexandriava.gov>; Sarah Bagley <sarah.bagley@alexandriava.gov>; Keia Waters <keia.waters@alexandriava.gov>; Alyia Gaskins <alyia.gaskins@alexandriava.gov>; Karl Bach <karl.bach@alexandriava.gov>; Canek Aguirre <Canek.Aguirre@alexandriava.gov>; Michele Griffin <michele.griffin@alexandriava.gov>; Christine Macey <christine.macey@alexandriava.gov>; Gloria Sitton <Gloria.Sitton@alexandriava.gov>; Mark McHugh <mark.mchugh@alexandriava.gov>; Kristine Devine <kristine.devine@alexandriava.gov>; Suzanne Derr <suzanne.derr@alexandriava.gov>; Justin Wilson <justin.wilson@alexandriava.gov>; CRM Administrator <CRM.Administrator@alexandriava.gov>

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Service Request Number:	24-00029054	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	9/24/2024 10:57 AM
Location:		Overdue On:	10/1/2024 10:57 AM
Description:	In regards to the "Safe Haven" resolution: citizens of this city and state and country disagree greatly on what should be considered "reproductive healthcare." We also disagree on "gender affirming healthcare." For some, these things are considered "rights". For others of us, these things are considered morally impermissible and grave sins against humanity. I need not elaborate on the arguments both sides present. But it is these topics that seemingly have precipitated this resolution. My input as a member of this city to my Mayor and Council Members is this.....what we all can and should agree upon, is that our community, specifically our city, should be a safe haven for ALL people. Could we please stop affirming people's "rights" and "protection" based on descriptors? ALL people are to be respected as they have inherent dignity as human beings. Rights, respect, protection, and safety, do not depend on color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, culture, pronoun choices, disabled or abled, country of origin, etc. ALL human beings are valuable, deserve respect, and have dignity. Let's lead the charge even in our disagreements, by pledging to respect all, protect all, and quite simply, value ALL. Thank you for your service to our city, and thank you for your time. Missy McGraw 703-350-1809		

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Which Council Member would you like to contact?	All Members
What is the nature of your request?	Legislative or Policy Issues
Is your request related to the upcoming public hearing or Council meeting?	Yes

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Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	9/24/2024 11:44 AM
Location:		Overdue On:	10/1/2024 11:44 AM
Description:	Sexuality is a fundamental and important part of the human person but it is not everything. We are so much more than our sexual activities. The mayor and city council members should work to create safety and respect for all Alexandria residents and its visitors, rather than treat anyone with a particular special status due to what should be private sexual preferences. As an Alexandria resident, I write to oppose the resolution to declare Alexandria a "safe haven" for people who experience same-sex attraction and/or gender dysphoria.		

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Service Questions:

Question	Answer
Which Council Member would you like to contact?	All Members
What is the nature of your request?	Legislative or Policy Issues

Is your request related to the upcoming public hearing or Council meeting?

Yes

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[EXTERNAL]In Support of LGBTQ+ Rights Resolution

From Brianna Calculofulger <calculobrianna@gmail.com>**Date** Sun 9/15/2024 11:20 AM**To** CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Hello,

I am a student at ACHS satellite campus, and I am writing in support of the LGBTQ+ Rights Resolution. While I thankfully have supportive parents and family members, this will be especially important for those who don't, because those who don't get support at home need to have it in other places, and this resolution will help against state attempts to prevent this.

Sincerely,

Brianna Orrin-Brown

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[EXTERNAL]Duke street service road - One way conversion

From Brianna Calculofulger <calculobrianna@gmail.com>**Date** Sun 9/15/2024 6:22 PM**To** CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Hello,

I am a student in Alexandria writing in support of making the Duke Street service road by Cambridge and West Taylor Run one-way in order to add a multi-use trail. It will make Duke Street safer for all. I have tried biking along Duke Street, and would consider it as a way to get to school, but it is too dangerous. It would also help when I need to take the bus to school.

Thanks for your consideration,
Brianna Orrin-Brown

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[EXTERNAL]in support of LGBTQ+ safe haven resolution

From Christina Saull <christinasaul@gmail.com>**Date** Tue 9/24/2024 11:23 AM**To** CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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I wanted to express my strong support for the LGBTQ+ safe haven resolution being considered tonight. As the daughter of a gay man and the sister of a trans woman, my family is directly impacted by the discrimination and hate that this community faces on a daily basis. I have called Alexandria home for nearly 20 years and one of the things that has kept me here is our diverse community that protects all people and focuses on kindness regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation or religion.

This resolution would go a long way to affirming this.

Please vote yes.

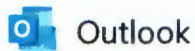
Thank you!

Christina

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Alexandria, VA 22301

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[EXTERNAL]Resolution support

From Karen S <kestrickbu@gmail.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 11:27 AM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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I support the safe haven resolution.

Thank you.

PS. I live in Kingstowne, but have an Alexandria mailing address. Presumably the safe haven includes the broader Alexandria area.

Karen Strick

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[EXTERNAL]LBGQ Legislation

From Kevin Amiss <ktalzr@aol.com>**Date** Tue 9/24/2024 11:28 AM**To** CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Good morning, I have lived in Alexandria all my life and it's is the best place on earth to live, in my opinion. You do not need to divide people in this city by voting for legislation that is nothing but divisive and for a liberal publicity stunt that doesn't add to or change any laws that are already in effect. I hope you will agree that this is panning to a very small portion of our community and does nothing but put people against each other for no real reason. Laws are already on the books to protect everyone in these categories. Thanks for your attention.

Kevin Amiss

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[EXTERNAL]'Safe haven' resolution is not the right way for Alexandria to support LGBTQ+ people

From Louisa Greve <louisa.greve@gmail.com>**Date** Tue 9/24/2024 11:36 AM**To** CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Dear Clerk Sitton,

I oppose the 'safe haven' resolution. People who experience gender dysphoria or confusion deserve great sympathy and compassion. But I believe that a person who deliberately seeks harmful medical or surgical interventions is pursuing a path that is objectively destructive of their body and wellbeing. Parents should not be encouraged to pursue these options for their children.

