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1100 15th St NW, 4th Floor  
c/o WeWork  
Washington, DC 20005  
202-391-0834

## Statement of Support for Alexandria 20-0389

The Alexandria City Council is to be commended for voting unanimously to add Gender Identity to our Human Rights ordinance and to express my strong support for this amendment. As a resident of Alexandria, this vote to protect our neighbors from discrimination on the basis of their gender identity represents the kind of welcoming and diverse community that I am proud to call home.

I also feel it is important to share my perspective as a staffer for The Trevor Project, which is the world's largest provider of suicide prevention and crisis intervention services for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning youth. We work every day to save young lives by providing free and confidential support on our 24/7 phone lifeline, chat, and text services.

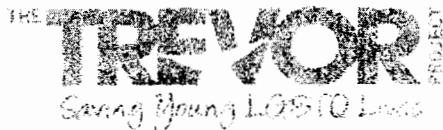
The Trevor Project estimates that more than 1.8 million LGBTQ youth between the ages of 13 and 24 in the U.S. seriously consider suicide each year and could benefit from our services. Last year alone, directly served over 98,000 calls/chats/texts from LGBTQ youth who've reached out for support - over 3,500 of whom came to us from Virginia.

Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among young people. LGBTQ youth are more than four times more likely to attempt suicide than their peers. Up to 50 percent of all trans people have made a suicide attempt - many before the age of 25.

This year, my organization released the results of a national survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health that had 34,000 respondents between the ages of 13 and 25, making it the largest such survey to date. The findings of that survey strongly support the need for protections like the one's this Council has voted to support.

78% of transgender and non-binary youth reported being the subject of discrimination due to their gender identity. Less than half of LGBTQ respondents were out to an adult at school, with youth less likely to disclose their gender identity than sexual orientation. 20% of LGBTQ youth reported experiencing physical harm because of who they are.

Thankfully, we also know from our research that LGBTQ youth who report having at least one accepting adult were 40% less likely to report a suicide attempt in the past year. The Trevor Project aims to always be there for LGBTQ youth in crisis with a clear



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message: they should be proud of who they are and that they are not alone. By adding protection from discrimination based on gender identity to our community's Human Rights Ordinance, the Alexandria City Council is sending the same message of love and support to all of our community's youth. On behalf of the youth we serve and the lives we try to save, thank you.

Respectfully,

Casey Pick  
Senior Fellow for Advocacy & Government Affairs  
The Trevor Project

## Gloria Sitton

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**From:** Obsidian Alexander via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 14, 2019 12:17 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #196302: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear CityCouncil, I support...

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- Name: Obsidian Alexander
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7038264545
- Email: iamamamnota3bottom@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear CityCouncil,

I support adding Gender Identity to the human rights legislation. I thank you for your unanimous support.

Sincerely,  
Obsidian Alexander  
8th

George Washington Middle School

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, December 19

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**From:** Ava Pache via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 14, 2019 11:00 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #196299: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I support the LGBTQ+ community and...

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### Request Details:

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- Name: Ava Pache
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-447-2979
- Email: avapache101@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I support the LGBTQ+ community and think that this is a good thing to do and should have been done sooner you shouldn't have any doubts I know I speak for a lot of people when I say I support this decision.
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, December 19

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**From:** MC Finegold-Sachs via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 13, 2019 7:06 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #196283: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear CityCouncil, I support...

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### Request Details:

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- Name: MC Finegold-Sachs
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7036270192
- Email: maisyfs@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear CityCouncil,

I support adding Gender Identity to the human rights legislation. I thank you for your unanimous support.

Sincerely,  
MC Finegold-Sachs  
8th Grade  
George Washington Middle School

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, December 18

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**From:** Marilyn Levine Siwek via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 13, 2019 6:05 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #196282: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I'm writing thank our City Council...

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### Request Details:

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- Name: Marilyn Levine Siwek
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7034727724
- Email: mariprette@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I'm writing thank our City Council for voting unanimously to add Gender Identity to our Human Rights ordinance and to express support of this amendment. Thank you."

Best,  
Marilyn Siwek

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, December 18

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