

From: Chenoa Summers <chenoasummers314@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 10:33 AM
To: Harold Copenhaver HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org
Bcc: City Clerk cityclerk@jonesboro.org
Subject: Worrying Upcoming City Council Resolution Proposal

Hello,

I wanted to express utter disgust at the upcoming resolution to be proposed by Bobby Long affirming that Jonesboro is a "pro-life" city. If Jonesboro becomes a "pro-life" city, I expect a lot more aid coming to single mothers, mothers with children who have disabilities, expanded access to birth control, and mask and vaccine mandates at the city level. After all, if you want to preserve life, make sure people don't die from the coronavirus, which is entirely preventable with vaccines and wearing masks. In addition, you have to care about those children on the other side of the uterus.

I am a woman and I can make my own decisions. I don't want old white men making decisions about my reproductive rights. I think having the city proclaim it is a pro-life city sends a very bad message for women's rights and will be detrimental to attracting young people to the city - something that is already an issue.

Thanks,
Chenoa Summers
6055 Beaver Run, Jonesboro

From: Garrett Barnes <garrett.barnes47@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 4:49 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Cc: Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; Bill Campbell <BCampbell@jonesboro.org>; Brian Richardson <BRichardson@jonesboro.org>; Tony Thomas <TThomas@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES-21:167; Public Services Committee

Dear Public Services Committee,

As well-intentioned as it may be perceived by Councilman Long, the proposed *Pro-Life City* resolution is, at very best, extraneous. Given Mr. Long's wife is employed at *Options on Main*, I would think such a resolution would verge on constituting as a conflict of interest for Mr. Long, but perhaps the City Attorney would be willing to elaborate a bit more on that than I.

Arkansas Act 392 of 2021 is a law that encourages municipalities, and other bodies, to promote pro-life stances and arguments to the general public. Most of these stances and arguments defy standing rulings of the Supreme Court of the United States. These standing rulings include, but are not limited to, *Roe v. Wade*, *Doe v. Bolton*, *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pa v. Casey*, *Colautti v. Franklin*, and *Stenberg v. Carhart*.

Most, if not nearly all, of the actions by this council are already pro-life. These existing actions are also far more conducive in supporting life *after birth* than what Mr. Long's resolution proposes. Here are some ways the council can echo its past actions while continuing to be more pro-life rather than merely and solely *pro-birth*:

1. Support Mayor Copenhaver's Trail System grant proposal.
2. Fund more sidewalks throughout Jonesboro or continue sidewalks that abruptly end for no reason.
3. Repair sidewalks that are in disrepair and remove overgrown vegetation.
4. Fund more bike lanes on city streets so cyclists and motorists are safer.
5. Fund additional after-school programs (including nutrition) in city facilities.
6. Fund additional inspections and necessary upgrades to city infrastructure.
7. Fund more sky-cops in high-crime areas.
8. Fund more GRIDSMART traffic systems for city intersections.
9. Pass and strictly enforce a residential habitability code.
10. Fund new pocket parks in underserved areas of the city.
11. Support a Housing-First Initiative to address homelessness.
12. Pass a city mask mandate to be re-evaluated every 30 days (similar to public schools) for all of the city's facilities.
13. Promote the COVID vaccine and subsequent boosters.

I strongly encourage the council to refrain from aligning itself with radical laws made by one of the most conservatively radical state legislatures in the country or attempt to promote stances that defy standing rulings of the Supreme Court of the United States. Our local governments can and should continue rising above the extremism that has infected our state and federal legislatures.

This resolution should be respectfully heard but resoundingly rejected by the Public Services Committee. I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Garrett Barnes
518 W. Jefferson, Jonesboro, AR

From: Chenoa Summers <chenoasummers314@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 5:27 PM
To: Bobby Long <BLong@jonesboro.org>
Cc: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Re: Worrying Upcoming City Council Resolution Proposal

Thank you, Bobby, for pointing that out - my address is 6055 Beaver Run Lane. Apologies.

Thanks,
Chenoa Summers
605 Beaver Run, Jonesboro

On Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 2:00 PM Bobby Long <BLong@jonesboro.org> wrote:

Thank you for your comments. Just a few things...

I didn't catch your address. Normally I like to verify those providing input live in Jonesboro.

Also, this is not about masks, vaccines, disabilities, mandates, ect. Its about equal protection for all life. All other arguments are distractions. Your assumption is that all births from unwanted pregnancies result in a strain on society.. That is false. If you say that is not the assumption, then you would have to concede that you don't really know what holds for the life of any person. The issue here is do we value life or not.

You do have control of your body and I nor anyone else should tell you what to do with your body. As you know, pregnancy creates a situation where it is just not your body. The fact that one can kill an unborn baby and the mother continue living is clear proof that it is no longer just your body. Its silly to think that once pregnant, a woman then has 2 heads, 2 brains, 2 hearts, 20 fingers and toes. But that is exactly what you are saying.. You are saying that you should have control over a heart that is not yours, a mind that is not yours, toes and fingers that are not yours. If you say they are not yours, then you are making the choice pertaining to someone other than yourself. Which is it? Do you believe a pregnant woman all of a sudden has double the number of toes, fingers, heart, mind, eyes, ect or are you really different that the baby, you just want control over the life of a other individual.

I don't know if you really want to make the argument that those with disabilities are not worthy of life or some are less capable of a full and productive life. Would you be open and agreeable and support the proposition that any person with a disability should be terminated? If not why?

You mentioned bad for attracting young people to the city. Are you aware of statistics that I am unaware of. If so please provide them. I would love to look at them.

I am all for equal rights and protection for women and girls, men and boys. The difference between you and I is that I feel the constitution of both our state and federal government protects everyone, both born and unborn.

Every life has the right to live, to be free, and be happy. This is not about reproductive right, it about equal protection for all. If you are against that, then we will have to agree to disagree.

Sincerely, Bobby

From: Valerie Carroll <valerie.k.carroll@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 5:31 PM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>

Subject: Regarding a proposed committee resolution

Dear Madams and Sirs,

I am writing in regards to Bobby Long's proposed resolution to declare Jonesboro a "pro-life" city. I am a citizen, taxpayer, business owner, and parent in Jonesboro. This resolution should

receive a minimal amount of discussion and should *not* be advanced beyond the Public Services committee. Regardless of anyone's opinions on the issue, there are zero actions the city can take to effect any changes in abortion law. These matters are decided at the federal and state levels, and there is no point in wasting the city's time with culture war fodder.

In a Facebook post regarding the resolution, Bobby Long stated, "It would thrill my soul for every city, town, and county in this state to adopt this ordinance or one like it." I was not aware that the purpose of city government is to "thrill" anyone's soul. Please pass on this resolution so you can focus on important matters that are in the city's purview. Jonesboro is a rapidly growing community, and its citizens deserve less grandstanding and more problem solving.

Sincerely,
Valerie Carroll
Cypress Springs Road, Jonesboro, AR

From: Valerie Carroll <valerie.k.carroll@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 3:22 PM
To: Bobby Long <BLong@jonesboro.org>
Cc: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Re: Regarding a proposed committee resolution

Mr. Long,

It's not about "truthful" or "appalling" (words I never used in my email...so curious about where that's coming from). It's about *useful*. As established in this country, abortion law is federally protected with some restrictions, and states can apply further restrictions, which may or may not be challenged in court. Cities and municipalities do not enter the equation. The resolution contains no actionable language; "pro-life" is a political, not a legal, term. It amounts to a statement of political belief that you are asking the City of Jonesboro to endorse. Which is not the proper role of the city or the council.

I've read the resolution and I can't see one practical thing that it does or doesn't outline. It appears to quote the Declaration of Independence, cite the existence of the 14th and 15th Amendments, and reference a similarly toothless Arkansas Constitutional Amendment before stating Jonesboro "will be known in action and deed" as a "Pro-Life City" without *stating any actions or deeds*. As I best I can tell, the intended effects of this resolution are to:

1. provide grist for the "culture war" (this is shorthand for the way a certain segment of Republicans seem to have stopped focusing on policies in favor of fomenting outrage about "controversial" cultural issues like abortion, LGBTQ rights, and critical race theory)
2. increase *your* visibility and cultural cache vis a vis said culture war
3. alienate Jonesboro citizens and officials who do not agree with you
4. waste the city's precious time in trying to solve problems that actually are in the city's purview

It's clear you feel very passionately about this issue. That's true no matter what side you are on! But passion can be informed by anything; city policy must be informed by reason. I am uninterested in a debate on the issue of abortion with you or anyone else; no one's mind will be changed, and doing so will only create strife that wastes time and energy for everyone. In the future, I would simply ask that you concentrate your efforts on practical matters that are within your jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

Valerie Carroll
Cypress Springs, Jonesboro

On Wed, Aug 25, 2021 at 6:07 PM Bobby Long <BLong@jonesboro.org> wrote:
Your view is appreciated even though it saddens me that there is such a disdain for life. Let's be clear, it's not about abortion law it's about sanctity of life and our commitment to protecting it. Life deserves respect at all stages of development. If you disagree then we will just have to disagree.

Just for clarification, what section of the resolution do you find is not truthful or appalling?

I stand for protection of the life of the unborn. If you oppose me, what do you stand for?

And I will reiterate it. It DOES thrill my soul at the proposition that cities and counties would stand for the life of the unborn. No qualms about it.

Bobby

From: Bobby Long <BLong@jonesboro.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 4:49 PM
To: Valerie Carroll <valerie.k.carroll@gmail.com>
Cc: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RE: Regarding a proposed committee resolution

Hello Ms. Carroll,
My original post outlines some of the more obvious usefulness of the resolution, the main one being a dedication to and commitment to protecting the life of the unborn.

Like I said before, it's about abortion but protection of our most vulnerable who cannot speak for themselves.

I think we can agree that any mention of any conservative stance can and many times will be seen as divisive, a propagating a culture war.

The reality is our general legislators felt differently. They felt that the ability of a community to formally verbalize its commitment to protecting unborn life is something that would be desired by those searching for a place to call home. I felt the same.

It come down to this, I know I'm not going to change your mind and you are not going to change mine. Those council members will have to determine if a declaration of life is something their constituents would support or not. They will also have to be settled with the proposition of what a no vote would insinuate.

I, for one, would jump at the chance to vote yes because 1) I think it would be good for the city, 2) I think the majority of my constituents would not only approve but support the resolution, 3) I personally support the ability offered by Act 392 to do so, 4) Its not about abortion but about life and our commitment to it, I think that could say a lot about our city just as opposing this would also say alot 5) I'm not concerned about starting a culture war... its already here and I will jot be silenced or deterred from doing what I feel is right and right for the city.

Sincerely,
Bobby

From: Valerie Carroll <valerie.k.carroll@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 12:56 PM
To: Bobby Long <BLong@jonesboro.org>
Cc: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Re: Regarding a proposed committee resolution

Mr. Long,

Thank you for pointing me to Arkansas Act 392, as that legislation does include some specific actions that a city may take. They appear to be focused primarily on marketing and promotions: signage, slogans, festivals, etc. I absolutely take issue with the language in that bill (to me, "unborn" is the most Orwellian word in the American political landscape), as well as the actions it outlines. They "promote life" in the same way that a Coca-Cola campaign might promote sustainability or diversity--it's a hook to make the viewer "feel good," but doesn't actually accomplish anything.

You mention that the Arkansas State Legislature and you feel this is appropriate because your constituents support it; perhaps "culture war" is a bit cynical, but it seems apt in cases like these where what's at issue is a *message* meant to placate people's feelings, not an actual policy meant to affect the day-to-day lives of all citizens. Conservatives and progressives will never reach an agreement regarding the morality of abortion. No one ever reconsidered their position on the abortion issue because someone on the other side screamed at them that they hate babies or hate women. The only common ground is in practical solutions meant to address the root causes of abortion: low wages, lack of maternity leave and job protections, lack of family support, housing insecurity, lack of access to health care in general and birth control more specifically, availability of quality childcare options, domestic violence, and age-appropriate sex education that adequately prepares children to make good decisions when they become adults. These are the kind of "pro-life family values" I think most reasonable people could support at least in part.

As a constituent of the city and of the state of Arkansas, I am not in favor of this resolution or any others that equate to enshrining a political opinion as law. I am in favor of policies that improve the overall quality of life for Jonesboro and its citizens.

Thank you,

Valerie Carroll
Cypress Springs, Jonesboro

From: Bobby Long <BLong@jonesboro.org>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 1:55 PM
To: Valerie Carroll <valerie.k.carroll@gmail.com>
Cc: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RE: Regarding a proposed committee resolution

Hi Ms. Carroll,
Just a few comments..