As a Catholic, I join fully in the Church's solicitude for those who are suffering, but this resolution is not the right path.

Sincerely yours,
Louisa Greve

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[EXTERNAL]Proposed Resolution

From Elizabeth Spoth <spothelizabeth@comcast.net>**Date** Tue 9/24/2024 11:37 AM**To** CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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To Whom It May Concern on the City of Alexandria Council:

I strongly oppose the passing of a resolution that would make the City of Alexandria a safe haven for promoting gender ideology and gender affirming care in the event a federal or state law should be passed. It is objectionable to my conscience and faith to subject young children to bodily alterations as they sort out their gender dysphoria. All children and people with gender dysphoria deserve our love.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Spoth
resident of City of Alexandria

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[EXTERNAL]'Safe Haven' vote

From Katie Myers <katie.v.myers@outlook.com>**Date** Tue 9/24/2024 11:47 AM**To** CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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To whom it may concern:

I am concerned with the 'Safe Haven' legislation that will be voted upon this evening.

I am concerned in calling out specific groups to provide protection for. Is that not akin to days of segregation when the city would provide protections for white people, but not black people? Only now, the city is providing protection for LGBTQ+ people, but not others.

I am concerned that there is so much mention of children in the resolution. The NHNSCR states that the frontal lobe of the human brain, which is responsible for decision making, planning, and inhibitory control continues until through the mid 20s (age). As such, children do not have the full brain development to make life altering decisions regarding transition. To medically alter a child's body is nothing short of child abuse. Does the council really support child abuse?!

I am concerned that the council claims to "recognize the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion" but in fact is calling out a specific group, in effect driving a wedge between the LGBTQ+ community and others.

Please do not vote in favor of this legislation. As it is written , I believe the legislation will do the exact opposite of supporting the group they claim to be helping.

Thank you for your time,
Katie Myers

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[EXTERNAL]Opposition to Resolution

From Theresa Rachael <theresarachele@gmail.com>**Date** Tue 9/24/2024 11:51 AM**To** CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Hello Alexandria City Council:

I live in Alexandria and want to make my opinion heard that I oppose the resolution to make Alexandria a safe haven for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning community.

I respect that people who experience gender dysphoria or confusion are not immoral or bad. They need care and our prayers.

At the same time, a person who deliberately rejects his or her given identity and seeks harmful medical or surgical interventions is pursuing a path that is objectively wrong and harmful on many levels.

As a Catholic, the Church has a special solicitude for those who are suffering and desires to lead them to the truth and to healing. We are not full of hate, but instead filled with love. We always want to help those in need.

While the City Council may have good intentions, this resolution is harmful and I do not support it.

Respectfully,

Theresa Rachael Dery

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[EXTERNAL]safe haven resolution tonight

From Dennis Dunleavy <dennis.dunleavy@icloud.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 11:53 AM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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I oppose this resolution.

Dennis Dunleavy
1222 Roundhouse Lane

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[EXTERNAL]Urgent: Proposed Stylish and Rash Resolution to Receive Vote, September 24, 2024

From Michael Curtis <studioclio@aol.com>**Date** Tue 9/24/2024 12:01 PM**To** CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Dear Ms. Sitton:

Please do not further encourage the mutilation of children. As you know, the innocent young cannot understand life's course and are incapable of comprehending the violence done to their bodies, the lifetime of servitude to pharmaceuticals, the return to confusion and regret of childish actions.

The queer community is not in danger. You know this. I have worked in the arts for over half a century. My best friend is homosexual, as are many other friends and acquaintances, not a one of whom considers himself at risk.

This grandstanding action of Alexandria's one-party system is despicable. The queer community does not need the protection of Alexandria's city council, a foolish presumption. We are not separatists, we are not superior to our neighbors.

Alexandria has neither the authority nor the power, the will nor the rectitude to consistently enforce the proposition, a proposition that will divide a tense society, a proposition that will create conflicts in our community, a proposition that will forever harm persons and destroy families.

It is absurd to assume that a city council can protect rights. We have difficulty filling potholes. There is no mechanism to enforce rights protections, especially if that right is the protection of children from politicized queerness, a fashion that will soon pass. The protection of children from grooming, eager adults might justifiably be championed by a city council.

To the Alexandria City Council: Please, leave us alone to do what is right. You haven't the privilege to force your opinions on citizens. You were not elected to secure some Alexandria Bill of Rights.

Ms. Sitton, I hope that this letter will be shared with City Council.

Apology for sending by email. I learned of this ever-harmful proposition this morning, and did not have time to make copies and USPS post.

Wishing the best, sincerely,

Michael Curtis

571-218-2990

MichaelJCurtis.com

TheBeautifulHome.org

TheClassicalArtist.com

TheStudioBooks.com

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[EXTERNAL]Vote tonight

From Suzan Weaver <weaversuzan@gmail.com>**Date** Tue 9/24/2024 12:03 PM**To** CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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I sympathize with those who face the challenges of gender confusion, we should not support the law that the City Council is proposing because we cannot pursue paths that are objectively opposed to the foundational Truths shared to us by God.

Thank you
In support with St Mary Basilica

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[EXTERNAL]Opposition to Proposed Transgender Resolution

From Dr. Chad C. Pecknold <pecknold@cua.edu>**Date** Tue 9/24/2024 12:07 PM**To** CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Dear Gloria (if I may),

I have been an Alexandria resident for 16 years, and I'm proud of our town. But I've never been more embarrassed by the resolution proposed for Council vote this evening.

The principle of justice in our country is predicated on the noble ideal of Equal Protection under the law. What this resolution proposes is not equal but unequal protection. Furthermore, the resolution asserts that the City Manager has interpretive power over the U.S. Constitution — and can use public funds to engage in federal litigation for a wide range of controversial causes such as advocating for transgender surgical interventions, including for minors.

