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Attached is a letter that may be read aloud by City Council, or that I am willing to read. Either way, I would appreciate if the City Council takes a look at what is said. Thank you.
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Re: Proposal for the ban of conversion therapy

02/19/2021

To the members of the Saskatoon City Council,

My name is Cleo Nguyen, I am a postsecondary to be graduate student studying Political Studies and Psychology. I am writing to vocalize my support for the ban on conversion therapy practices in the City of Saskatoon.

It is abhorrent to think that in the year of 2021 that individuals in our city can still be subjected to practices of conversion therapy or that any business in Saskatoon is allowed to offer such services. If our city is to continue claiming to be allies of diversity and inclusion, then this is a no-brainer move for the bylaw to be passed. Otherwise, there is little that you can convince me, and the people of Saskatoon, that you remain true to your word if you cannot demonstrate so through your actions.

I am very pleased and proud that this bylaw has been drafted, but I only hope it comes goes forward with approval and becomes reality.

Our city is beautiful, it is a place full of diverse peoples who have much love to share with one another. I have seen the kindness of our citizens and the beautiful relationships that have developed, the efforts of our communities to take care of one another, and so forth. These are all acts which demonstrate compassion for one another, which is necessary during these tough times.

As such, practices such as conversion therapy have no place in our community. Our community is warm and kind, and it does not do so on a selective basis. As conversion therapy is a *pseudoscientific* practice, I argue there is no legitimacy or justification for any business to take on such practices at the present or in the future.

Many practices have been both discredited and considered dangerous, and based on outdated and false notions regarding the LGBTQIA+ community. It is however, proven to be harmful.

I and many others, need the city to take initiative in finalizing this draft and voting it forward. I take great pride in the compassion of our community, but I cannot take pride in a community that pretends to practice kindness when individuals, particularly our youth, are subject to such horrors.

Thank you for your time,
Cleo Nguyen



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