Using a term "unborn" is a perfect description of what I'm talking. Maybe its just that the using the term reiterates the fact that its not just a clump of cells but a person. If so, don't that person have the same right to life as any other. You mentioned root causes as sort of a plausible justification for abortion. (Again, you are bringing abortion into this, Im not.) If that is the case, then would you also agree to the same justification being used at the ponit the elderly or any person at any stage life be prone to death if they cause an undue hardship on society or their kids or anyone else? Talk about an Orwellian concept! Every year, there are over 50 million babies aborted.. 125000 per day. Thats Orwellian.

You say that protecting life does not impact our day to day living and community.. I would strongly disagree. The sex education in schools you boast about has been going on for years.. more teens are becoming pregnant, contracting STDs yet we continue on. No one wants to talk about the mental health of those who have abortions.. (Remember, you brought up abortion, not me)..

The main themes prevalent in why women are having abortion according to a Guttmacher study is finances and lack of partner support. Again, is lack of partner support and financial reasons valid for taking the life of those inside the womb (I purposefully didn't use the term unborn) as those outside the womb? If not, what's the difference?

Again, no one is scream or calling anyone baby killers although

From: Valerie Carroll <valerie.k.carroll@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 2:29 PM
To: Bobby Long <BLong@jonesboro.org>
Cc: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Re: Regarding a proposed committee resolution

Mr. Long,

I specifically said I wasn't interested in debating abortion with you. I know what I would say to all of your points and what you will say back. I offered some middle ground in saying perhaps policies designed to address root causes would serve the goals of both sides, and you twisted that to implicate I'd be in favor of killing off our elderly population, a ridiculous thought experiment that has no basis in reality nor bearing on the subject at hand. Which, despite your protestation, is abortion.

I'm not the one who invented coded language like "prolife" and "unborn" to specifically talk about the issue. Arkansas Act 392 directly states in Section 1.D, "the United States Constitution does not prohibit a municipality using democratic processes from expressing a preference for childbirth rather than abortion." So please don't say I'm making this about abortion--I'm responding to something that already is. My position remains that regardless of one's personal moral or political positions, it is inappropriate for the city to formally adopt them for the purposes of promotion and marketing to a specific constituency.

Regards,
Valerie Carroll
Cypress Springs, Jonesboro

From: Bobby Long <BLong@jonesboro.org>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 2:33 PM
To: Valerie Carroll <valerie.k.carroll@gmail.com>
Cc: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RE: Regarding a proposed committee resolution

Ms. Carroll,

I am going to respectfully disagree with you. I feel designating Jonesboro as a pro life city will be good for Jonesboro and something the residents would support. I must make a valuable distinction.... an ordinance is law a resolution is a declaration of resolve. Mine is not law but a declaration of a committment to life.

Thanks,
Bobby

From: Steven Summers <steven.m.summers@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 11:00 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: No on RES-21:167!

I'm aware that Mr. Bobby Long is attempting to push a "pro-life" resolution through the Public Works committee. Such a resolution is a waste of the committee's time and seems to simply be a way for Mr. Long to incite his base going into next year's elections. Given Mr. Long's maskless public appearances at an anti-vaccination rally this past Saturday, I also doubt that Mr. Long is sincerely pro-life anyway. As such, please kill this resolution in committee so that you do not

waste the full council's time.

Steven Summers
6055 Beaver Run, Jonesboro

From: steve floyd <steve082072@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 2:41 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Pro-Life resolution

Aldermen,

Good afternoon and I hope this email finds you well. I am writing this email in support of the pro-life resolution that is being presented by Alderman Bobby Long. I ask that our city council vote Yes and adopt this resolution. This would help make Jonesboro an even better city to live in. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Thank You,
Steve Floyd
5421 Southwest Drive
Jonesboro, AR 72404
870-219-4747

From: Larry E. Corbett <lalocorbett@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 4:06 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Pro-Life

I support Bobby Long's Pro-Life resolution and request your support and vote for the same

Larry Corbett
6006 S. Caraway, Jonesboro AR

From: Sandra Hester <714trslhester@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 5:52 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolution

Aldermen of Jonesboro,

I am writing to encourage the passing of Pro Life resolution for Jonesboro. This would seem to be an easy one to pass, but I want to make sure that the Council knows the feelings of the citizens.

The State Assembly has passed this resolution and that is a reflection of Arkansas citizens.

Please consider this as a yes vote for the Pro Life resolution.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,
Tommy and Sandra Hester
5601 CR 333, Jonesboro

From: WHITNEY WILLIAMS <wwilliam@astate.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 5:59 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Jonesboro should be a 'pro-life' city.

Dear Members of the Jonesboro City Council:

The Declaration of Independence records that all men are created equal and have certain unalienable rights (granted by God). The fourth and fifth amendment of the US Constitution affirms that no person shall be deprived of life without due process and protection of the law. The Arkansas Constitution (Amendment 68) states that it is the policy of the state to protect the life of the child from conception to birth. It therefore follows that it is also the obligation of every city in Arkansas to protect the live of every person in it jurisdiction (including life in the womb).

I totally concur with City Council Member Bobby Long that it is appropriate for the City of Jonesboro to declare itself as a pro-life city and protect the life of all citizens, even life in the womb.

I respectfully request that each member of the City Council of Jonesboro support and recognize that it is a "Pro-Life City."

Sincerely,
Whitney Williams, Ph.D
912 Willow Oak, Jonesboro

From: Jane Marzewski <janemarzewski@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 8:24 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject:

I urge you to adopt the pro-life resolution put forth by Bobby Long. How good it would be for Jonesboro to be a light in these dark times.

Sincerely,
Jane Marzewski
1516 CR 360, Jonesboro

-----Original Message-----

From: David Tennison <tennison915@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 5:52 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Pro life resolution

I support the proposed pro life resolution that is being brought before the City Council by Bobby Long.

Thank you

David Tennison
4310 Hallie Lane, Jonesboro AR

From: John Cooper <jncooper02@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 8:28 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolution

Please reject the proposed "Pro-Life Resolution ". This has nothing to do with city government and will only lead to further division among our community. City Council should not be used to further the agenda of local political committees and other special interest groups.

John and Sue Cooper

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Senator John Cooper
District 21
P.O. Box 16801
Jonesboro, AR 72401
870-761-0130

From: Pauletta Folden <paulettafolden@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 9:58 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: PRO LIFE CITY

What a wonderful concept for our town, to declare our GODLY values to Protect the most vulnerable !!!

Pauletta Folden
3525 E. Nettleton, Jonesboro

From: Melody Kennedy <luneytunes0@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 11:39 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject:

Please pass the pro-life resolution. We do not believe in murdering babies. Please pass this resolution and show our support of doing what is right in the face of today's world. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Melody Kennedy
Rains, Jonesboro

From: Rebekah Evans <rebekah.laurel@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 4:22 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Oppose RES 21:167

Dear City Council Members,

Please oppose RES 21:167.

Regardless of anyone's personal stance on abortion, this resolution has nothing to do with the business and governance of the city of Jonesboro. There is a great deal that needs to be done in our city; I urge you to focus on policies & decisions that move our city forward, build community, and provide for the needs of Jonesboro residents. Please do not waste time on issues that are divisive, unproductive, and outside of the scope of city governance.

Sincerely,

Rebekah Evans, Ph.D.
Charleston Drive
Jonesboro, AR

From: deltondunn <deltondunn@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 4:38 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES-21:167 - Declaring Jonesboro a Pro-Life City

I am standing in support of Alderman Bobby Long with the pro-life resolution for our city.

Delton Dunn
4609 Rockport Dr
Jonesboro AR 72404

From: paul vellozo <vellozo.p@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 4:41 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolution

Dear Mayor and Aldermen: A resolution has been proposed to make Jonesboro a pro life city. I oppose this. It appears to be a political stunt.

There are things the city could do but in my opinion is not doing enough of. Support vaccination, mask use and other public health measures to combat Covid 19. I am a physician and am seeing a record number of patients in the hospital and office with Covid-19. My emergency physician colleagues are getting exhausted and some are getting infected with Covid while taking care of people who do not care for their lives or the lives of others.

So instead of political gestures, I request that the city be a pro vaccination city. We lag the country in vaccination rates and lead the country in rates of Covid infections and hospitalization and ICU use. Please use your valuable time tackling real problems rather than political statements.

Thank you

Dr. Paul Vellozo
3811 Wolfchase
Jonesboro

From: Zachariah Carlson <zachariah.carlson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 6:02 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver
<HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: I oppose RES-21:167

Hello,

I've just learned of RES-21:167, a resolution declaring Jonesboro, Arkansas, a pro-life city. I'm writing to state my absolute objection to this resolution and ask that it die in committee. It seems purpose-built to fill council chambers with crowds of citizens on each side of the issue, so that half of them are needlessly antagonized by the final vote.

I am actually in favor of pregnant people getting the support they need. Food for the underfed, housing for the unhoused, stipends for the underpaid, and legal termination of the pregnancy for those who do not wish to be pregnant. This resolution offers no commitment to any of that, and is thus not pro-life at all.

Thanks for your time,
Zachariah Carlson
2000 Bunker Hill, Jonesboro, AR

From: Kaleb Webb <kaleb.webb72@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 6:46 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: "Pro-life" resolution

Councilmembers,

Please do not support or vote in favor of the proposed "pro-life" resolution. This resolution is nothing more than an act to try and stoke a culture war.

Pregnancies have many factors that come along with them, and folks should not be shamed for making a decision that is best for them and their families. Instead of passing this meaningless ordinance, advocate and support policies of substance that will ensure we have a city and society where we can adequately support pregnant people. For example, support better programs for struggling mothers or give students adequate sexual education courses. I know that city council members may not be able to do all of this singlehandedly, but surely you can advocate for them.

Do not support this ordinance.

Thank you,

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Kaleb Webb
Danner Avenue

From: Renay! <bottle.of.shine@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 7:45 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver
<HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES 21:167 — no, nope, absolutely not, this is a cursed object, please discard

City Council,

RES 21:167 is an ethically hollow resolution that ignores history, medical science, and social science, devoid of actionable items. If the "pro-life" community would like to be taken seriously, here are some suggestions the city could look into for potential action:

- work with local school districts to expand access to sexual health education
- invest funding into helping residents at risk from domestic abuse and reproductive coercion
- subsidized or free child care programs that operate on non-standard hours
- expanded and free after school programs at Jonesboro community centers
- expanded public transit for working families and subsidized fare programs
- helping the unhoused or families who are at risk of being unhoused

RES 21:167 is embarrassing for Jonesboro. Please reject it.

Renay Williams
Bunker Hill
Jonesboro

-----Original Message-----

From: Charles Harris <chasrharris@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 8:11 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: April Leggett <ALeggett@jonesboro.org>
Subject: NO to pro life city

I have learned that our far right alderman, Bobby Long, is proposing that by your votes, Jonesboro be named a "pro-life city". The ultra right wingers are doing everything they can think of to move Arkansas and our nation to the far right of the ideological spectrum. This is a bad political stance that divides us even more.

PLEASE vote NO on this divisive proposal!

Thank you,

Charles and Susan Harris
2508 Hidden Hill Cr
870-926-9123

From: LaVita Brown <defenseundercover@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 3:48 AM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Pro-Life

Why would any Christian be against Pro-Life? This is not an issue about a woman's health !This is an issue for a child's life. If women have an issue, teach them about birth control. If a woman does not want a child there are many couples praying for a child that would be blessed to adopt an unwanted child. DO NOT USE THE REASON AN ABORTION IS THE BEST SOLUTION. THE BEST SOLUTION IS SAVE A LIFE AND TEACH BIRTH CONTROL. MANY PEOPLE ARE AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY FOR A MURDERER BUT ARE WILLING TO TAKE THE LIFE OF A CHILD! WHERE DO YOU STAND?
LaVeda Brown
2003 Timberridge, Jonesboro

From: Shannah George <rtwwllc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 1:29 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Charles Frierson <CFrierson@jonesboro.org>; Brian Emison <BEmison@jonesboro.org>; Charles Coleman <CColeman@jonesboro.org>; Chris Moore <CMoore@jonesboro.org>; Ann Williams <AWilliams@jonesboro.org>; Chris Gibson <cgibson@jonesboro.org>; John Street <JStreet@jonesboro.org>; Mitch Johnson <mjohnson@jonesboro.org>; Larry J. Bryant <LBryant@jonesboro.org>; Joseph Hafner <JAHafner@jonesboro.org>; Bobby Long <BLong@jonesboro.org>; David McClain <DMcClain@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES:21-167 - Declaring Jonesboro Pro-life City

Jonesboro City Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to address the issue of Jonesboro being put forth as a “pro-life” city. I am all for LIFE, however, I am for enhanced life among all socio-economic groups, from conception to death. Pro-life as I believe this is being referenced generally means the preservation of the embryo. I don’t believe any Arkansas city has earned the right to represent themselves as enhancing life across class and station. We still very much are a caste system.