I am not often compelled to address my City Council. With the utmost respect for the office entrusted to the Council, I must register my strongest opposition to this resolution, and ask that the Council either table or vote against this patently unjust resolution. What is proposed turns the law into a publicity stunt for a class of people. It runs contrary to the principles of Equal Protection, but also contrary to the good of our whole community, especially our children.

I write in hopes that this Council still stands for the good of all Alexandrians, and still believes that it represents not some, but all of us.

Respectfully,

Dr. C. C. Pecknold
The Catholic University of America
Washington, D.C. 20064

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[EXTERNAL]Comment for Town Council Meeting Tonight

From CHRIS SPOTH <spothchris@comcast.net>**Date** Tue 9/24/2024 12:30 PM**To** CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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To Gloria Sitton,

Ahead of the Council meeting tonight, please pass this message to the City Council and relevant staff.

To Whom It May Concern on the City of Alexandria Council:

I strongly oppose and recommend that you vote no on the passing of a resolution that would make the City of Alexandria a safe haven for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning community in the event a federal or state law should be passed.

It is objectionable, on its face, to act against a federal or state law that has not been passed by elected officials who are accountable to voters like me who oppose subjecting young children to bodily alterations as they sort out their gender dysphoria. If there would be a constitutional concern about any future federal or state law, the court system is well equipped resolve the matter.

Please focus instead on important matters that are within the scope of the Council's responsibilities.

Regards,
Chris Spoth
Resident, City of Alexandria

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[EXTERNAL]LGBTQ+ Safe Haven Resolution

From Sean Rao <raosea@hotmail.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 12:36 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members,

I am concerned that the city council is set to approve a resolution that assumes a consensus on gender-affirming care for children which does not in fact exist. In resolution, 25-2453 "Approval of a Resolution Declaring the City of Alexandria a Safe Haven for the LGBTQ+ Community", paragraph 9, reads

"WHEREAS, gender-affirming healthcare has been proven to be evidence-based, medically necessary, and lifesaving by the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, the American Academy of Pediatricians, the Endocrine Society, the American Psychiatric Association, and the World Professional Association for Transgender Health, amongst other institutions"

This suggests that there is no scientific debate on this issue, while the National Health Service of England has carried out a thorough review of the evidence and concluded this April 2024, that "While a considerable amount of research has been published in this field, systematic evidence reviews demonstrated the poor quality of the published studies, meaning there is not a reliable evidence base upon which to make clinical decisions, or for children and their families to make informed choices." (<https://cass.independent-review.uk/home/publications/final-report/>).

I understand that this is not an American institution, but the British NHS is far from insignificant in global medicine. I urge you to vote against this resolution until more a greater consensus on this evidence in the global scientific community is established. If for some reason you find it necessary to pass this resolution now, I urge you to consider making it temporary and reviewing it again in a year to allow time to see what further information comes out.

I appreciate your careful consideration of all reasonable evidence.

Sincerely,

Sean Rao
2704 Dartmouth Road, 8,
Alexandria, VA 22314

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[EXTERNAL]Against the Council's Resolution to make Alexandria a safe haven for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning community.

From James Wiltraut <jimwiltraut@mac.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 12:44 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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While I hope that communities across our great country will ALWAYS show compassion toward all of God's Children, I do not support City Council's efforts to turn Alexandria into a "safe haven" and I do not support any effort to seek or proclaim any designation that turns our community into a haven for Transgender ideology.

This type of resolution reminds me of a similar, ill-conceived (no pun intended) resolution that would have created "abortion providers recognition day!" That too was a bad, madly woke idea to cater to God knows who!

Celebrating the abnormality of man's choices to reject their God-given gender identity is NOT something in which a taxpayer funding body should engage. Respect members of the LGBTQ+ community and provide for them, a safe and accepting community in which to live? Absolutely extend to them, the SAME rights and protections as everyone else. Reward them with special treatment and designations, absolutely not!

Thank you for your consideration.

Very Respectfully,

Jim

CAPT Jim Wiltraut, USN (Ret)

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[EXTERNAL]

From Matthew Hilleary <matthew.hilleary@gmail.com>

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To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Good Day Ms. Sitton,

I am writing to indicate myself and my family's objection to today's "safe haven" vote. These measures and designations are unnecessary and frequently do the opposite of their intent -- they create harmful division in our communities with no upside. If this bill passes it will further divide our community with the potential to fundamentally change to our culture in old town which we all hold so dear.

We strongly against this measure and would like to request the board vote no.

Thank you,

Matthew Hilleary

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[EXTERNAL]Opposition

From Conley Lowrance <lowrancc@gmail.com>**Date** Tue 9/24/2024 12:50 PM**To** CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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I'd like to voice my strong opposition to this pending legislation: <https://www.alxnow.com/2024/09/19/alexandria-to-be-safe-haven-for-lgbtq-community-in-city-council-resolution/>

This is nothing but publicity - and bad publicity at that. A safe haven for LGBT means providing adequate and effective treatment. Not affirming delusions and enabling self-harm.

C. Conley Lowrance III

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[EXTERNAL]LGBTQ+ resolution

From Barbara Juszczuk <bjuszczuk@hotmail.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 12:51 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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I do not support this resolution.

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[EXTERNAL] Proposed LGBTQ+ Law

From Isabel Fernandez <isafern97@gmail.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 12:57 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Hello, I hope this email finds you well.

I am writing to share my concern and to voice my opposition to the proposed LGBTQ+ Law in Alexandria. I have lots of personal experience with accompanying people who are struggling with gender confusion, and I really think this law could mislead and hurt people.

Though we should love those individuals who face the challenges of gender confusion, we should not support the law that the City Council is proposing because we cannot pursue paths that are objectively opposed to the foundational Truths shared to us by God. I don't believe this law will do any lasting good for people who are struggling, but it will further convince people in crisis that their bodies are wrong. Every body is beautiful and good, and any law that suggests that people are born "wrong" is contrary to freedom and goodness. Please oppose this law and help these people!

