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RE: Reconsideration of raising the Pride Flag

Mayor and Members of the Langley City Council,

My name is Kari Simpson, I am a business owner with offices in the City of Langley. I am a contributing member to the economic success of numerous businesses in Langley City due to my businesses patronage. I also volunteer my time to an organization called Culture Guard, of which I am Executive Director.

Upon learning that the City of Langley is once again set to raise the political symbol of a divisive political campaign that panders to sex activism, bully tactics, child abuse and special rights for certain groups, I am—as a Canadian and member of the Langley City business community—forced to ask that quick and immediate reconsideration is given to the raising of the Pride Flag.

I appreciate the trend, but the reality is that more and more people are uniting to stop the over-representation of this political movement. The societal costs associated with homosexuality and the costs to tax-payers is outperforming the loud propaganda. Syphilis rates among homosexual men in the lower mainland are at a 30-year high. Throat cancer due to oral sex among men having sex with men is taxing our healthcare system. The rapid readmission rates of those who identify as transgender are crushing the psyche wards. Tax-payers having to foot the bill of \$15,000 per year so men who want to engage in risky sex with other men can have a drug called Truvada is tax-payer abuse. Young vulnerable girls and boys being allowed to surgically remove healthy body parts before they are old enough to drive or vote is child abuse. These realities are no cause for pride or celebration.

The Pride Flag is a divisive political symbol. It is also a trigger event that causes those who have been sexually assaulted by someone of the same sex to have to relive painful events. For those who oppose the proliferation of the propaganda associated with this political movement, this symbol reflects the nasty tactics of bullying, threats and vicious harassment that is launched against them for simply attempting to engage in civil dialogue about serious issues that relate to the LGBTQ2+ community. Many Langley City residents have been the target of these assaults by local Langley resident sex activists. I myself have been targeted by death threats, threats to my children and property, ongoing harassment and denial of my Charter rights.

If you fly this flag, you will be creating greater division, anger and hostility within this community. People will not tolerate the overt trampling of their rights any longer, or the constant barrage of sex activists propaganda being foisted upon our communities, our children and each other.

I am certain you are aware that the Langley City Flag Raising Policy prohibits the curtesy of flying a flag that is political, espouses hatred and/or personal discrimination. Section 4 subsection 5, states:

The City reserves the right to reject any application and/or flag that does not comply with the City of Langley policies or bylaw; espouse racism, personal discrimination, violence or hatred. Flags shall not promote a point of view or organization of a political, ethical, religious nature or directly encourage, or exhibit obvious indifference to unlawful behaviour.

The city then conflicts with its own reasoned policy and makes a special provision under section 7 for the Rainbow Flag. Section 7 states:

Supplemental to section 4, City Council may direct a Rainbow Flag be flown for a period of seven (7) days to coincide with the beginning of the Vancouver annual Pride Week. The City will not be responsible for providing the flag.

This is a perfect example of granting—unlawfully, “special rights.” With all due respect there is no provision within the *BC Human Rights Code* for “special rights.” You can not favour one protected group over another. The Charter protects the right for all to freely express themselves. As Council, you have the right to prohibit the flying of courtesy flags, what you don’t have the right to do is allow one group to exercise their right to freedom of expression while denying others groups. If you grant one group favour you must give all groups the same right. Are you prepared to fly my Christian flag, or that of my Muslim, Sikh, and Jewish friends? How about celebrating LIFE for a week and flying a pro-life flag or a flag representing the religious right’s month-long celebration of LGBT – **Let God Be True**, Celebrate the Right To Believe!?

The “Rainbow Flag” is a divisive political symbol. It is oppressive and used to direct hatred and contempt against anyone who dares challenge the LGBTQ2++ narrative. Flags, as we all know, are a declaration of victory, power over a staked claim. The ‘Pride Flag’ is a political statement that has no legal right to fly its colours at stations required by law to be neutral. The creator of the ‘Pride Flag’, Gilbert Baker, a sex activist, is unabashed in his motive for the flag’s creation. He didn’t mince words when he declared its meaning: “That’s what flags are for. Flags are about **proclaiming power**... that visibility is key to our success and to our justice.”

The Mission statement for Langley City states: A vibrant, healthy and safe community. The flying of this political symbol will result in creating discourse, animosity, and division—a result that is counter to the stated Mission.

I encourage you to reconsider this serious situation. I trust upon your reflection that sensibilities will prevail and you will revoke your authorization to permit the Pride Flag to be raised. Further, you will at your earliest convenience repeal the provision in the Langley City Flag discriminatory policy that unlawfully grants one group a right to fly their political symbol over others contrary to the law.

I will not provide you with my business address as the LGBTQ2+++ sex activists within Langley will cause all kinds of disruption and would jeopardize the safety of my workers and that of other businesses. Suffice it is to say that my office is within a few minutes walk of City Hall.

Yours Sincerely,

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