As a psychologist, I hear and see things that are unbelievable that are heavily influenced by the very votes of those who are pro-life. Legislation is against programs which would support babies and disadvantaged mothers once they are born. The mothers are the ones who bear the burden of losing income and work opportunity when they are forced to have children they can’t afford even if they want them. Just last week, several of us gathered clothes for a family of 9 children. The mother was housing them in a tent and prostituting them!! Criminal? Mental illness?? Probably both but our city and state are not concerned enough about this segment of our population. I work with case workers who are constantly having to try to help these people in the face of budget cuts. I am also aware of struggles with the homeless in this area. All of these humans get put on a trajectory of promiscuity, mental illness, trauma reaction, imprisonment, addiction, health issues and death. Far from pro-life.

So please, if this city wants to tackle resolution of these types of problems I am all for us being framed as a pro-life city.

Sincerely,

Dr. Hope M. Gilchrist
1407 Cole
Jonesboro, AR

From: Darrell Kahl <dgkahl57@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 3:07 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Pro-Life Resolution

Since the majority of Jonesboro's citizens stand for righteousness, it seems fitting that we would call our city Pro-Life Therefore, we ask each of you to please exert a strong effort to have the Pro-Life Resolution proposed by Alderman Bobby Long approved.

Thank you,
Darrell & Dina Kahl
621 Melody Lane, Jonesboro, AR
dgkahl57@gmail.com

From: Patty Minga <22003parrot@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 4:34 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: pro-life proposal.

Dear aldermen and ladies, I encourage you to support Bobby Long in the pro-life stand. When we kill and allow abuse to happen to the most vulnerable we will be held accountable. As leaders of this community we are to hold up a standard that provides safety, freedom, and security for all of our citizens. We are a TEAM.

In Christ
Patty Minga
Vine Street, Jonesboro

From: Kathryn Burns <kdburns999@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 6:58 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES-21:167

Dear Council Members,

I respectfully ask that you reject the proposed "Pro-Life City" resolution.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Burns
Park Hill Blvd, Jonesboro 72404

From: M T <m-trusty@live.com>
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 7:36 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES-21:167

I oppose RES-21:167 declaring that Jonesboro be a "Pro-Life City". I may be pro-life but I am not going to look down upon any one who is pro-choice. We are each entitled to have the right to make choices for ourselves and not be made to feel like social outcasts because we do not think alike. Shame on whoever came up with this idea to promote Jonesboro this way.

M-Trusty
4305 Race, Jonesboro

From: ejs6696@yahoo.com <ejs6696@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 8:09 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Opposition to RES 21: 167

To whom it may concern,
I am a heartily disappointed and concerned constituent. Councilman Bobby Long's proposal of RES 21: 167 serves as a divisive shot at women and healthcare providers. "Pro- life" is a misnomer that actually means a woman's choices are no longer hers and her doctor's to make. In a time where so many lives are being lost in our area, it seems "pro- birth" would be a more accurate term for Long's proposal. Instead of fixating the public on an issue that is unconstitutional, let's focus our efforts on educating and providing resources that would make abortion a non- issue. It's 2021. Why rewind to 1973? Why inflame the masses on yet another issue? Please consider this my strong opposition to this resolution.

Thank you,
Erika Askeland
1205 Belwood, Jonesboro

-----Original Message-----

From: Asad Khan <asad337@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 10:01 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Oppose RES 21-176

Dear City Council Members,

Please OPPOSE Res 21-176. The city of Jonesboro has no jurisdiction regarding abortion, and it is not in the best interest of our community to waste time debating this divisive issue.

Asad Khan, MD
3614 Charleston, Jonesboro

From: Hard L <weino7@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 4, 2021 1:19 PM
To: Council Coments <CouncilComments@jonesboro.org>
Cc: April Leggett <ALeggett@jonesboro.org>; Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Please support Councilman Long's Resolution

Thanks,

Howard L. "Hard L" Weinstock
Wilkins Avenue, 72401-5024
Ward 4, District 5

-----Original Message-----

From: Lisa Tedder <lltedder@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Monday, September 6, 2021 2:32 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES:211-167

Dear Jonesboro Aldermen;

I am asking you to let the above mentioned resolution die in committee. There is absolutely no need for such as we all fall under the laws of the State of Arkansas and the Federal Government. The resolution serves no real purpose as it does not amend a law, make a law, help anyone, solve any problem and seems only put forth to rally a certain demographic. I think your time can be spent in more productive ways.

Sincerely,

Lisa Tedder
Registered voter in Jonesboro
3506 Big Creek Cove, Jonesboro AR

-----Original Message-----

From: Barry Tedder <bt Tedder@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Monday, September 6, 2021 2:37 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES:21-167

Dear Aldermen;

I am requesting that you vote to let this resolution die in committee. It serves no useful purpose and frankly, I think there are more pressing issues for the city government to deal with. Thank you for your time,

Barry Tedder, MD
3506 Big Creek Cove, Jonesboro, AR

-----Original Message-----

From: Cara Sullivan <carasullivan1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 6, 2021 10:17 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES-21:167

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to express my opposition to Mr. Long's resolution to declare Jonesboro a "pro-life city." This is a cynical move to bolster Mr. Long's base and gain political capital by whipping people up into a frenzy—exactly what we don't need more of right now. This will only create division.

It is my feeling Mr. Long ought to focus on the work of the city, as should all city council members, rather than waste everyone's time inventing more problems for us to address.

Cara Sullivan
1120 S Main St
Jonesboro, AR 72401

-----Original Message-----

From: Micah Jaramillo <micah.j0617@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 10:49 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Prolife city

To whom it may concern,

I wanted to notify you that I support Bobby Long's resolution to make Jonesboro a prolife city.

Micah Jaramillo
1204 Chimney Chase, Jonesboro

From: Pat Gleghorn <pat_gleghorn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 11:41 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES:21-167

It seems some Council members need to look more deeply into issues in Jonesboro that affect all ages and all citizens. Mr. Long tried to quote from Arkansas Amendment 68. What he did not do is complete that segment of the Amendment which states: "to the extent permitted by the Federal Constitution." You don't want to mandate a vaccination that can also save the life of a child, but..... Why don't you dig deeper and see how you can better the lives of the hungry and neglected children in Jonesboro.

Patricia Gleghorn, Registered Voter
1614 S Church St
Jonesboro, AR 72401

From: R SHIPLEY <r72401s@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 6:58 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Jonesboro is Pro Life

I am excited to see that Jonesboro is going to take a stand as a Pro Life City! I am an avid supporter of life! Abortion is not the answer. Please vote to make Jonesboro Pro Life! So much sadness and pain is going on in this world. We need to see some good. Please support the lives of the unborn.

Reba Shipley, 1413 N. Church, Jonesboro

-----Original Message-----

From: Jack Shipley <r72401s@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 7:23 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Pro Life!

I am Pro Life and I want to live on a Pro Life City. Let's make this happen and vote Jonesboro Pro Life.

Jack Shipley, 1413 N. Church, Jonesboro

From: Robin Martin <ramartincpa@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 9:50 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Support the resolution to make Jonesboro a Pro-Life City

Dear City Officials,

I'm writing to ask that you support the resolution to make Jonesboro a Pro-Life City. Life begins at conception as the organs and body functions begin to develop and the heartbeat is soon detectable. We need to stand up for these lives just as we stand for the life of all others.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Robin A Martin, 5005 Lamb Lane, Jonesboro

-----Original Message-----

From: Brandon Shipley <bt72401s@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 10:32 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Pro-life resolution

I believe that Jonesboro and all other cities in Arkansas should be Pro-life. All human life is sacred. The earliest stages in a child's development in the womb show signs of life. From the moment of conception, the soul that makes a human a human is there. There is no blob of tissue that somehow comes to life at the moment of birth. Either they are alive from conception or they are not alive at all.

I urge the council of the city of Jonesboro to declare Jonesboro a Pro-life city and to save the life of every child possible. We must protect the rights of all human beings: born and unborn.

Brandon Shipley, 1413 N. Church, Jonesboro

-----Original Message-----

From: Angel Shipley <ab72401s@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 10:33 AM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>

Subject: Pro life resolution

My name is Angel Shipley and I wanted to say I fully support the pro-life resolution for Jonesboro. I believe every life is precious and deserves the chance to live.

Angel Shipley, 1413 N. Church, Jonesboro

-----Original Message-----

From: Jack Shipley <r72401s@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 10:43 AM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>

Subject: Prolife resolution

I believe that all children are a gift and have the right to live. I want this city to represent what I believe and that resolution to make Jonesboro a prolife city is just that. So please find it in your hearts to let people know where we stand and believe. As a nation we have been letting the minority run things and have been just bystanders. We all know that children are our future. Life begins at conception and that has been proven over and over again.

Make Jonesboro a prolife city so we can be an example to others and maybe even influence them to stand up for life.

From Jack Shipley

Conception is the beginning of life. Please stand against all the bloodshed of innocent life.

Jack Shipley, 1413 N. Church, Jonesboro

-----Original Message-----

From: Joshua Shipley <jj72401s@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 10:49 AM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>

Subject: Pro-life Resolution

I want Jonesboro to be a Pro-Life city, because Abortion is wrong no matter what stage of life the baby is in. All life matters to God, and life begins at conception as proven by science. I know that deep down you know that to, make Jonesboro a pro-life city that stands for our future

Joshua Shipley, 1413 N. Church, Jonesboro

From: Madelyn Ballard <madelyn.ballard@smail.astate.edu>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:18 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: "Pro-life" resolution

Councilmembers,

Please do not support or vote in favor of the proposed "pro-life" resolution. This resolution is nothing more than an act to try and stroke a culture war. Introducing Jonesboro as a "pro-life" city is just a way to shame women.

Pregnancies have many factors that come along with them, and folks should not be shamed for making decisions that are best for them and their families. Instead of passing this meaningless ordinance, advocate and support policies of substance that will ensure we have a city and society where we can adequately support pregnant people. For example, support better programs for struggling mothers or give students adequate sexual education courses. I know that city council members may not be able to do all this singlehandedly, but surely you can advocate for them. Do not support this ordinance.

Thank you,
Madelyn Ballard
Arkansas State University

From: Aliah Rowe <aliaharowe@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:30 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Jonesboro should not be a pro life city

Hi my name is Aliah Rowe. I've been a permanent resident of Jonesboro for about 3 years now but I was born here. I think making Jonesboro a "pro life" city is extremely harmful. The hateful connotations that are tied to that phrase should absolutely not be associated with Jonesboro. When you think of pro life, you think of the persecution of women. This takes away our privacy from our own bodies. I believe that only God can judge so who are we to place this horrible label on a city full of different beliefs, views and walks of life? Why should we as a city take a political stance on anything? This is misrepresenting of Jonesboro and frankly a complete waste of time and resources. Why not work on creating more jobs in Jonesboro or taking care of our homeless and impoverished? That's more "pro life" than anything I can think of. I am in complete opposition of this ordinance.

Sincerely,
Aliah Rowe
607 Gladiolus Dr. Apt E10
Jonesboro, Arkansas 72404

From: Jessica Tran <jessica.tran@smail.astate.edu>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:31 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>

Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: "Pro-life" Resolution

Council members,

I've recently learned that Jonesboro has plans to take up a "pro-life" resolution in an effort to make Jonesboro a "pro-life city." I am asking that you do not support or vote in favor of this resolution.

I fully believe that no government has the right to shame women for the decisions they make concerning their own health. The notion that this resolution supports "equal protection for all" does not stand when it absolutely ignores the needs of women. The decision to go through with an abortion can come from so many factors (physical and mental health, financial stability, unstable environment, lack of support, etc.) In supporting this resolution, you are openly ignoring these factors and offering no assistance to help counter them.

Instead of making Jonesboro a "pro-life" city, I highly suggest investing in the community and offering support for pregnant mothers. Pro-life isn't just about the unborn, it's also about the people right in front of you. Please do not support this resolution.

Sincerely,
Jessica Tran
(318)617-5820
jessica.tran@smail.astate.edu
120 Dean St, Jonesboro, AR, 72401

From: Ashleigh Givens <ashleigh.givens@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:54 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: proposal for city designation

Council Members,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to designate Jonesboro as a pro-life city. Abortion laws are the business of the state and federal government--not the city government-- and there is just no point to such a proclamation other than to stir up conflict along party lines. Please protect the integrity of the non-partisan elected body! It is disturbing to see divisive, partisan politics creeping into the city council agenda, school board meetings, and even the library board. Jonesboro can choose not to engage in this pervasive, divisive kind of rhetoric. Further, these kind of proposals are posturing, plain and simple. The job of the council member is to serve this city, not to set oneself up for future political office runs.

Respectfully,
Ashleigh Givens
2301 Paula Drive
Jonesboro, AR 72404

From: Kimberly Owens <TrejoKJW@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:57 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver
<HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Jonesboro Designation as a Pro-Life City

Good Morning,

I've recently notified that the City Council intends on voting on designating Jonesboro as a Pro-Life City. This is not the purpose of our City Council. This is clearly a partisan issue and it seems that the city council wants to take a partisan stand. The City Council is one of the few remaining non-partisan elected bodies we have left.