Thank you,
Isabel Fernandez

Isabel Fernandez, M.A.

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Gloria Sitton

From: Gus Otero <gotero85@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 12:09 PM
To: Gloria Sitton
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Opposed to Safe Haven Declaration

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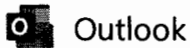
Ms. Sitton,

As a resident of the City of Alexandria, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to declare the City of Alexandria as a "safe haven" for LGBTQ+ individuals. Alexandria should be a safe place for all people, including LGBTQ+ persons.

The proposed declaration does nothing to unify our fractured society and suggests that one segment of our population is more important than the rest. It also provides a pretext for government intrusion into the affairs of people and organizations who find the LGBTQ+ culture does not align with their personal values and beliefs. The LGBTQ+ community seems to be thriving in our area as indicated by the multitude of flags, signs, and painted crosswalks that are ubiquitous in this area.

Sincerely, Gus Otero

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Re: Alexandria City Council resolution

From Kate Henry <kmh96802@gmail.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 1:01 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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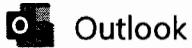
Dear Council Members,

Please consider the safety of all of the citizens of Alexandria. The crime done to all nationalities, genders, religions is on the rise everywhere. Abuse/violence of women and children and the unhomed, of all genders, religions and nationalities is increasing. My family member has been a victim of violence and still suffers from the trauma of being tied up and threatened at gunpoint to the head, by robbers of a store in Alexandria.

Please don't vote in favor of this resolution, unless you vote in favor of making the city a "safe haven" *for all of* the citizens of Alexandria, and not just one group. Passing a resolution for one group of citizens living in Alexandria would show that this city council, that I believe, to be compassionate and caring towards all of its citizens' safety, is not concerned at all, about all of its citizens.

Thank you for your time,

Kate Henry Palermo



[EXTERNAL]Safe Haven

From Kate Croson <k8croson@yahoo.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 1:10 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Dear City Council,

Thank you for protecting the interests of the community by protecting our LGBTQIA residents. I hope you pass the safe haven law this evening at your meeting. Resolutions like this make me happy to be an City of Alexandria resident.

Good job!

Kate Croson

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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[EXTERNAL]Protest of LGBTQ+ Proposed "Safe Haven" Law

From Bonnie Hourigan <hourigan.bonnie@gmail.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 1:26 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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I want to strongly protest the passage of the proposed "Safe Haven" law that will be considered tonight by the Alexandria City Council.

Florence Hourigan

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24 September 2024

Dear Ms. Sitton

I am an Alexandria resident, parent and grandparent.

I am writing to strongly urge the Council vote NO on tonight's Resolution for special protections for the LGBTQ+ community.

The LGBTQ+ interests are already well represented here (see recent very expensive and very permanent crosswalks on Royal Street, where I live, no community input requested).

It seems the Resolution is specifically targeting preempting a potential reality check on "gender affirming care". Despite the statistics quoted, it is clear (and most of the Council knows) this is a mental health crisis and should be treated as such.

By supporting this Resolution the Council will be demonstrating its disdain for those community members supporting the freedom to maintain an apolitical, wholesome experience for all ages.

Let us please keep Alexandria a beautiful destination for all.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Mrs. J. M.', written in a cursive style.

Mrs. J. M.



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reason you find it necessary to pass this resolution now, I urge you to consider making it temporary and reviewing it again in a year to allow time to see what further information comes out.

I appreciate your careful consideration of all reasonable evidence.

Sincerely,

Sean Rao
2704 Dartmouth Road, 8,
Alexandria, VA 22314

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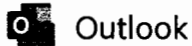
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[EXTERNAL]Opposition to Safe Haven Resolution

From Jeff McAlpin <jeffmcalpin@gmail.com>**Date** Tue 9/24/2024 1:38 PM**To** CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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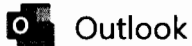
Dear Mrs. Sitton,

I am an Alexandria resident and I am writing in opposition to the resolution coming for a vote tonight designating Alexandria as a safe haven for LGBTQ. The precise purpose of such a designation would be largely for publicity.

Such a designation does absolutely nothing for the LGBTQ community and masquerades as action or support. If the city council wants to do something for the LGBTQ community, please do openly, but please refrain from hollow gestures.

Jeff McAlpin

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[EXTERNAL]Resolution to make Alexandria a Safe Haven for LGBTQ rights.

From Ryan Sharpe <rsharpey@gmail.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 1:41 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Hello, I am a citizen of Alexandria. I am voicing my opposition to a resolution that is being voted on by the city council to make Alexandria a "safe haven" for LGBTQ rights.

My main concern is that the LGBTQ movement has been evolving to a movement that is harmful to minors, including introducing sexual content into classrooms inappropriate for young children and surgeries that sterilize children in the name of gender affirmation.

I do not stand for these ideas or values and neither do the people in my community. I ask that you do not pass this resolution.

Ryan

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[EXTERNAL]Opposition to item on council agenda

From Michael Mills <mroycemills@gmail.com>**Date** Tue 9/24/2024 1:48 PM**To** CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Hello-

As a resident of Alexandria, I respectfully oppose the proposed LGBTQ+ action on the agenda tonight. I oppose it both because it does not comport with my own beliefs and religious convictions, but also because it grossly offends my pocket book.

We pay a very high price in taxes, and this kind of activity by our elected officials and their staff is not why we are otherwise content to pay high taxes. When our city government spends our resources and their time on divisive social issues with respect to which they have no jurisdiction or expertise, they are wasting our tax dollars while pandering for votes.

Please do not pass this proposal!

Michael Mills
624 South Saint Asaph Street
Alexandria, Va 22314

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[EXTERNAL]Tonight's Vote on Alexandria Being a Safe Haven

From Allison Growney <agrowney@gmail.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 2:07 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Hello,

As a resident of Alexandria, I am writing to OPPOSE the bill to make Alexandria a "safe haven" for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning community.

