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1. One definition that I have seen defines the Conversion Therapy as any of several **dangerous and discredited practices** that aim at changing an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity. That is in itself is very broad but in this ordinance this limitation is not include as it says that "Conversion Therapy means **any practices or treatments** offered or rendered to consumers, including psychological counseling, that seeks to change a person's sexual orientation or gender identity," Whatever the intent of this it is open to just about any interpretation in this ordinance. For example this could limit a parent's right to have their child get counseling from a pastor or counselor who would offer an alternative to the LGBTQ+ solutions to gender dysphoria or views on sexual orientation and gender identity.
2. It is also been admitted by one of those speaking for the ordinance that they know of no one who is practicing Conversion Therapy as they understand it in our area. It does raise the question of why this ban is needed.
3. My concern is that this ban is unnecessary, too broad and needs to be voted down or narrowed so as to not limit the equal application of free speech and does not limit the responsible presentation of information and perspectives and parental authority.

Thank you for your careful consideration in your deliberations.

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