This issue is so controversial. All it's going to do is stir up feelings about the issue and add to the division we have already in this city. Please just leave this alone. There are so many other things the City of Jonesboro needs to worry about than this. It is not necessary.

Thank you
Kimberly Owens
1604 Whitehaven Ct
Jonesboro, AR 72401

-----Original Message-----

From: Jamie <jamiestahl77@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 12:01 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver
<HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Jonesboro being a non-partisan community

I am Jamie Stahl and live at 3000 Bermuda Drive, I've been a city resident for 42 years. I would like to ask the city counsel to avoid voting on Jonesboro being designated as a "pro-life city." Jonesboro is a non-partisan community for all and does not need to take side on this issue. Thank you for your attention

Jamie Stahl
3000 Bermuda, Jonesboro

From: COURTNEY HOFFMAN <mattcourth@sbcglobal.net>
Date: September 9, 2021 at 11:48:27 AM CDT
To: cfrierson@jonesboro.org, bemison@jonesboro.org, Charles Coleman
<CColeman@jonesboro.org>, cmoore@jonesboro.org, awilliams@jonesboro.org,
cgibson@jonesboro.org, jstreet@jonesboro.org, LJ Bryant <lj@ljbryant.com>,
jhafner@jonesboro.org, dmclain@jonesboro.org
Subject: Vote down the Pro-Life City Proposal

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing you to ask that you vote against the initiative to name Jonesboro a "Pro-Life City". Regardless of my stance on abortion, and regardless of yours, the city council of Jonesboro is here to serve all the citizens of our city, not to become a partisan body which sets divisive policy. Councilman Long is inserting his own political agenda/aspirations and it really has nothing to do with the mutual good of the citizens of Jonesboro.

Thank you,
Courtney Hoffman
3901 Friendly Hope, Jonesboro

From: Karen Vardell <kavardell@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 12:54 PM
To: alderman@jonesboro.org
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Oppose Bobby Long's Pro-Life Resolution

I oppose Bobby Long's Pro Life Resolution.

I believe there are circumstances that this would put an undue burden on expectant mothers and even fathers. There are health issues, rape, and incest that no one knows except the victim. This should not be decided by laws forcing people to make a certain choice.

Thank you
Karen Vardell
2210 Oak Hollow Lane
Jonesboro

From: Shunqetta Cunningham <shunqettacunningham@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:17 PM
To: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; Tony Thomas <TThomas@jonesboro.org>
Subject: OPPOSE RESOLUTION 21:176

Greetings City Leaders,

I am submitting my concerns and hopefulness that you will oppose Resolution 21:176. The proposed city determination is not something a city meets with a title but in merit, character, standards, and the policies that advances the total quality of life for all. When we do this together, we are pro-life.

This proposed resolution will only incite unnecessary divinessnes and just outright drama. We have too many other concerns to address.

Thank you.
Shunqetta Cunningham
2108 Bob White, Jonesboro

-----Original Message-----

From: Emily Allen <emilyeallen@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:18 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Keep Jonesboro non-partisan

Please do not designate Jonesboro a “Pro-Life” city. Jonesboro is full of diversity, lifestyles, and choices, please don’t label the city with partisan politics.

Thank you,
Emily Allen
1102 Turner, Jonesboro

-----Original Message-----

From: Holly Stuart <holly@hollystuart.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:21 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Designation of Jonesboro as a “pro life” city

Please do not allow this to happen. We are a town of people that won’t even wear a mask to save a neighborhood. We are in no way, shape or form pro life.

Please stop this from happening.

Holly Stuart
6236 Alan, Jonesboro

From: Beth Robison <robison.beth@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:43 PM
To: Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Pro-Life City designation

Jonesboro City Council representatives;

I am a resident of Jonesboro. I understand there is going to be a vote on a proposal to designate Jonesboro as a pro-life city. This is not at all the purpose of a city council. The only point of such a vote or designation is to make some partisan stand, and the council is one of the few remaining nonpartisan elected bodies. As a constituent, I strongly urge you to vote NO on such a proposal, as it is simply a divisive measure that is outside the purview of any city council.

Regards,
Elizabeth Robison
4729 Inverness Run Dr
Jonesboro, AR 72405
720-244-2106

-----Original Message-----

From: Holly Stuart <holly@hollystuart.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:51 PM
To: Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Designation of Jonesboro as a pro life city

Please do not allow this to happen. We are a town of people that won't even wear a mask to save a neighborhood. We are in no way, shape or form pro life.

Please stop this from happening.

Holly Stuart
6236 Alan Drive
Jonesboro, Ar 72404

From: Daniel Zambrano <danzamb001@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:58 PM
To: Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: City Designation

Hello,

I am a resident of Jonesboro and I am writing you today because of a proposal the city council is going to vote on designating the city as a "pro-life" city. This is an exclusionary act that violates the purpose of the city council, as an entity the city shouldn't be taking sides of issues that alienate any of its citizens, even if the majority of the city aligns with that stance. As an immigrant and and a person of color it is already hard enough to live in this city with homogeneity of white Christianity, I would hope the city council would understand it serves ALL the people of the city.

Respectfully,

Daniel Zambrano
906 Live Oak Circle
Jonesboro, AR 72405

From: Jeremy Jackson <jeremy@jeremyvii.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 2:12 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolution 21-176

Good afternoon,

Please oppose resolution 21-176. I fail to see how such a resolution would have any meaningful effect, other than stirring political noise in a divisive climate.

Thanks,
Jeremy Jackson
1308 Medallion Cr, Jonesboro AR. 72404

From: Lisa Melton <ldmelton47@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 2:49 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolution 21-176

Dear Members of the Jonesboro City Council:

Please oppose resolution 21–176. This is needlessly and unproductively divisive.

Thank you,
Lisa Melton
605 W College Ave
Jonesboro, AR 72401
281.785.5759

From: Abigail Avery <abbyclairea@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 2:52 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Oppose RES 21-176

Dear Council Member,

I am asking the Council to oppose the "Pro-Life" resolution that was recently proposed because the Council has no jurisdiction regarding abortion laws.

Here are some questions the Council should consider if they claim to have a “Pro-Life” position:

- Of all 50 states, Arkansas has the highest rates of teen pregnancy, has the Council worked with any local organizations to prevent this?
- Sex education is proven to be one of the most effective mechanisms in preventing unwanted pregnancies. Has the Council advocated for sex education in Jonesboro's local schools?
- Has the Council supported low-income mothers by giving them resources such as subsidized child care or affordable healthcare?
- Has the Council supported local organizations like the Family Crisis Center to help survivors of sexual abuse?

If the City Council truly wants to declare Jonesboro as a “Pro-Life” city, then the Council needs to do the above actions; if not, then the Council is merely pro-birth, not pro-life.

It is also important to note that there is zero actions the city of Jonesboro can take to change any abortion law created at the state or federal level. This resolution is merely a mechanism to shame and attack the many women and pro-choice citizens that reside in Jonesboro. This resolution was introduced out of ill and misogynist intentions, and bigotry has no place in Jonesboro. There are

many other actions the Council can take to prevent the occurrence of unwanted pregnancies, but the utter lack of action I have seen from this City Council has demonstrated that there is no real interest to establish Jonesboro as a “Pro-Life” city. Once again, this resolution is a tool to attack and shame women, but we will not be intimidated. As women of Jonesboro, we have control over *our* body and no man will ever tell us otherwise.

Please reject the “Pro-Life” Resolution.

Thank you,

Abigail Avery
1314 Locust Drive, Jonesboro

From: cara sullivan <carasullivan1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 3:01 PM
To: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Opposition to Resolution 21-176

Dear Mayor Copenhaver, and the City Clerk's Office,
I sent this e-mail to the City Council, and am following up by sending it to you to make sure it is counted.

I am writing to express my opposition to Mr. Long’s resolution to declare Jonesboro a “pro-life city.” This is a cynical move to bolster Mr. Long’s base and gain political capital by whipping people up into a frenzy—exactly what we don’t need more of right now. This will only create division.

It is my feeling that Mr. Long ought to focus on the work of the city, as should all city council members, rather than waste everyone’s time inventing more problems for us to address.

Cara Sullivan
1120 S Main St
Jonesboro, AR 72401

From: Joe Jackson <jacksonjoe809@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 3:03 PM
To: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: No pro-life City

Hello there

I am a student of Arkansas State University and I have recently heard about the resolution to make Jonesboro, Arkansas a pro-life city. I think it is quite unnecessary, extremely disturbing, and downright shameful that a city would take pride in limiting the healthcare of women.

Women deserve to have proper access to healthcare, and that includes abortion. America being staunchly pro-life is a big reason why many nations see the United States as an underdeveloped

nation. Denying American women access to healthcare that they deserve is extremely unpatriotic. If you love America and believe its citizens deserve access to healthcare, then please deny this resolution.

Thank you.
Joe Jackson
State University, AR

From: John Mixon <jmixon@Coopermixon.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 3:05 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Opposition to RES-21:167

Dear Members of Council,
Please oppose Resolution 21:167. This resolution will only create divisiveness. The fact that you are being asked to vote on the resolution is unfortunate and divisive. A vote against this resolution is not a pro-abortion vote. A vote against is a pro-unity vote and a vote against divisiveness. Please work to find unity and vote against this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
John Mixon
1230 Flint Street, Jonesboro

From: Skye Abigail Cascio <mrscascio20@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 3:07 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Pro Life ordinance agenda

Hello, I'm a life long member of nea and currently living at 501 W Oak Ave 72401, I have recently heard about the proposed pro life ordinance and it raises a few concerns for me. It is an attack on reproductive rights and written by Mr. Bobby Long presumably without female consideration.

Research has proven more sexual education prevents unwanted pregnancies and I believe that would be a better start for the end goal of less kids in foster care and less abortions. Also if you have any questions about why we need reproductive rights I urge you to rewatch a classic movie 'Dirty Dancing' and pay attention to the character Penny.

Please reach out if you have any questions

Skye Cascio
501 W. Oak, Jonesboro
(870) 882-3174

From: Shannon Johnson <shannon.nerys@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 3:21 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Opposing pro-life ordinance.

Please oppose resolution 21-176. This is a divisive issue for the city. This town shouldn't be anti-abortion because all that it is going to do it cause women to go find unsafe ways which could cause more harm than good.

Best,
Shannon Johnson
1203 University Loop East Bldg #3

From: MissNytemare2020 <tmarie.anderson0912@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 3:34 PM
To: Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Pro life city 🙄

I am Tabitha Anderson and I live at 2014 Maurice st Jonesboro AR 72401. I would like to ask the city council to avoid voting on Jonesboro being designated as a "pro-life city." Jonesboro is a non-partisan community for all and does not need to take side on this issue. Thank you for your attention.

-----Original Message-----

From: Lauren Hannah <lauren@yourfoundation.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 3:51 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolution 21-176

My name is Lauren Hannah and I reside in Jonesboro. I am writing to officially state my opposition for Res 21-176. It is a very divisive issue and that it is not the role of the city to make these decisions. I am asking that the City Council oppose Res 21-176.

Dr. Lauren Hannah DSW, LCSW
3308 Abigail, Jonesboro

From: Ali Conn <ali.j.conn@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 4:18 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Oppose "Pro-Life" City Designation

Hello,

My name is Ali Conn. I live at 301 Wildwood Pt, Jonesboro, AR 72405. As a resident of Jonesboro, a genetic counseling student, and a concerned citizen, I would urge you to oppose the resolution to designate Jonesboro a pro-life city.

First and foremost, to call ourselves pro-life, we would need to have a better track record when it comes to keeping our citizens healthy. Arkansas is in the top 10 nationally for maternal and infant mortality largely due to preventable health inequalities. To call ourselves "pro-life" when

more than *double* the number of infants die in our state than in others is an unconscionable misrepresentation of our actual health outcomes*. Additionally, given Arkansas has the highest rate of teen pregnancy in the nation**, it seems that your efforts could be better directed at ensuring that teens have access to comprehensive sex education rather than allowing them to be surprised by an outcome they could not have known would occur.

I see patients regularly (monthly at a minimum) who have fetal abnormalities so severe that they may decide to terminate the pregnancy. In many cases, the consideration is whether their infant will suffer for the entirety of their short life if they do bring them to term. Some decide that termination is not right for them, others decide to move forward with that option because they feel it is the compassionate choice. In any case, it must remain the choice of that parent. The Texas bill that Arkansas is looking to mimic has no exception for this reality. Forcing someone to carry a pregnancy, fielding questions about when they are due and if they've picked names is unfathomably cruel. I called Bobby Long and asked about this, and he said that it wasn't a high percentage of the abortions performed. Forcing this on just one person is already too many.