Best,
Allison Growney

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[EXTERNAL]LGBTQ Safe Haven

From bucklandww@gmail.com <bucklandww@gmail.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 2:15 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Hello,

I am reaching out to voice my concern and vehement opposition to this publicity stunt making Alexandria a "safe haven" for LGBTQ. Doing this is harmful on numerous levels, and also suggests that America is not already safe for them to live in? My family including my innocent young children, do not agree with that lifestyle, and do not appreciate being exposed to this. Would you consider instead making the city a Christian safe zone? If not, you should ask yourself what is really the difference other than the ideologies that go along with either. If you would not be willing to make one, then it is proof that it would be wrong to enact the other simply based on your own opinions and ideology. WE ALEXANDRIA RESIDENTS DO NOT WANT THIS TO BE PASSED IN ALEXANDRIA!!!!

Respectfully,
Will B.

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[EXTERNAL]City Council Second Legislative Meeting on 9/24/2024

From Mary Rushen <marycwr@icloud.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 2:20 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson and City Council Members,

As a resident of the City of Alexandria, I respectfully oppose the City's adoption of agenda item 25-2453 regarding persons identifying as LGBTQ+.

I encourage the you to instead focus City resources on policies that protect all residents who may be vulnerable, including women and children, particularly the unborn children.

Sincerely,
Mary Rushen
Alexandria, VA

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[EXTERNAL]Transgender etc resolution

From Kerry Carter <carter.kerry@gmail.com>**Date** Tue 9/24/2024 2:36 PM**To** CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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What a ridiculous resolution! It's not April Fool's Day, but is this a joke, or can you be serious? If the authors of this drippingly sanctimonious proclamation had any idea what they were saying, they would realize that they are saying that Alexandria heretofore has been unwelcoming to everyone and anyone. Please, any sane Alexandria resident, used to these repeatedly tiresome odes to virtue from Alexandria's elite, knows otherwise. Remember the "anti-hate" declaration Alexandria published just following the 2017 inauguration of President Trump? It was designed expressly to throw shade at newly inaugurated President Trump and his Alexandria voters—those Bible totin' flag wavin' yahoos that liberals just love to ACTUALLY hate! ALL WELCOME, the text read (except for all the miscreants who didn't vote the way we did).

That 2017 gem was as useless and performative as this latest marvel of drafting by Alexandria City Council. But hey, have your fun, and while you're at it how about declaring Alexandria a safe haven and anti-violence sanctuary for all ex-presidents, and in particular the one who (to the delight of many in Alexandria) currently has a \$150,000 bounty on his head? Or how about adding a WHEREAS to your proclamation that guarantees safe harbor and protection for Mr. Vance, an Alexandria resident who has had to deal with constant nastiness and vitriol from his Del Ray neighbors, and probably fears for his life as well? Worth considering...

Kerry Carter

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[EXTERNAL]Vote No on Alexandria "safe haven" for LGBTQ community

From Kelley Bourassa <kbourassa12a@gmail.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 2:49 PM

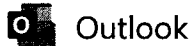
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I express my displeasure in seeing this proposed and adamantly must voice my opposition against it for reasons that include but are not limited to:

1. Allowing people who don't recognize their biological sex to use whatever bathroom to use what they want endangers both women and men since any transgender person could walk into a bathroom and publicly voyeur without consequence.
2. No company benefits from "diversity and inclusion" merely for the sake of "diversity and inclusion". People should be hired on merit alone. Setting this precedent begins the slow decline of our country's ability to compete with the more serious countries in the world.
3. The people who suffer from these LGBTQ attractions/inclinations are being lied to and it is indeed a disorder that has severe emotional trauma

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[EXTERNAL]NO

From Elizabeth Said <elizabethsaid2@gmail.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 3:07 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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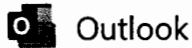
Please do not allow the LBQT to pass into law.

Elizabeth Said

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[EXTERNAL]Safe haven city publicity

From Francisco Jose Anguita Veliz <fjav2000@hotmail.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 3:22 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Please reconsider making Alexandria a safe haven city based on individual sexual choices, as it risks creating a significant moral hazard. By designating such a status, there is a risk of undermining personal responsibility, encouraging complacency, and fostering a culture of dependency on external protections rather than promoting accountability.

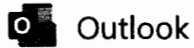
Moral hazard occurs when individuals or groups do not bear the full consequences of their actions, knowing they can rely on outside interventions for support. Establishing Alexandria as a sanctuary based on personal choices could lead to unintended consequences, including diminished responsibility and a decrease in community standards. It sends the message that actions, regardless of their broader social implications, will be sheltered without consideration of long-term impacts on the community.

This approach may ultimately encourage irresponsible behavior, erode local accountability, and strain city resources, diverting attention from more pressing communal needs and creating an unsustainable environment. Instead, policies should emphasize personal accountability and balanced support systems that respect individual freedoms while safeguarding the collective well-being of the community.

Thanks,
Francisco Anguita

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[EXTERNAL]Enforcement of Laws

From DANIEL SWEENEY <dlsweeney@comcast.net>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 3:30 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Do I understand that there is a resolution before Council tonight that would instruct City agencies to ignore or even contradict laws passed by duly elected representatives? This seems to be a very anti-democratic resolution. Why should we have a representative government if a city council can decide which laws to recognize?

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LGBTQ Bill coming before the City Council

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Noemi Neville<noemineville@yahoo.com>

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To: council@alexandriava.gov

Tue 9/24/2024 3:23 PM

NN

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to voice my opposition on the aforementioned bill. I am a practicing Christian and believe that men and women are complementary to each other and equal.

With all of the confusion that we are feeding to our young children about what is a man and what is a woman and giving them to understand that their body says nothing about them and who they are. This will only lead to dangerous precipice of more confusion, more healthy behavior, and an inability for each, and everyone of our young men and women in crisis to understand that they are beautifully and wonderfully made.

Sent from my iPhone

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[EXTERNAL]Please reject safe haven proposal

From Martha Dreon <marthadreon@gmail.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 3:44 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Dear Ms. Sitton,

I am opposed to the Alexandria Safe Haven proposed law under consideration by the City Council and ask that the proposal be rejected.

