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Dear Council Members,

I am writing about the potential ban on conversion therapy that will be voted on tomorrow June 9th.

I believe that the ban is too broad. Homosexuality and gender identity are quite different. It would be offensive to lump people who fall into either of those categories together under different circumstances. However, the city is considering doing just that by making this ban as broad as it is.

Professionals in the mental health, academic, and medical fields are all well educated individuals that vary from person to person. To enforce a ban such as this seems unjust to them and the services they provide to our community.

Lastly, and honestly most personally significant to me as a mother of young children...Please consider the harm this is doing to each individual child. 86% of children with gender dysphoria will later naturally align with their gender given at birth. Therapy is meant to be supportive and non-punitive. If this is known as conversion therapy, our children will not have access to care that they need. The percentage of children that naturally will realign with their gender given at birth, will sadly dramatically drop once young children are given puberty blocking hormones or cross gender therapy.

Please reconsider banning conversion therapy.

Thank you for your time and your work,

Elyse Olson