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To: City Clerk's office,

I wish the following letter to go to Hoverance and Priorities Committee on Jan. 18 2021. Please include my letter on the agenda. If appropriate I will speak.

I would like to make comments
Re: Conversion therapy - Possible Bylaw.

I hope and pray that the comments I make will be taken seriously.

First of all a Conversion Therapy Ban should not be dealt with at a municipal level. No definition will make it acceptable. Each law to be just must be for the sake of the good of society. A law can be unjust if it is made by somebody, who has no power to make the law. Each legislator has power over their jurisdiction. If a person tries to force something outside of his/her jurisdiction, it's unjust.

If you claim this is just symbolic - then why bother OR is there another intention behind this? Do you want to silence the voice of faith and reason in our city?

This bill would discriminate against parents, counsellors and religious. This Ban would NOT make our city open and inclusive, BUT would do the exact opposite. This Ban seeks to penalize and punish the very people who help others.

If you want to protect children and are intent on going out of jurisdiction - Why not Ban gender changing hormone therapy and surgery for minors in our City?

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I urge you to vote against this Ban.
Don't use this pandemic to push a Ban
which is illegal, irrational and unnecessary.

Sincerely,

Mary Riendeau