While our city should support the dignity of each of its citizens, it is not compassionate to add to the confusion of a person with gender dysphoria.

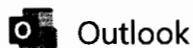
Sincerely,

Martha Dreon

108 Quay St, Alexandria, VA

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[EXTERNAL]Resolution Declaring the City of Alexandria a Safe Haven for the LGBTQ+ Community (25-2453)

From Jonathan Abbamonte <abbamontej@gmail.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 3:55 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Resolution Declaring the City of Alexandria a Safe Haven for the LGBTQ+ Community (25-2453)

I wish to express my strong disapproval of the proposed city council resolution 25-2453, "Resolution Declaring the City of Alexandria a Safe Haven for the LGBTQ+ Community." This resolution would seek to leverage the full administrative and legislative power of the city and the full legal power of the City Attorney to combat the right parents have to protect, care for, and educate their children. This resolution will effectively use the power of the city to rob parents of their right to make medical decisions that are in the best interests of their children.

I am a statistician by profession and I can attest that there is no robust longitudinal statistical evidence that life-altering gender-transition surgeries or hormonal altercations reduce the risk for depression, suicide, or self-harm, despite what some authors and researchers have claimed.

Gender-transition surgeries and hormonal altercations are rather new experimental treatments. There is no proof that these experimental treatments are entirely safe or that they do not present the patient with long-term health risks. To the contrary, many of these treatments have long-term or permanent and irreversible health and body physiology changing consequences. Increasingly, persons who transitioned to the opposite sex regret their decisions but are unable to revert to the way their body way beforehand. Studies have also shown that transitioners are at increased risk of suicide after they transition. Gender transitions are not medical care. They are not necessary or lifesaving. And they are not in the best health decisions of anyone, least of all children.

More and more these days we are hearing from parents across the country where a school official, teacher, counselor, or doctor has treated their child as belonging to the opposite sex or has transitioned their child to the opposite sex without their knowledge or consent. The reason why Gov. Youngkin vetoed HB 536 and released the "2022 Model Policies on the Privacy,

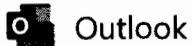
Dignity, and Respect for All Students and Parents in Virginia's Public Schools," is precisely because the right parents have to protect and safeguard their own children from risky and life-altering gender transitioning is not being respected. It is not the place of the city council to be interjecting itself into health decisions or morals which are of the right of parents.

Gender dysphoria is a routine part of growing-up for many youth and adolescents. With the onset of puberty and growing peer pressure as children age, some youth can become uncomfortable with the changes they see in their body as they mature. Young people, in the process of growing up, need the guidance of trusted adults to help them learn how to find their way in the world and learn about who they are and above all, they need the guidance of those who love them most—their parents. The fact that some youth are uncomfortable with who they are is not a sign of discrimination, marginalization, or some major health problem—it is simply part of the natural process of growing up. The vast majority of youth naturally grow out of gender dysphoria in just a few years and go on to live happy and fulfilling lives. What a mistake it would be to take a child or a teen who is feeling out-of-place or unaccepted and permanently and irreversibly change their body to conform with the opposite sex simply because that child or teen thought at the time that this would solve problems. If we do not even let children attend field trips without their parents' permission, why on earth would we think it right and necessary to give a child physiology-transforming hormones without their parents' consent?

It is also a violation of the rule of law for the city council to urge the City Attorney to take action in accordance with his/her interpretation of the U.S. Constitution when the City Attorney does not like a certain law promulgated by the Commonwealth of Virginia. State law supersedes city ordinances and it is the duty of the City Attorney to follow state law as a law abiding citizen. If the City Attorney or the City Council Members do not like a state law, they ought to follow the valid process for amending state law via their elected representatives. As a resident of the City of Alexandria, I am strongly opposed to the City wasting our taxpayer dollars to finance highly partisan lawsuits to advance causes that directly seek to combat the ability of the parents of this City to safeguard their children from life-altering gender transitions.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Abbamonte
Resident, City of Alexandria

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[EXTERNAL]"Safe Haven" Resolution

From Ann Levy <annclare.levy@gmail.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 4:05 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Hello,

I am a resident of Alexandria and would like to voice my concerns on the "safe haven" resolution and encourage our elected city council members to vote against it tonight.

I can understand the desire to support our local residents who identify as LGBTQ+, but the language of this resolution is concerning and I believe it will ultimately harm many individuals we are aiming to help.

I am particularly concerned with the resolution's focus on care for minors, especially regarding affirmative care.

I know personally of children who received what their parents believed was affirming transgender care, and now in adulthood, these individuals have come to deeply regret the permanent damage done to their bodies. With more and more individuals coming forward with their stories of transition regret, we should be taking more caution and consideration into the types of care provided and promoted -- care that is actually beneficial and healing to those who are suffering. Children should be reassured that their bodies are good, not flawed and in need of life-changing alterations.

Furthermore, we have seen multiple examples of similar policies promoted in this resolution resulting in the sexual assault of female minors - including multiple cases of sexual assault in northern Virginia schools. We cannot turn a blind eye to the potential harm done to some while seeking to support others.

Our city should seek to uphold the dignity of all its residents and pass policies that lead to true thriving. I believe this resolution fails to do this, and I ask all members of our city council to vote against it tonight.

Thank you,
Ann Clare

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[EXTERNAL]LGBTQ Sanctuary City Resolution

From Mary A D Petrino <mary.petrino@gmail.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 4:09 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Ladies and Gentlemen of the City Council,

As a fifty-year resident of my beloved adopted Port City, I write to beg each of you to reconsider the Resolution before you tonight.

As you vote whether to make the city a **"safe haven"** for the LGBTQ community, I ask that you consider the toxic affect this move would impose on current and future generations of Alexandria citizens.

We are affected by the culture in which we live, including its ideas and philosophies about the human person and who we are before God.

Transgender ideology is currently an influencer in our culture. It's important that we bring both the light of the Gospel and the truth of science to our family, community and world.

