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Subject: Fw: CITY MAY MULL ANTI-DISCRIMINATION PROPOSAL

Honorable Mayor Perrin and City Council Members:

One final obvious comment please:

You cannot legislate good will toward, and you cannot legislate the acceptance of, abnormal, deviant, illegal or immoral behavior by good, decent, honest, normal, Christian people.

You can however, and very likely will, create significant ill will, distrust and lack of confidence by attempting to do so.

The GLBTs will never gain the acceptance of others by attempting to impose and/or force their deviant lifestyle upon normal people. They are only deepening the resentment of the overwhelming majority of the population toward them by attempting to do so.

Respectfully yours,
Tom Reeves

On Apr 20, 2015, at 1:04 PM, Tom Reeves <thimbletom@suddenlink.net> wrote:

Honorable Mayor Perrin and City Council Members:

PS: An addition to my note earlier today.

1. You may or may not be aware: the Fayetteville, Arkansas City Council passed an ordinance similar to the one the ASU Gay-Straight Alliance has proposed; however, the citizens of Fayetteville repealed that ordinance through the petition process. I believe you know as well as I do that the citizens of Jonesboro will do the same thing – they WILL repeal, by petition, any such ordinance passed by the Jonesboro City Council.

2. The Arkansas State legislature recently passed SB202, also referred to as “ACT 137,” which bars cities and counties from creating protected classifications and prohibits

discrimination on a basis not contained in state law, thereby making ordinances such as the one the ASU Gay-Straight Alliance has proposed illegal.

3. SB202 does not become effective until July 1, 2015; however, if the Jonesboro City Council should pass the ordinance proposed by the ASU Gay-Straight Alliance they will do so with full knowledge that such action on their part will be an illegal act and passage of any such ordinance will be done in contempt of the Arkansas State Legislature.

4. I am a senior who has been retired for fifteen years. In my humble opinion, the ASU Gay-Straight Alliance's proposal has its origin in exceedingly poor judgment. Not only will such an ordinance result in the opposite of what they seek to achieve, but will significantly heighten the animosity some segments of the population feel towards gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders ("GLBTs").

The GLBTs are placing themselves in a position where they will never become an accepted segment of American society, because their views are so outlandishly radical and they are so intent upon imposing them upon everyone else against their will. I cannot see anything good coming from such an ill-advised proposal. Approval of such an ordinance, I believe, will result in significant problems not only for the GLBTs, but for the City of Jonesboro as well.

5. I hold no animosity toward GLBTs. They can live their lives as immorally as they wish and I could care less; they can ruin their lives to whatever extent they wish. However, when they begin to impose their decadent practices upon me and my family, I must speak out.

6. I also believe that the overwhelming majority of U.S. citizens feel the same way; U.S. citizens have been pushed to the breaking point by the GLBTs. Keep turning the heat up on any pot and it will boil over; and when that pot boils over all you have is one very big mess – maybe that is their primary objective. If the Jonesboro City Council should approve the ASU Gay-Straight Alliance's proposal you will be doing nothing but turning the heat up to high on a pot already very hot.

Strong language? Yes, but not directed to any of you personally; nor are my statements made with any animosity toward GLBTs whatsoever – I am simply recognizing the facts for what they really are, as you should do as you consider the ASU Gay-Straight Alliance proposal.

You know the difference between right and wrong; the ASU Gay-Straight Alliance's proposal is wrong, very, very wrong – for everyone involved, Jonesboro's citizens, the City Council and the GLBTs. That is why the ASU Gay-Straight Alliance's proposal should be summarily dismissed. If you have the courage you should have, you have an opportunity to pass some of your wisdom on to a very small body of individuals whose deviant behavior is doing far more harm than good.

Respectfully yours,

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Be forewarned. This is the stuff election defeats are made of. For the City of Jonesboro to get involved in this issue will be a grave mistake.

The U.S. Constitution and U.S. laws already provide more than adequate anti-discrimination protection for all of our population – all protected groups, including the decadent gay population.

Jonesboro's City Council is NOT a court of law and has no jurisdiction to address any discrimination issue, especially in a case such as this where a special interest group is doing nothing more than seeking an amended city policy to further their unworthy cause without showing justification. If the ASU Gay-Straight Alliance has a worthy complaint, a legitimate cause of action, advise them to seek justice in a court of law, just as all of the vast majority of Jonesboro's 'normal' citizens must do.

The proposal by the ASU Gay-Straight Alliance has nothing whatsoever to do with Jonesboro's city operations. The proposal by the ASU Gay-Straight Alliance is nothing more than a proposal by a special interest group seeking to further their own personal misguided cause to the detriment, and against the wishes, of the overwhelming majority of Jonesboro's citizens.

Give in to a minute minority of decadents, such as the the ASU Gay-Straight Alliance seeking amendment of city policies, and you will not only alienate the vast majority of Jonesboro's citizens, you will begin to see more and more of these types of complaints.

Anyone who should believe that such a proposal will not affect the rest of Jonesboro's citizens is grossly misled. My family and I are highly offended by the fact that the City of Jonesboro would even seriously consider the ASU Gay-Straight Alliance's proposal that has nothing whatsoever to do with Jonesboro's city operations.

We demand that the Jonesboro City Council summarily dismiss the proposal by the ASU Gay-Straight Alliance and we will count your every vote.

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