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I assume this this will not be approved but I want to express my opposition to this ordinance, once again. I wrote a much briefer email earlier and have now had time to give it more thought.

In my reading of this ill-conceived and poorly written ordinance I would be in violation if I were to counsel a person to abstain from sexual activity outside of marriage, or to abstain from being sexually active with someone of their own sex. This teaching would be totally in line with the teaching of the Bible but would, in La Crosse, Wisconsin, be a violation of an ordinance subject to penalty. Think about this.

For the last half century or more the culture has been at war with Christianity and with the God revealed in the Bible. It has whittled away at the centuries old teachings of scripture. Declaring itself, essentially, smarter and more loving than God.

In my view, and I want to say this as respectfully as I can, I would have to say that anyone who votes to approve this ordinance would be making a public statement that their world view is no longer (if it ever once was) shaped by the teachings of the Bible and Jesus.

By voting to approve this ordinance that person would be making that statement publicly, and for the record, just as if their vote was in answer to the question "Is your worldview aligned with the traditional and time tested teachings of Christianity? The teachings that many in this community believe are true and good and wise?" A person simply cannot support this ordinance, in my opinion, and also answer yes to this question.

So a vote in favor of this ordinance would be akin to making a public stand against the God of the Bible. Everyone is free to do that. You are certainly free to do that. That's not the issue. My point is this. If you do that you have made your allegiance clear.

Everyone should stand up for what they believe in. I hope you do. That's what I'm choosing to do rather than remain silent.

I just hope that what I've said might just help you determine what you really believe in. Because on Thursday it will be on the record.

Regards,

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