In a 2021 document written by **Most Reverend Michael F Burbidge** called **"A Catechesis on the Human Person and Gender Ideology,"** our Bishop offers the Catholic Church teaching, and how to respond, with faith, to today's difficult cultural situation.

In a section written specifically to parents, Bishop Burbidge said:

"In difficult circumstances, parents are often tempted to think – or are made to feel – that their Catholic faith is at odds with what is good for their child. In fact, authentic love for their children is always aligned with the truth."

Bishop Burbidge also stated: *"The Church **does not teach** that people who experience gender dysphoria or confusion are immoral or bad. At the same time, a person who deliberately rejects his or her given identity or the sexed body and seeks harmful medical or surgical interventions is pursuing a path that is **objectively wrong** and **harmful on many levels**. The Church has a special solicitude for those who are suffering and desires to lead them to the truth and to healing."*

Please reconsider this action that will harm both our young people as well as our citizens who have long supported the City. We cannot expect that allowing harm to be done to the most vulnerable members of our community will result in benefit for everyone in Alexandria City.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gloria Sitton

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Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 4:49 PM
To: Christina Thompson; Amy Jackson; John Chapman; Kirk McPike; Tenesia Wells; Regina Benavides; Melissa Douglas; Sarah Bagley; Keia Waters; Alyia Gaskins; Karl Bach; Canek Aguirre; Michele Griffin; Christine Macey; Gloria Sitton; Mark McHugh; Kristine Devine; Suzanne Derr; Justin Wilson; CRM Administrator
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Description:	Please vote against the "safe haven" resolution tonight. It is time to put all of the polemics and ideological partisanship aside and instead focus on the issue that truly matter in our great City. Let's instead focus on crime, taxes, transportation — not national hot button issues.		

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[EXTERNAL]City Council Vote Sept 24

From Janine McCombe <janineandkoda@icloud.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 4:36 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Dear Gloria,

I object to making Alexandria a safe haven for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning community and I ask that the City Council votes no.

Disagreement about the permanence of gender-related distress experienced during adolescence is at the heart of the debate about the practice of youth gender transition. Those concerned about the practice point out that the endocrine and surgical interventions used to treat gender-related distress have lifelong, irreversible effects, and therefore should be delayed until maturity when there is more certainty that the trans identity will endure.

This is not a decision that should be made today and warrants more thought and consideration.

Sincerely,
Janine McCombe
Alexandria City home owner

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[EXTERNAL]Safe Haven Concern

From Helen Freiling <hfreyling@gmail.com>**Date** Tue 9/24/2024 4:47 PM**To** CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Hi there,

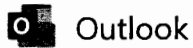
I would like to make my opposition to the safe haven resolution known prior to vote.

As a counselor in the DMV area residing in Alexandria, I am deeply concerned for the lack of research and FDA approval of treatment, in particular medical and surgical, being enacted to our youth in their struggle with gender dysphoria. In addition, the rate at which gender dysphoria among the population has increased radically, precisely %2000 in the last decade as opposed to all other decades being equal rates of distribution among the population. It is of great concern that there be more fruitful ways to consider the human person and address their suffering beginning with coming together to understand before radically altering a life.

Please put the resources toward helping these suffering people for the long term, and encouraging unity among your residents by challenging big pharma and the medical industrial complex to investigate wellbeing and treatment prior to selling a promise who's lived results are unknown and blindly disregarded by the scientific community currently.

Warmly,
Helen

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[EXTERNAL]Tonight Council vote

From Clare Barry Skarda <clare.skarda@gmail.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 8:00 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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I am opposed to making the city a "safe haven" for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning community.

Clare Skarda
219 Prince Street

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[EXTERNAL]//OPINION// City Council - Safe Space

From Peter Hetzel <pjhetzel@gmail.com>**Date** Tue 9/24/2024 7:07 PM**To** CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Hello,

I am writing to share my opinion as a citizen of Alexandria, VA on the vote this evening to consider Alexandria a "Safe Space" for the LGBTQ+ community. Firstly, I want to begin by stating that I support all human lives, no matter the gender, race or demographic. However, I believe that under the 14th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, the LGBTQ+ community is currently protected against discrimination. I believe the city of Alexandria is already a safe space for all people and to pass this law would be redundant and unnecessary. Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you for your time and willingness to listen to the citizens of Alexandria.

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[EXTERNAL]Safe Haven

From MICHAEL LAVANGA <jalavanga@aol.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 6:59 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Everyone is welcome in Alexandria....we do not need a "safe haven" resolution for a specific group of people. We respectfully ask you to vote "no".

Michael and Judith Lavanga

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[EXTERNAL] I am strongly opposed to designating Alexandria a "safe haven" for the LGBTQ community.

From Richard Fafara <rjfafara@gmail.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 6:57 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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To the City Council:

I am strongly opposed to designating Alexandria a "safe haven" for the LGBTQ community.

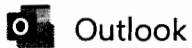
Much of the language in the proposed resolution is inaccurate, misleading or false. Much of it derives from an ideology not grounded in science, especially science enriched by data over long periods of time. The truth is that we know little to nothing about too many of the issues mentioned. One example is the long-term consequences of "gender-affirming and reproductive health care." The "science" for too many of the areas mentioned is being created as we go along.

I will leave it to others to provide significant pushback against issues that defy common sense, e.g., transgender women being allowed into womens' bathrooms/showers, transgender women participating in women's sports, the use of identity pronouns which renders language incoherent,

As an educator, I have seen a dramatic lack of evidence demonstrating that LGBTQ is a normal, healthy, happy, alternative life-style and do not think that leaders are serving our community, especially its young members, by promoting LGBTQ. That is not to say that such groups should be discriminated against or persecuted. Everyone in our community deserves respect AND a city council that has its good foremost in mind..

Richard Fafara

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[EXTERNAL] Proposed effort for safe haven for LGBTQ+ community

From Lori Burgemeister <lburgemeister@hotmail.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 6:55 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Ms Gloria Sutton,

Please know that there are citizens of Alexandria against the proposed making Alexandria a "safe haven" for the LGBTQ+ community.