There are many reasons that this designation is fraught, false, and unnecessary. I ask that you please vote "no,"

Thank you,
Ali Conn
301 Wildwood, Jonesboro

From: Jenny Petty <jpetty@crafalcons.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 4:23 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Res 21-176

My name is Jenny Petty and I am a resident of Jonesboro (72401). I think the wise position is for City Council to oppose Res 21-176. It is a very divisive issue. I don't feel that it is the role of the city to make these kinds decisions.

Jenny Petty
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Jenny Petty
Librarian
Crowley's Ridge Academy

From: Christian Wilson <chrismwilson1997@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 5:28 PM
To: alderman@jonesboro.org
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: "Pro-life" Resolution

Councilmembers,

I respectfully urge you not to support or vote in favor of the proposed "pro-life" resolution. Condoning this proposition is a step in the wrong direction.

The criminalisation of abortion makes a mockery of the equal status that applies to women in any other scenario; thus, serving as a direct violation of the 14th amendment of the U.S. constitution. Having abortion within criminal laws contradicts basic legal principles of bodily autonomy and rights; if it's wrong to force someone to donate a kidney even to a dying child, it's also wrong to force someone to sustain a fetus against their will.

Aside from removing people's fundamental rights to govern their own bodies, the problem also arises from a lack of sex education for sexually active teens, and a lack of support for pregnant people. Frankly, as technology becomes more easily accessible, children are more likely to learn about sex. We as adults can do a better job of making sure that they're learning not only about sex, but about safe sex. We avoid it because it's awkward, leaving pregnant young adults and teens to pay the consequence.

Internationally, there are other jurisdictions that have removed abortion from criminal statute, such as Canada and Australia. As a result, this has not caused an increase in the abortion rates, and has provided more constructive grounds to consider how abortion can be best provided in our modern society.

Please consider our concerns and opposition as we speak from a standpoint of equality and equity.

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Best Regards,

Christian M. Wilson
2508 East Johnson Ave., Jonesboro, AR 72401. Apt. A33

-----Original Message-----

From: Brooke Bonds <brookerochelle22@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 6:03 PM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>

Subject: OPPOSE RES 21-176

my name is Brooke Bonds and I reside in Jonesboro AR 72404, and I want City Council to oppose Res 21-176. It is a very divisive issue and that it is not the role of the city to make these decisions!

Brooke Bonds
3700 S. Caraway, Apt. A15, Jonesboro

From: David McAvoy <david.mcavoy2@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 7:09 PM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolution 21-176

I am writing in opposition to resolution 21-176. It is my opinion that the city should occupy itself with things it can actually do something about like streets, drainage, local crime, and other issues and not engage in this kind of political grandstanding and posturing.

Thank you.

David McAvoy
1524 Charles Dr
Jonesboro AR 72405

-----Original Message-----

From: Erin Bradley <eradley9471@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 7:26 PM
To: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Opposition

My name is Erin Bradley and I reside in Jonesboro. I am writing to officially state my opposition for Res 21-176. It is a very divisive issue and that it is not the role of the city to make these decisions. I am asking that the City Council oppose Res 21-176.

Erin Bradley
2059 CR 905, Jonesboro

-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Evans <llevans4838@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 8:24 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Oppose Resolution 21-167

Dear City Council Members,
I oppose the "prolife" resolution. This is not what a city government is for and it will do nothing more than cause division.

Linda L Evans
3809 Lafayette Ln
Jonesboro, AR
72404

Thank you

From: Ali Conn <ali.j.conn@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:22 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Re: Oppose "Pro-Life" City Designation

Hello,

Forgive me for my second email in just a few hours, but as someone pursuing a master's degree in genetics I do feel that it is necessary to address the argument that Bobby Long posted publicly today. I've pasted the relevant section below:

"As I was reading one of the most uninformed opposition emails this morning to date, I realized a few things which has (sic) been ABSENT from ALL opposition letters. Even those that stated that my resolution was not grounded in science did not come out with this one fundamental denial.

The FACT that NO ONE has DENIED or REJECTED is that the life of the unborn is UNEQUIVOCALLY (sic), UNDENIABLY, HUMAN. Nurtured by the mother, but distinct from her with their own perfectly unique DNA."

All humans have what is called germline DNA and somatic DNA. Germline DNA is what we pass to our children and is present in all cells of our body. Somatic DNA can contain acquired mutations that we will not pass to our children because the cells mutated as they grew. A very simplistic overview of cancer development is that our bodies need mutations in both alleles of a cancer-causing gene. These are most often acquired. Therefore, if I were to develop cancer of any kind, the tumors that grow in my body are technically "nurtured by (me), but distinct from (me) with their own... unique DNA." So, if your support for this resolution hinged on the lack of a scientific denial, I would ask you if I'm required to continue to nurture cancerous tumors in my body simply by virtue of their unique DNA.

You could not compel me to donate blood or a kidney or bone marrow to my child (or any other living person) once out of my womb. It would violate my bodily autonomy. By the same principle, I do not feel that it is right to compel me to carry a child for 9 months at the sacrifice of my own health and risk of death (especially given the outsized maternal mortality rate in Arkansas I referenced in my initial email).

Thank you again, and I wish you all well in this decision. Best,

Ali Conn

301 Wildwood Pt, Jonesboro, AR 72405

From: Gary Latanich <garylatanich@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:50 PM

To: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>

Subject: Opposition to Resolution

My name is Gary Latanich and I want to register my opposition to Bobby Long's proposal. Society is divided on the issue, but a majority support a woman's right to choose. Advertising our city as pro-life will only divide up further and will not enhance the image of our community with the type of business's we hope to attract in the future. Please my opposition to this proposal to the city council.

Gary Latanich

1904 Woodsprings Road, Jonesboro

From: J.D. Gud0 <joedragonstrat@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:51 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Pro-Life Resolution

Councilmembers,

I urge you not to support or vote in favor of the proposed "pro-life" resolution. This resolution is not only a pure example of self-righteous chest-beating but more importantly, it's an attempt from such feelings to stifle the safe and legal exercise of free will.

Pregnancy, childbirth, etc. have always been a challenging and important part of life for all of us, and while it's something we should all be concerned about, it is not the business of the city's officials to preside over such personal decision making. It's not even our or any state's business, according to the Supreme Court ruling in Roe v. Wade, which has not been turned over as of yet. Voting for this resolution is the first step in a campaign to turn over many rights that protect women's health and their Constitution-given right to choose.

I am as concerned as you are about the health and well-being of mothers and babies. As such, I don't inherently disagree with those who support the pro-life stance in a general sense. Life is wonderful in many ways. However, as passionate as some can be about their position, they tend to only focus on life "on the way". Those I've spoken with have said they want to restrict abortion, but don't mention anything about supporting free birth control or sex education, both things that are statistically proven to lead to less unwanted pregnancy and as you can probably imagine; abortions. They have also never mentioned anything about expanding access to food stamps, day, or healthcare. If you care about supporting the right to life and to choose as I do, I would hope you'd agree with me and many others that a resolution only saying you agree with the aim to criminalize abortion is not the right way.

I hope you will consider our position and request, as honorable duly-elected servants of the community. Hopefully, we can work more closely together in the future.

Regards,

Joseph D. Shipman
3 Willow Creek Ln, 3211
Jonesboro, AR 72404

From: Katherine Baker <keb5u@virginia.edu>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:52 PM
To: Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Regarding resolution to make Jonesboro a 'Pro-Life City'

To Jonesboro's city leaders,

My name is Katherine Baker and I live at 906 Live Oak Circle. I have heard about the resolution to make our community a "pro-life city." I would ask that the city council avoid voting on this proposal. We are a non-partisan community, and we should not be taking a side on this issue. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Katherine Baker

906 Live Oak Circle, Jonesboro

From: Alysa Fenner <alysa.fenner@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 12:20 AM

To: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>

Subject: Pro-Life City

To Whom It May Concern:

I am Alysa Fenner and live at 979 Links Dr Apt 12 Jonesboro, AR 72404. I would like to ask the city council to avoid voting on Jonesboro being designated as a "pro-life city." Jonesboro is a non-partisan community for all and does not need to take side on this issue. Thank you for your attention.

Alysa Fenner

979 Links Drive, Apt. 12, Jonesboro

From: Shawn Only <shawnonly@msn.com>

Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 2:52 PM

To: Larry Bryant <LJ@ljbryant.com>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>

Subject: Council resolution - pro life city - ABSOLUTELY NOT!

Councilman Bryant, et al.

I am writing in response to Bobby Long's ridiculous resolution re: making Jonesboro a pro-life city. I am so fed up with uninvited men in our uterus! Enough!

If Bobby Long is concerned about life, then he and the rest of council should be concentrating your efforts on making sure the people of Jonesboro have access to livable wages, have access to healthcare, food, housing, transportation, industry other than the countless fast-food restaurants in Jonesboro (which are killing its people), AND address the countless car accidents, etc. Have you seen all the grossly overweight people waddling among us? Failure to address these kitchen table issues is more important than another unnecessary distraction and resolution! Resolve to fix these first because these issues are what are affecting our day to day.

This endless drumbeat (not heartbeat) for abortion is tired. Most women do not want to have an abortion. I repeat, most women do not want to have an abortion. It is a heartbreaking decision that no one should have to face. Stop with the pro-life lie! If Bobby can't even support public health and safety like wearing a freaking mask, why the hell is Bobby in our vagina!

Until any of the men on council answer the following questions with an honest no, stay out of our vagina and stop with the false concern for life!

1. Did you have sex before marriage?
2. Did you use contraception every time you had sex (you, not the female)?
3. Did you ensure that the female was protected?
4. Have you had more than 1 female sex partner in your life?
5. Do you have sex for procreation only?
6. Do you have sex for pleasure?
7. Have you adopted a child?
8. Have you fostered a child?
9. Have you paid for someone's else's child's healthcare and/or education for 18 years?
10. Have you paid for your or someone else's baby's mama's expenses for 18 years?
11. Have you paid for a female's birth control?
12. Do you educate females or males that aren't your child about sex and its consequences?
13. Are you sure you've never gotten a female pregnant?
14. Are you responsible for the lives you helped create? If so, that life's entire 18 yrs?
15. Do you support females who have been raped? If so, how?
16. Do you support females who have been molested? If so, how?
17. Have you passed any resolutions that support females? If so, what are they? If not, why not?
18. Have you passed any resolutions concerning children? If so, what are they? If not, why not?

I implore you to stop the distraction and madness. Vote NO!

Thank you.

Ms. Shawn Only

141 CR 7822, Jonesboro

From: Ashley Booth <ashleybooth@hotmail.com>

Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 3:31 PM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>

Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>

Subject: Resolution 21-176

Councilmembers,

I respectfully urge you to please oppose resolution 21-176. This is a divisive issue for the city. Condoning the proposition is a step in the wrong direction.

The criminalization of abortion makes a mockery to the equal states that applies to women in any other scenario; thus, serving as a direct violation of the 14th amendment of the U.S. constitution. Having abortion within criminal laws contradicts basic legal principles of bodily autonomy and rights; if it's wrong to force someone to donate a kidney to a dying child, it is also wrong to force someone to sustain a fetus against their will.

Pregnancies have many factors that come along with them, and woman should not be shamed for making a decision that is best for them and their families. The decision to have an abortion is the womans right to have. Let it be health issues, money issues, or just not the right time in her life. One of the best ways to support our city is supporting better programs for struggling mothers or give students adequate sexual education courses. As a community we can come thru and support each other; and ensure that we all come out on top without taking away anyone's rights.

Thank you for your time,

Ashley Booth
2402 Circle Dr., Jonesboro, AR

From: EMMA Agnew <williamsemma62@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 4:16 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: April Leggett <ALeggett@jonesboro.org>
Subject: EES-21:167

Please vote against RES 21:167 sponsored by Alderman Bobby Long. This legislation will serve no purpose, according to Act 392, but to allow for certain 'signage'.. Strict laws are already in place and the loosely translated reference to our Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution Mr. Long mentons in this Resolution were intended to protect former slaves..

Emma Agnew
1215 Dupwe, Jonesboro

From: Loren Ivener <loreniv@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 5:17 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; aleggertj@jinesboro.org
Subject: Res 21-167

"Please vote AGAINST.. RES 21:167 sponsored by Alderman Bobby Long. This legislation will serve no purpose, according to Act 392, but to allow for certain 'signage'.. Strict laws are already in place and the loosely translated reference to our Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution that Mr. Long mentons in this Resolution were intended to protect former slaves.. --

Loren
313 Watertree, Jonesboro

From: lhsherrill <lhsherrill@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 11, 2021 1:22 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Pro-life Designation

I understand that Jonesboro has the opportunity to be designated a "Pro-life City." I think this would be a wonderful designation to carry, signaling that our community values and protects all. Great idea! Let's do it. In name and deed.

