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Subject Conversion Therapy Discussion

Meeting (if known) Monday, January 18, 2021

Comments

We see that Council will be taking up a discussion regarding making conversion therapy a prohibited business in Saskatoon. We have a couple of concerns regarding this whole thought process.

One concern we have is that implementing this sort of law would deny people the right to get the support or counseling they need regarding their sexual questions and struggles from the sources they might most trust. It would also likely instill a level of apprehension on those they might seek out to the point that they might likely not give the counsel needed for fear of running afoul of the law.

Another concern we have is that the federal government hasn't yet passed any such law and in fact there seems to be a lot of discussion over the language that will go into such law. It is very likely that whatever the federal government comes up with will be challenged in the courts. We think it is rather foolish of the City of Saskatoon to rush ahead on these matters with the likelihood of also ending up in the courts over wording that the feds haven't even decided on yet. Surely the city has other things it could be spending our money on rather than litigation for who knows how long.

We feel that this is not the time to be considering such action by council. At least wait until the dust settles at the federal level over this.

One other question we have regarding this is law; would teachers and school counselors be subject to the same rules and laws as everybody else? If not, then that would likely be another area of contention in the courts.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely;

## Ross & Cheryl Hoult Attachments

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