Unfortunately, I didn't know of this proposal until late so I do not waste time explaining. Please know that I am against the proposal.

Lori Ryan
Citizen of Alexandria City

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[EXTERNAL]LGBTQ Safe Haven Proposal

From Daniel Lavanga <dlavanga@hotmail.com>**Date** Tue 9/24/2024 6:35 PM**To** CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Good evening. I would like to register my opposition to Alexandria's proposed LGBTQ Safe Haven proposal.

As we have seen in recent actions taken against people like the baker in Colorado, resolutions like this can be twisted to attack people who have a legitimate disagreement with this lifestyle. In attempting to protect the "rights" of one group you trample on the rights of another.

And by promoting the transgender agenda you are literally allowing men to rob women of the rights and recognition they have fought decades to gain.

We need to be respectful and compassionate to all of our neighbors. But that doesn't mean that we have to agree with every life choice that people make. And it certainly does not mean that the Alexandria City Council should feel that they can take a stand for the entire community on an issue that many disagree strongly with.

Thank you for your consideration.

Daniel Lavanga

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[EXTERNAL]We Strongly Oppose Tonight's Safe Haven Resolution

From cynthia sandherr <cynthiasandherr@yahoo.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 5:44 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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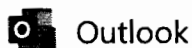
We are long-time Alexandria residents who strongly oppose the LGBTQ "safe haven" resolution slated for vote tonight.

This is a political stunt and a mistaken effort taken purely for media attention. As residents we expect a City Council to spend their time to improve the City not waste their time with gimmicks and stunts.

For instance, try waking on King Street's sidewalks without tripping over the numerous strewn rental scooters. The City allows these scooter rentals so assumes liability for them being littered on sidewalks blocking safe passage.

Let's replace tonight's resolution with one that will actually protect people and require safe passage along our sidewalks. If the rental companies were fined for each infraction where their equipment is found blocking sidewalks, perhaps this persistent problem could be remedied.

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Re: LGBT+ Safe Haven Designation

From Victoria Concepcion <victoria.kearney92@gmail.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 5:32 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Hello Grace,

I'm writing to you to respectfully protest the designation going to vote tonight to name Alexandria a "safe haven" for the LBGT+ community.

I've been proud to call Alexandria my home since 2020; my husband and I were married here and I love raising my young daughter in this community. This designation which would name Alexandria as a "safe haven" for the LBGT+ community alarms me for the safety of my daughter and her young friends. While I'm proud that Alexandria is welcoming to all communities regardless of beliefs or affiliations, this designation infringes on the beliefs of many of Alexandria's residents who hold Christian and conservative beliefs.

As a young mother and a Catholic, I respectfully ask the council to vote against this designation.

Victoria Kearney Concepcion
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[EXTERNAL]opposition to this evening's proposed legislation on LGBTQ+ "safe have" status

From Melissa Manaker <manakerm@gmail.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 5:18 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Dear Council Members,

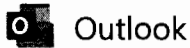
As a parent and educator I have profound reservations regarding this evening's proposed legislation to declare Alexandria City a LGBTQ+ "safe haven". I find this move imprudent as other countries, such as Denmark, Sweden, France, and the United Kingdom, are pulling back from gender-affirming care for youth. See [this article](#) from US News and World Report. It is concerning that the United States of America, and in particular Alexandria City, is interested in promoting care that has long-lasting and permanent effects. The evidence is not clear. One example is [this article](#) from the Economist, as well as this heart wrenching testimony of Chloe Cole (see this [YouTube link](#)).

As a constituent in Alexandria City, I am opposed to this evening's proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

Melissa Manaker

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[EXTERNAL]Safe haven resolution

From aka BLT <29stepsup@gmail.com>**Date** Tue 9/24/2024 5:08 PM**To** CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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I am a resident of Old town Alexandria. Old Town is a diverse community rooted in a great history. I notice when I visit the waterfront the families and visitors speaking different languages and enjoying our city in peace. With civil rights protections already in place under the Constitution and federal law, we are a safe haven for human beings endowed by their Creator with equal dignity and inalienable rights.

There is no problem to solve and only divisions to stir by the City Council's resolution to enshrine a right to bodily autonomy. This supposed right is not sourced in the Constitution or laws of the United States and its potential scope conflicts with existing laws to protect the public health and morals- including ordinances that interfere with bodily autonomy by requiring masks or vaccinations during pandemics or laws that prohibit public urination, public nudity, sex trafficking or other legal restrictions of "bodily autonomy." The resolution also raise the question when bodily autonomy begins. In the womb?

Virtue signaling to please one constituency also risks taking for granted the compassion, tolerance and egalitarian goodwill demonstrated by Old Town's church communities who support city services with charitable works. Playing favorites has foreseeable negative outcomes.

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[EXTERNAL]Request to Vote "No" to haven law

From Clare Anderson <cpa.writeaway@gmail.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 5:04 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Good evening,

To create the so-called "Safe Haven" for those suffering from gender dysphoria is to contradict the objective fact that people can't change their gender and to remove valuable mental health resources for people who would like to find support and healing against gender dysphoria.

Besides this, the title seems to imply that the city council is merely pandering to social pressures and presenting "nice" headlines rather than making real and good change for our community.

I strongly disagree with this policy.

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"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song!" -St. Pope John Paul II

"You artist, do not aim to multiply man's work, but to magnify God's creation." - Leo da Vinci

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[EXTERNAL]LGBT Resolution

From Marc Puleo <marc.puleo@outlook.com>**Date** Tue 9/24/2024 4:58 PM**To** CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Good Evening,

As a city resident for the last six years, I'm disappointed to see the vote on this resolution today that disregard the views of residents like me that find current gender ideology norms to be harmful to our city's culture. Please reconsider and record this objection and I ask to Council to try and not forgot about a significant minority of residents that feels ignored on culture issues like this.

Sincerely,
Marc Puleo

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