Laurie Sherrill
Pinewood Circle, Jonesboro

From: Ashley Hill <missmulligan@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 11, 2021 1:33 PM
To: Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Res 21-176

Good afternoon. I am writing to **oppose** our community claiming as one collective voice that we are all pro life. Being pro-choice is not synonymous with being pro-abortion, and besides, it is NOT a city or county's place to determine for all citizens who reside within that we all agree on such a divisive and complex issue.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinions.

Ashley Hill
2815 S Culberhouse St, Jonesboro, AR 72401

From: Robin Martin <ramartincpa@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 11, 2021 3:59 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Please vote to make Jonesboro a Pro-Life City

Dear City Officials,

I'm writing to ask that you support the resolution to make Jonesboro a Pro-Life City. Life begins at conception as the organs and body functions begin to develop and the heartbeat is soon detectable. We need to stand up for these lives just as we stand for the life of all others.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Robin A Martin
505 Lamb Lane, Jonesboro

From: deltondunn <deltondunn@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 11, 2021 10:20 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES-21:167 Declaring Jonesboro a Pro-Life City

I am standing in support of Alderman Bobby Long with the pro-life resolution for our city.
RES-21:167 Declaring Jonesboro a Pro-Life City

Delton Dunn
4609 Rockport Dr
Jonesboro AR 72404

-----Original Message-----

From: Sharon Stallings <sharonstallings@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 12, 2021 2:16 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Pro-life Proposal

Please support the proposal to vote to designate Jonesboro as a Pro-life City. To value life of the preborn is a positive value for our city. Thank you for your service to the community.

Sharon and Herb Stallings
1207 Dove Road, Jonesboro 72401

-----Original Message-----

From: Derrick Coleman <mr_head2003@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 9:49 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Pro life Proposal

Good morning city council. I'm email the council in regards to the alderman Long Pro-Life Proposal. I and others doesn't support his idea of this proposal. I wish he would actually do some real work for the city. Instead causing more distractions. Due to the lack of understanding compassion or even comprehension for REAL LIFE. So just say no to this gross idea or any other that comes before the council.

Derrick P. Coleman
4101 Hickory, Jonesboro

From: Than Boves <tboves@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 12:37 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Do not support resolution that would support Act 392

Dear Aldermen - I am writing to voice my opposition to the divisive, and complete waste of time and resources (and politically motivated) resolution to support Act 392, which would declare Jonesboro as a "Pro-Life City". I want to be clear that I would be just as adamant to reject a resolution to support declaring Jonesboro as a "Pro-Choice City". While there are clearly people that have decided to make abortion rights/non-rights the center of their political lives, you, as our wise elected leaders, should not fall into that divisive trap. Please try to focus on things that the

city council can actually impact, that bring people together, and that will make the quality of life better in Jonesboro, rather than on silly political games that will just divide (and that we/you, as a city/city council), have ZERO control over.

Sincerely,

Than Boves
2204 Oak Hollow Lane, Jonesboro

-----Original Message-----

From: Sarah Norris <snorris628@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 1:32 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Support

I support the pro life resolution being proposed by Alderman Bobby Long.

Sarah Norris
6601 Merrell Drive, Jonesboro

From: Tanja McKay <tmckay@astate.edu>
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 3:01 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: "Pro-Life City" Resolution Act 392

Dear Aldermen,

I am writing this email to voice my opposition to the "Pro-City resolution, Act 392, which would declare Jonesboro as a "Pro-Life City". Our community, which I am very proud of, needs to move away from these very political initiatives that would split Jonesboro into two sides. Please don't divide our community, placing religious initiatives on the forefront. We are already experiencing these divides politically on other issues (mask mandates, vaccines) and we need to start to come together, have empathy toward our neighbors, our fellow citizens, which we are so sadly moving away from. You have many citizens from diverse backgrounds who embrace many political and religious beliefs. Some folks have no religious affiliations, but are still part of our community. A community should not take sides as this would certainly do. If you were to vote in favor of this act, you will only carve a path of negativity in our community.

Focus on putting your efforts into important issues that help us to make our community safe, strong and viable. Please don't divide....

Sincerely,

Tanja McKay, PhD
Professor of Entomology

Arkansas State University
P.O. Box 599 | State University, AR 72467

-----Original Message-----

From: Crystal Welborn <crw8596@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 4:14 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Support

I am writing to you to express my support for Alderman Bobby Long's pro-life resolution. This resolution is a hopeful testament to the value and sanctity of life, a belief we should all support. Thank you

Crystal Welborn
1825 Hwy 349, Jonesboro

From: Deborah Johnson <dsj04487@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 6:23 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES-21:167 (Declaring Jonesboro a Pro-life City)

Dear City Council,

RES-21:167 is a ridiculous resolution that does nothing to actually help the city of Jonesboro. Please vote NO and don't waste our valuable time and resources on such empty resolutions.

Deborah Johnson
Hibiscus Court
Jonesboro

From: Hard L <weino7@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 9:25 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Please support this "Pro-life City Resolution" - Thanks,

Howard L. "Hard L" Weinstock
"oorah 1977-'81, hooah '82-2010"

Wilkins Avenue, 72401
Ward 4
District 5

From: Matt Smith <pastormjsmith@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 5:14 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RESOLUTION TO DECLARE JONESBORO A PRO-LIFE CITY

Dear councilman,

As your constituent, I am urging you to support Bobby Long's resolution to declare a Jonesboro a Pro-Life City. This resolution is a celebration of life and reiterates our commitment as a city to all our residents whether inside the womb or out. I, and a multitude of other voters are paying attention to this important vote. I encourage you to vote for life.

Thank you.

Pastor Matt J. Smith
Matt & Erica Smith
805 Gloucester Close
Jonesboro, AR 72401

-----Original Message-----

From: Grace McCartha <grace.mccartha@smail.astate.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 8:09 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: "Pro-Life City" Resolution

Hello,

I am writing to voice my opinion about the "Pro-Life City" Resolution proposed by Mr. Bobby Long. I think that this an extreme measure that will only result in further dividing Americans. Our current political atmosphere is unstable and heated, to say the least, and many people seem to be at opposite ends of the political spectrum. First, it is not correct to say Jonesboro is unanimously a "Pro-Life City" and would be a misrepresentation of the population. Second, spinning people's opinions on abortion access as "Pro-Life" or "Pro-Choice" contributes to sensational feelings about the topic and does not foster healthy or helpful discussions. To me, it seems that this resolution is purposefully trying to anger one group of people and please another group, only further dividing them. There is no compromise apparent in this resolution. This is not for all the people of Jonesboro, this is for a subset of people in Jonesboro. I firmly believe that this resolution should not be allowed to go into effect.

Thank you for taking my opinion into consideration,

Grace McCartha
1515 Aggie Rd, Apt A3
Jonesboro, AR 72401

From: Taylor Brewer <taylor.brewer@smail.astate.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 1:02 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Pro-Life Resolution

Councilmembers,

Please do not support or vote in favor of the proposed “pro-life” resolution.

As a woman and citizen of Jonesboro, I hold the belief firm to my heart that it is my choice on whether or not I bear children. I find this proposed concept deeply insensitive to the women who have been through this situation, and to women who wish to not experience this. I predict that this will only create further conflict within the city of Jonesboro and its various communities.

Instead of attempting to enforce this resolution, I would suggest taking the time to do proper research on the potential benefits of abortion, or even get the insight of women who share the same view on pro-choice concepts and why they see it that way. Food for thought.

Regards,

— Taylor Brewer

801 University Loop East

From: Eric Watson <ericwatsonmusician@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 1:10 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolution

To whom it may concern,

Please do not support the pro-life resolution against women. It is not right to take away the freedom of choice of women's rights. For women that will need it for health reasons or personal reasons, it shouldn't be taken away. Women need to be able to go through the safe process of abortion.

Thank you and I appreciate your time.

My name is Eric Watson and my address is 2205 Brenon Drive 72401

From: Rike Robinson <rikerobinson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 1:11 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: An Email Against a Resolution

To the sitting members of this Council,

My name is Robert Robinson, and as a concerned and lifelong citizen of Jonesboro, I find the proposed resolution to “make Jonesboro anti-choice” that is currently being discussed by the council utterly reprehensible. I hope to strongly express my wishes for as many council members to vote AGAINST this proposition.

The unequivocal right to bodily autonomy is inherently American, and I believe that violating this autonomy is conversely inherently un-American. Reproductive rights are essential to a free nation, and to compromise on this value is a betrayal to this nation’s ideals.

Regards,
R. Robinson
500 N Caraway Rd, Apt 431

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Rike Robinson

From: Brittney Munoz <brittney.munoz@smail.astate.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 1:57 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: “Pro-Life” resolution

Hello council members,

Please do NOT support or vote in favor of the proposed “pro-life” resolution. This resolution is not good for Jonesboro, and it does nothing to help us.

My name is Brittney Muñoz.
My address is 3813 Marchbanks Cir. Jonesboro, AR 72405.

Thank you,

Brittney Muñoz

From: Kevin Gore <kevin.gore@stmarksjonesboro.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 2:05 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Letter to the City Council

Please find attached.

Blessings,

Fr. Kevin
The Rev'd Kevin Gore, SCP
Rector

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
531 W. College Ave
Jonesboro, AR 72401
(870) 932-2124

September 15, 2021

Dear Mayor Copenhaver and members of the City Council,
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. My name is the Reverend Kevin Gore, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church at 531 W College Ave. I reside at the rectory of the parish. As a constituent and someone who is charged with the cure of the souls in this area, it seems incumbent upon me to write to you at this time. I was undecided on whether to address this matter with you, but seeing the hurt and fear this continues to create, it seems appropriate to speak at this time.

I write to you concerning Mr. Long's recent resolution (which at the time of this letter has not yet been to committee) that Jonesboro proclaim itself a 'pro-life' city. I would hope in the best of circumstances such an ideology is meant from a place of love and concern. Unfortunately, in recent years it seems that such actions have become a vapid, transparently performative nonsense show of partisan politics. It simply reflects the culture wars playing out (and wasting our tax dollars over and over) at the national level; generally done not because there is any concern for the wellbeing of others. I do not know Mr. Long's intentions and I will not speculate on them. I hope for the best.

The problem is such a resolution does nothing to protect life, nothing to truly care for people. It does serve to draw a divisive line in the sand and signals again that a subset of Christians who happen to predominate the population have screamed the loudest and pushed their own theology onto a government which is founded on the principles of not respecting any one faith over another.

There are indeed issues that should concern Christians (and everyone) when it comes to the sanctity of life. Issues that have to do with those who are starving; those who are sleeping on the sidewalks, cast aside by society; those unable to escape the revolving, evil for-profit prison systems we have built; those who are murdered by the state as a draconian form of punishment which does nothing to deter crime. If the city of Jonesboro wishes to take a stand on being 'pro-life', then please invest in shelters. Take a stand against the death penalty. Take a stand against the abusive nightmare that is 'conversion therapy'. Require COVID vaccinations of those who can be. Ensure that everyone has access to healthcare, not just those who can afford to live a healthy life because of the luck of the draw. These are policies that would absolutely show, as Mr. Long puts it, "The City of Jonesboro, Arkansas resolves to provide equal protection for life at all stages".

In a perfect world, I would absolutely want to be at a place where no one ever thinks abortion is their only option. We do not, nor will we ever, live in a perfect world. We live in a broken world. In my faith we acknowledge that we live in a world marred by the choices that take us away

from the Grace and love of God daily, and moreover others are forced to make those choices by how those in power treat them. We abuse the institutions of faith to guilt others into following along with talking points that only divide, and yet provide no actual love or refuge from the pain and fear of the world.

This is not a simple matter that is solved by a city council resolution. Such a resolution only divides us further. The resolution in question should not be moved from committee, and instead your time should be focused on the betterment of our community and the wellbeing of its citizens. Not the divisive show-boating of partisan politics.

Blessings,
The Rev'd Kevin Gore, SCP
Rector-St. Mark's Episcopal Church Jonesboro, AR
Resident of Jonesboro – 510 Shadow Lane, Jonesboro, AR

From: Tony Miller <tttmiller123@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 3:12 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Yes

We should be a pro-life city!

Tony R. Miller, Pastor
2403 Ritter Drive,
Jonesboro, AR 72401

From: Katherine Wren <mrskatherinewren@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 4:53 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Please do not support the resolution to name Jonesboro a "pro-life city"

Dear Aldermen,

My name is Rev. Katherine Wren and I am a citizen of Jonesboro, AR, residing at 2014 Sandbrook Drive. I urge you to please not support the resolution to name Jonesboro a "pro-life city". This proposal accomplishes nothing of merit and is simply an act of political grandstanding for Bobby Long to gain support. City council resolutions should never be used as an act to simply gain name recognition without actual action on behalf of the residents of the city. Secondly, this proposal does not reflect the opinions of all Jonesboro citizens and promotes division of citizens in our city.

We should be working for unity right now, not for division.

