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**Date:** Monday, March 24, 2025

**To:** Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** They/them/theirs

**First Name:** Emma

**Last Name:** Eaton

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**I live outside of Saskatoon:** No

**Saskatoon Address and Ward:**

**Address:** [REDACTED] 8th St E

**Ward:** Ward 6

**What do you wish to do ?:** Submit Comments

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known)::** Regular Business Meeting on Wednesday March 26, 2025

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** 8.5.1 Blake Tait - Denounce 1 Million March for Children  
GPC2023-1103

**Comments:**

I would like to comment on Saskatoon's declaration of being a "safe" city for queer and trans people. Although I appreciate the city's vocal demonstration of support, declaring the city "safe" suggests that the work is already done. I know from both personal experience and from hearing about others' experiences that Saskatoon is not safe. Everyone I know has a story of hate crime, transphobia, transmisogyny, and homophobia in the city.

I urge the city to consider how they are making the city safe for queer and trans people. To be committed to sanctuary means to be actively working to make safer spaces and to work to protect queer and trans people.

I do not feel comfortable with a declaration of safety without policy behind it, and I hope to see new initiatives to make Saskatoon the safe city it claims to be. Some support we desperately need in the city is: housing support (queer and trans safe housing initiatives, the 2SLGBTQIA+ community is exceptionally more likely to experience houselessness, and BIPOC trans women are by far the most likely to end up and stay on the street); Hiring/job support (trans people are regularly discriminated against during the hiring process with little possible recourse as it can be extremely subtle, and the amount of transphobia and homophobia imbedded into work culture makes it difficult to find truly "safe" work); Training and regulation for city employees (queer and trans people often face discrimination and/or micro aggressions from city employees themselves. It is important that employees in all fields know how to help and interact with all 2SLGBTQIA+ people, but also that action is taken when employees are found to be discriminatory or aggressive to queer and trans people, no matter how subtle!)

Thank you for allowing me to comment today. I encourage you to take action to make Saskatoon a true sanctuary for all 2SLGBTQIA+ people, and to listen to our collective voices as we ask for change.

**Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?:** No