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Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

I do not want my comments placed on a public agenda. They will be shared with members of Council through their online repository.: No

I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Monday, March 24, 2025

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: They/them/theirs

First Name: Memphis

Last Name: Ramsden-Enns

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Mem-fiss (like the city in Tennessee)

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] 5th Ave N

Ward: Ward 6

What do you wish to do ?: Request to Speak

If speaking will you be attending in person or remotely: In person

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known): Wednesday March 26th, 2025, regular business meeting

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

Comments:

If the Council is honest about their goals of preventing discrimination and transphobia within the city at a systemic level, declaring Saskatoon a sanctuary city is the most powerful step towards that goal.

Being unclear on what exactly "sanctuary city" means should not stop the council from investigating the best ways to protect and provide sanctuary to 2SLGBTQ+ people in the city and the province. It is highly disappointing that this proposal has been brought forth twice with no action.

To me, ideally, Saskatoon as a "sanctuary city", in its most essential form, would merely reject any current or future legislative measures by the provincial or federal governments to strip rights from queer and trans people, including attempts to criminalize 2SLGBTQ+ identities.

This might mean non-compliance with gender-enforcement policies, such as: invasive checking of children's bodies; monitoring washroom use to ensure gender-exclusivity; refusing identification that does not have a male or female indicator; criminalizing "cross-dressing"; criminalizing or restricting the display of art and performance related to gender and sex; and the use of Saskatoon Police Service resources to enforce transphobic legislation of any kind.

Declaring Saskatoon a Sanctuary City would also further the City's goals to address racism, ableism, and homelessness within the city. Trans and queer people exist within every race, class, and ability category. However, queer and trans people who are not white or wealthy are at an immensely increased risk for health complications, mental health crises, suicide, homelessness, assault, disability, and poverty. I do not know one trans person who has not suffered from at least one of those realities, and nearly all of my friends in the world are transgender or queer.

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