I challenge the Jonesboro aldermen who support this issue to do so with words and actions instead of a vote that only creates what they believe to be a positive appearance. I challenge them to support life by funding initiatives and education for foster families and crisis shelters. Those would be actions instead of pretty, useless words, instead of white-washed sepulchers.

Let's work for a better Jonesboro, instead of a Jonesboro that only offers lip-service.

Thank you,
Rev. Katherine Wren
2014 Sandbrook Drive
Jonesboro, AR 72404

From: Traci Burgess <traci.burgess@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 5:05 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Do not support Res. 21:167

I humbly write asking that you do not support RES 21:167 proposing to make Jonesboro a "Pro-Life City." In doing so, not only will you be putting more lives at risk but you will essentially be making the city unsafe for more children. Until there is more funding for sexual abuse prevention and more restrictions placed on the procreation activities of men, women should not be so dangerously restricted in how they make a personal choice about their own bodies and welfare. I am not pro-abortion. I am however, pro-choice, as is the United States Constitution.

Sincerely

Traci Burgess
Main St
Jonesboro, AR

-----Original Message-----

From: Greg Meeks <gregmeeks@jcbc.us>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 6:47 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Pro life resolution

Dear Councilman:

As your constituent, I am urging you to support Bobby Long's resolution to declare Jonesboro as a Pro-Life City. This resolution is a celebration of life and it reiterates our commitment as a city to all our residents whether inside or outside the womb. I hope you do the right thing and vote for life. Thank you!

Greg Meeks
5009 S Culberhouse Rd
Jonesboro

-----Original Message-----

From: Stuart & Michelle Reid <smcmreid@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 8:00 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolution

I SUPPORT THE PRO LIFE RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO. WE NEED TO BE A SANCTUARY CITY FOR BABIES GROWING IN THE WOMB.

Michelle Reid
3912 Casey Springs Rd
Jonesboro AR 72404

-----Original Message-----

From: Robin Martin <ramartincpa@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 2:43 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Support Pro-life resolution

Please vote in support of making Jonesboro a Pro-Life City.

Steve and Robin Martin
505 Lamb Lane, Jonesboro, AR

-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Nosser <nosser44@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 7:33 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Support of Pro-Life Resolution

I'm writing to express my support of the resolution proposed by Bobby Long that establishes Jonesboro as a pro-life city. All children should have the right of being protected - especially those who are in the womb. Women have rights to their own bodies, but the bodies within them have rights as well.

Thank you in advance for your support of this resolution.

Mike Nosser
Jonesboro resident
5025 Aberdeen Rd.
Jonesboro, AR 72405

From: Barbara Blackmore <bbwwjd2@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 7:59 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolution on Protecting our children

Please vote for the resolution to make Jonesboro a Pro-life city! We must speak up for these babies inside the womb, just as we would for those outside the womb. As we stop taking stands for the right and just things, we will continue to see our town go downhill from there—and we will no longer be a safe place for children or their families! Thank you, Don and Barbara Blackmore --

Don and Barbara Blackmore
2804 Nottingham Way

Jonesboro. 72404

From: Travis Marsico <travismarsico@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 11:31 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: No on Resolution 21-167

My name is Travis Marsico, and I live on Timber Creek Lane in Jonesboro. Please do not support Resolution 21-167. This is a divisive issue for the city, and having our city taking a particular religious view is not right. I want Jonesboro to be welcoming to people of all faiths and beliefs.

Sincerely,

Travis Marsico

-----Original Message-----

From: Lisa Crabtree <lisacrabtree87@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 2:34 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Pro-Life

Please support Bobby Long's Pro-Life Resolution. We should be protecting all life and we have to be the voice for the unborn!

Lisa Crabtree
1524 Sullivan Cir
Jonesboro AR 72404

From: Beth Tennison <bethtennison75@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 9:20 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolution 21:167

I'm writing in full SUPPORT of this resolution. Please show that Jonesboro is a people that care about life. Don't let the loud minority rule this city.

Beth Tennison
1520 Sullivan Circle
Jonesboro, AR 72404

From: Shannon Johnson <shannon.nerys@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 10:44 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Opposing resolution and ordinance.

Please oppose the pro-life resolution and the anti-vaccine ordinance.

Best,
Shannon Johnson
1203 University Loop East Bldg #3

From: Brady Morgan <bradymorgan103@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 6:05 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES 21:167

Please vote no on RES 21:167.

Brady Morgan, Bess Drive, Jonesboro.

From: Janet Allison <fieldentz@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 6:54 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolution

My husband and I are residents of Jonesboro.
Please vote affirmative on the resolution to declare Jonesboro a pro-life city.
Thank you. Janet and Fielden Allison

Fielden & Janet Allison
4873 CR 745
Jonesboro AR 72405

From: Whitney Williams <rwwilliams1953@live.com>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 8:14 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolutions

Date: September 17, 2021
To: Members of the Jonesboro City Council
From: Whitney Williams

RE: Resolution Supporting Freedom From Health Care Mandates.

FIRST: Thank you for your service to the citizens of Jonesboro.

I strongly support the “Resolution Supporting Healthcare Freedom and Choice Regarding Vaccine Mandates.”

I strongly and firmly believe that ALL competent adult individuals have the right to control their own healthcare decisions. Under NO circumstances should ANYONE be mandated to make healthcare choices required by their employer, government, or any other authority other than themselves.

I also strongly and firmly believe that ALL members of the Jonesboro City Council stand tall and strong to advise and request that the Arkansas elected state Senate and House Members elected pass legislation that DIRECTS employers in Arkansas, healthcare authorities and officials, and all other persons holding authority over Arkansas residents and citizens to:

(A) ALLOW ALL competent and responsible Arkansas adults make their own decisions regarding the Covid-19 vaccine injection.

(B) MAKE IT ILLEGAL for any state or local government (in Arkansas) to require proof of the Covid-19 vaccination as a condition for or to keep employment.

(C) MAKE IT ILLEGAL for any state or local government (in Arkansas) to require Covid-19 vaccination as a condition to receive public service.

(D) MAKE IT ILLEGAL to make it illegal for state or local government (in Arkansas) to discriminate against people based on a Covid-19 vaccine status.

(E) MAKE IT ILLEGAL for employers (in Arkansas) to disclose or cause to make known the Covid-19 vaccine status of employees. Employee privacy MUST BE maintained.

(F) MAKE IT ILLEGAL for employers to discriminate (favor or against) or treat employees differently because of COVID19 vaccinated status.

(G) MAKE IT ILLEGAL for private and government employers to fine, increase healthcare premiums, or otherwise causing a negative financial effect on employees or those receiving government services based on their COVID19 vaccinated status.

I firmly and strongly recommend that the Jonesboro City Council endorse, recommend, and urge the General Assembly to pass legislation enacting the six declarations presented in the above list. These are from the "Resolution" that has been previously presented.

I also RECOMMEND AND URGE the Jonesboro City Council endorse and pass the City Council Member Bobby Long's "pro-life" resolution.

Whitney Williams

1706 High Ridge Lane, Jonesboro 72404

From: GARY VANDERBILT <glvanderbilt@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 10:21 AM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>

Subject: Pro-Life City

We support the resolution to recognize Jonesboro as a Pro-Life City.

We ask that you vote for the resolution when it comes before the Council.

Thank you,

Gary & Pat Vanderbilt

1805 Westwood Drive

Jonesboro, AR 72401

From: Dean MacDonald <deanmacjr@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 10:57 AM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>

Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: In Regards to Resolutions on 9/21/21

To whom it may concern,

I ask that all city aldermen OPPOSE the two proposals before the city council regarding a pro-life resolution as well as an anti-vaccine proclamation. The city council does not have actual authority regarding these subjects to do anything of actual substance. This is nothing more than a toothless virtue signal that causes division in an excellent city. Furthermore, it requires council members to draw a line in the sand as to where they stand on controversial issues wherein they have no real authority. I genuinely do not care where any council member stands on abortion. If anyone would like to legislate based on this issue, they should consider running for state representative or senate. Lastly, it is a true shame that anyone on the council should want to pass ordinances that would further dissuade our citizens from protecting themselves and their family from this deadly virus. We have a safe and effective vaccine that is FREE, and if any member of this body were truly pro-life, they should be advocating EVERY SINGLE DAY for their constituents to get vaccinated.

Sincerely,
Dean MacDonald
5555 Macedonia Rd

From: Christina Smith <christina.momo.smith@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 11:33 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolutions for September 21st

To whom it may concern,

I implore all city councilmen and councilwomen to strike down RES-21:167 regarding the pro-life city ordinance and RES-21:199 regarding vaccine mandates. The city council has no authority or power regarding either subject. If the council does pass these resolutions, we will see a terrible divide in this great city.

I, nor any other citizen of Jonesboro, wish to see a culture war spark. I could care less as to who on our council identifies as pro-choice or pro-life. No council member has any authority to induce any change regarding the issue of abortion. If they want said authority, I suggest running for a seat in the legislature next year.

Regarding vaccines, it is one of the many duties of the city council to ensure the safety of our city. This means that the city council should absolutely not sway the citizens of Jonesboro from receiving a FREE vaccine that will help not only them, but their families and our community. Again, I plead that the council makes the right decision and strike down these two resolutions.

Christina Smith

216 Whitaker St.
Bldg. 1, #1205

Jonesboro, AR 72401

From: Hayden Jackson <hayden.jackson.music@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 12:58 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolutions on Tuesday

Councilmembers,

Please vote against the resolution regarding abortion and the anti-vaccine proclamation.

My address is 1115 University loop east building #2.

- Hayden Jackson

From: Cadence Rutherford <cadence.rutherfo@smail.astate.edu>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 3:03 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Anti-Vaccine Proclamation

To whom it may concern,

I ask that all city aldermen OPPOSE the two proposals before the city council regarding a pro-life resolution and and anti-vaccine proclamation.

I have worked in an urgent care clinic since February. I got my vaccines in January. For the city to enforce hospitals in town to somewhat *revoke* the vaccine mandate is completely and utterly irresponsible on the city's behalf. I have to work with people that don't agree with true medical research right now. I work with people that are not as educated as I am. I have to work with people that even give patients "medical advice" because of their political standpoint, and that should terrify you. I have worked with a nurse that willingly, knowingly, goes into covid-positive patient rooms without a mask on, without any care. Regardless of whether you want to wear a mask or not, that nurse then put myself in danger. It isn't fair if I catch Covid-19 and have to deal with quarantine and an illness when *I* was the one being responsible the whole time. If I'm getting my vaccine and wearing an N95 my entire shift, then it is *NOT* fair to let people that are politically emotional cloud their judgement and infect the ones that are doing their part. It is *not* fair anymore.

And I may once remind you that no one's medical freedom has been taken away. It is still a choice to work in an environment that wants *their* employees to hold a certain standard. It should be *my* freedom to work in a safe environment, too.

Sincerely,

Cadence Rutherford

2814 Stallings Ln, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401

From: Kaila Henick <kaila.henick@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 4:31 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolution

To whom it may concern,

I am emailing to ask that the Healthcare Freedom Resolution be passed. This directly affects my job as well as so many others in the community.

Thank you,
Kaila Henick
298 CR 368 Jonesboro AR 72401

-----Original Message-----

From: courtney burton <courtneybeth2011@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 5:22 PM
To: Charles Frierson <CFrierson@jonesboro.org>; Brian Emison <BEmison@jonesboro.org>; Charles Coleman <CColeman@jonesboro.org>; Chris Moore <CMoore@jonesboro.org>; Ann Williams <AWilliams@jonesboro.org>; Chris Gibson <cgibson@jonesboro.org>; John Street <JStreet@jonesboro.org>; Mitch Johnson <mjohnson@jonesboro.org>; Larry J. Bryant <LBryant@jonesboro.org>; Joseph Hafner <JAHafner@jonesboro.org>; David McClain <DMcClain@jonesboro.org>; Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Support Bobby Long's resolutions

Good Evening,

I am asking you to please support Bobby Long's resolution 21:199 to stop the vaccine mandates and to support medical freedom. I am also asking for you to support Bobby Long's resolution 21:167 in designating Jonesboro to be a pro life city, lets show our support that all lives matter.

Thank you,
Courtney Little
4303 Cypress Springs Rd Jonesboro AR 72405

From: Brianna Jordan <brianna.jordan610@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 7:35 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: In Regards to Resolutions on 9/21/21

To whom it may concern,

I ask that all city aldermen to OPPOSE the two proposals before the city council regarding a pro-life resolution as well as an anti-vaccination proclamation. Both of the resolutions are incorrect representation of how all the people of Jonesboro feel. I find it appalling that after all of the lives have been lost in the fight against Covid-19, such resolutions would discourage individuals protecting themselves and encouraging the spread of misinformation. Understand that you are representing ALL of the citizens of Jonesboro.

Sincerely,

Brianna Jordan
2515 Danner Ave Bldg #2
State University, AR 72401

-----Original Message-----

From: Shiela Binkley <shiela.binkley@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 18, 2021 7:00 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Making Jonesboro a pro life city

I support the resolution to make Jonesboro a pro life city and to stop the vaccine mandate. Please support these resolutions!!

Shiela Binkley
7386 HWY 351
Jonesboro, AR

From: Michael Binkley <binkley679@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 18, 2021 7:09 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Making Jonesboro a pro life city

I support the resolution to make Jonesboro a pro life city and to stop the vaccine mandate. Please support these resolutions.

Michael Binkley
7386 HWY 351
Jonesboro, AR

-----Original Message-----

From: Carissa Price <carissann9@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 8:28 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Oppose "pro-life" city designation

As a resident of Jonesboro, I oppose the "pro-life" city designation.

Research has shown again and again that comprehensive sex education among teens LOWERS the occurrence of unwanted pregnancies, sexually transmitted infections AND abortions.

If we truly want to become a “pro-life” city, then we should be teaching sex health in schools instead of abstinence. We should be providing easy access to reproductive health care among women. We should be providing affordable childcare before we promote and prevent women from making their own choices.

Declaring Jonesboro a “pro-life” city won’t do anything but placate the people who believe in restricting healthcare, and harm the 1 in 4 women who have an abortion. It will alienate women living here in Jonesboro.

If we want Jonesboro to grow, if we want people to stay here, build careers and lives here, we need to make Jonesboro a safe city for everyone, including women who have abortions.

Please do not designate Jonesboro a “pro-life” city.

Thank you for your time,
Carissa Price
1500 Kathleen St. apt. 33
Jonesboro, AR 72401

From: Garrett Barnes <garrett.barnes47@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 12:48 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: RES-21:167; Public Services Committee

Good Afternoon Everyone,

Bobby left you all off his reply. Just wanted to keep you all in the loop.

Hope you had a great weekend!

Take care,
Garrett Barnes
518 W. Jefferson, Jonesboro

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Bobby Long <BLong@jonesboro.org>
Date: Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 7:14 PM
Subject: RE: RES-21:167; Public Services Committee
To: Garrett Barnes <garrett.barnes47@gmail.com>
Cc: Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>, Bill Campbell <BCampbell@jonesboro.org>, Brian Richardson <BRichardson@jonesboro.org>, Tony Thomas <TThomas@jonesboro.org>

Hi Garrett,
Appreciate you thought although I disagree on every point.

Your assumption about the source of my decision is presumptuous and a little disappointing. I thought you knew me better.

However, your disagreement is encouraging in that I know I'm on the right track.

I will continue to fight for the unborn in every way possible using every platform I have. I'm ready for the debate. Ultimately, I'm fighting for life. What are you fighting for if you can't fight for life. Such disregard for life inside the womb can only lead to disregard for life outside the womb.

My views are not determined by the tenets of a political party. God loves life and so do I. I feel good about my stand for life...Do you feel good opposing it? Just something to think about.

From: Lisa Melton <ldmelton47@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 2:44 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES-21:167 & RES-21:199

Dear Members of the Jonesboro City Council:

Please oppose the two resolutions to come before you during this week's council meeting:

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Respectfully,
Lisa Melton
605 W College Ave
Jonesboro, AR 72401

-----Original Message-----

From: Eric Skaug <eskaug@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 2:57 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Upcoming resolutions

Dear Mayor Copenhaver and Jonesboro City Council,

I understand that there are two resolutions to be considered at the upcoming Council meeting on September 21 that I would like to voice my objection to:

RES-21:167 A resolution to declare the city of Jonesboro a pro life city — This is transparent political pandering, and I think we can do better with our city's time and resources. There's so much good to be done in Jonesboro, and we shouldn't be wasting time stoking partisan fires where the city has no authority anyway.

RES-21:199 A resolution supporting healthcare freedom — The city should be doing what it can to encourage everyone who is eligible to be vaccinated. The science is clear. Vaccination against Covid-19 is safe and effective. People are dying, and some of them might have made better choices and lived if not for misinformation campaigns like the one this resolution supports.

Please do the right thing — we're all rooting for you!

Thanks,
Eric Skaug
1702 Roleson Ln
Jonesboro AR 72404

From: Pam Hyneman <pnhyneman@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 4:59 PM
To: alderman@jonesboro.org
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: resolutions

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to express my concern and opposition to these two proposed resolutions.

RES-21:167 (A resolution to declare the city of Jonesboro a pro life city)
I believe it is a women's right to make all decisions concerning her body and this resolution does ABSOLUTELY NOTHING but makes a statement that is totally unnecessary and worthless.

RES 21:199 (A resolution supporting healthcare freedom)
I am 100 PERCENT in favor of protecting all individuals and working toward ending this pandemic by getting vaccinated and wearing masks as mandated. VACCINES AND WEARING MASKS SAVES LIVES!

Pam Hyneman
1003 East Lakeshore
Jonesboro, Arkansas

From: Fatma Ali <alamoody2014@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 5:50 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver
<HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Vote NO

Hello,

Please vote NO to

1- RES-21:167 titled "A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE CITY OF JONESBORO A PRO LIFE CITY."

2- "A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HEALTHCARE FREEDOM "

Thank you,
Fatma,
Sheffield Drive

From: Makenna McGowen <makenna.mcgowen@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 5:59 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES-21:167,199

To Whom It May Concern,

I am emailing regarding two resolutions that have been brought to my attention: RES-21:167 and RES-21:199.

In order, RES-21:167 appears to be nothing more than an invasion of privacy and reproductive rights. There is nothing listed to prevent unwanted or knowingly dangerous pregnancies. There is evidence that areas that provide accurate sex education as well as safe and effective contraception reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies(<https://medicine.wustl.edu/news/access-to-free-birth-control-reduces-abortion-rates/>). While this is an older source, it does show the effect of access to birth control. It also shows that we have known this for no less than a decade. Jonesboro could be more "Pro-life" by setting up a city-funded resource center to provide these services at no cost. The city could also meet with the school boards to encourage providing sex education there as well. This resolution, despite stating on page 1, lines 25-27 "That the policy of the municipality is to promote and protect the dignity and humanity of all persons at all stages of life from conception until natural death;" lists no measures to aid in those that are not currently fetuses. Children in foster care, homeless individuals and families, un- and underemployed individuals, and the like are all left out of this resolution. IF we are going to be Pro-life as defined in the resolution then we MUST aid in life after birth. To not do so would be counterintuitive at best. This resolution also states on page 2 lines 29-30 " Encouraging local places of worship to promote the sanctity of

human life;" would this not be bordering on the infringement of the separation of church and state? Would you not be against doing such encouragement with religious organisations if the matter being discussed went against your political opinions? Either the government is separate from religion and worship or it is not. There is no middle ground.

There are many other things I could say in regards to this resolution but I will end with this. As a mother who has lost a pregnancy, this seems as though the intentions are to guilt and coerce pregnant individuals to maintain their pregnancies at their detriment as well as remind those that lost pregnancies of their losses every time they: approach the boundaries of the municipality (D1), encounter municipal property (D3), attend a public event (D6), encounter a publicly owned vehicle (D8), and encounter a monument/memorial (D12). This funding could be better used to prevent loss of life and pregnancy in other ways.

RES-21:199 appears to be in direct contrast to RES-21:167. If we are going to be "Pro-life" then surely we must protect those that would be vulnerable due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Unvaccinated individuals make up the vast majority of hospitalizations and deaths due to the virus. Additionally, the length and intensity of the pandemic is causing shortages within hospitals (labor, oxygen, medications, and space) as well as ambulances and EMTs. Have you been to an emergency department lately? I have. At NEA Baptist here in Jonesboro they are so busy that they have been forced to add hospital beds and wheelchairs to treat patients in the hall. There were no fewer than 9 of these stations as of 9/16/2021. These shortages have and will continue to cost the lives of more than "just" covid patients. We cannot simply go about our lives as if this is the new normal and simply accept any deaths and serious injuries. Research has shown that, for the vast majority of people, the vaccine is safe and effective. Are there cases of vaccine injury? Yes. Those are statistically insignificant when compared to the impact of covid. Are there breakthrough infections? Yes. Once again, the vast majority of cases (even controlling for vaccination rates) are found in unvaccinated individuals.

It is also worth noting that another way that this resolution is in direct contrast with RES-21:167 is that pregnant women are at higher risk of extreme illness due to covid according to the CDC (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/special-populations/pregnancy-data-on-covid-19/what-cdc-is-doing.html>). Research is ongoing on the effects of covid on neonates, however there is already research stating that covid antibodies are present in newborns delivered by vaccinated mothers (<https://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2021/03/study-shows-covid-19-vaccinated-mothers-pass-antibodies-to-newborns/>). There is no "Pro-life" without enforcement of public health regulations. There are already state requirements for other vaccinations in Arkansas, the covid vaccine should also be required. Perhaps we are even more obligated to require covid vaccines due to the active pandemic as well as the fact that these vaccines have been so thoroughly tested with continued monitoring by the CDC (specifically in reference to the US).

We need to encourage the vaccine now more than ever. There has been divisive language used around vaccination and as leaders in our community it is, in part, your job to combat this. Lead our community to a safer future. If you fail to see the benefit there, please consider that those that become unemployed, disabled, or die will no longer be contributing to the local economy. We will remember who fought to keep us and our families safe. Those that fight against public safety measures are sure to get their own page in the history books as well.

Sincerely, A Concerned Citizen

Makenna McGowen
501 Elizabeth Lane
Jonesboro AR 72401

From: Garrett Barnes <garrett.barnes47@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 7:02 PM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>

Subject: Oppose Res 21:199

Good Evening Everyone,

For those of you who are members of the Public Services Committee, I encourage you to not make a second for Res 21-199 to walk-on to the full council. If it does receive a second, I encourage you to vote against sending the resolution to the full council. If it does make its way to the full council, I encourage each of you to oppose Res 21-199.

I find it troubling that Alderman Long is, once again, more fixated on making *statements* than his is in taking *action*, via the authority actually enumerated to the Jonesboro City Council, on the issues that affect the City of Jonesboro. Political statements like Res 21:199, as well as Res 21:167, have no legal authority and just wastes the council's time when it could be spending more time in taking action on the issues it can actually change or improve for all of Jonesboro.

By encouraging the state legislature to regulate private businesses (via Res 21:199), Mr. Long, as he often does with Resolutions, contradicts his prior comments on Facebook and elsewhere as well as his personal political platform which has frequently called on the de-regulation of businesses so they would have the freedom to make the decisions they felt were best for them and their customers. This freedom is paramount to the free market principles Mr. Long likes to frequently tout, so I am surprised to see him forcefully advocating for the state legislature to regulate said businesses and prevent them from doing what they feel is best for their business operations and customers/patients.

If we're wanting to encourage the state legislature to do something that would actually improve the city of Jonesboro and something the City Council can actually piggyback off of with action instead of political statements, I encourage Mr. Long to advocate for the legislature to terminate the sole telecommunication provider agreement that plagues many municipalities, such as Jonesboro, with being chained to inefficient telecommunication providers such as Suddenlink. This way, Ritter, Empower, AT&T, and others can vie for customers by offering superior service which is something Suddenlink cannot seem to fathom, much less remotely deliver.

My address is 518 W Jefferson Avenue Jonesboro, AR 72401. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Garrett Barnes

From: Jonathan Vickers <jonathan.lane.vickers@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 8:38 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Opposition to Robert Long's Resolutions

Dear whom it may concern,

The two resolutions introduced by Robert Long contradict each other and would need further debate to see where the state of Arkansas stands on personal choice and health care. By being selective on which health care choices that are available discriminates against individuals that need specific types of health care. As some say "you can't have your cake and eat it too" you can't preach for the ability to have choice over your own body except if you're a woman that wants to make a choice for her own health. Please do not proceed with this order furthering this ignorant hypocrisy.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Vickers
4800 Reserve Blvd

From: Kyle Whybrew <kylewhybrew10@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 10:04 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolutions

I support Resolution 21:199 and Resolution 21:167.

My address is 4701 Ocean Dr, Jonesboro, AR 72405.

From: Aaron Carroll <aaronw.carroll@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 6:09 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Opposition to RES-21:167 & RES-21:199

Good morning,

I wanted to take this time to write in OPPOSITION to RES-21:167 & RES-21:199.

It is my firm belief that either of these resolutions passing will set a dangerous precedent for this city I call home.

RES-21:167 - While I believe abortion should be a last ditch effort, I believe it should be the persons choice. This resolution doesn't work to help fix this issue. It allows the city to spend funds shaming people and putting up signs everywhere. That is a waste of taxpayers money and time. We should instead work to provide sex education and better healthcare access to family

planning resources. I don't believe slapping a motto or signs around our fair city is going to do anything but be a "slut shaming" measure. We know that doesn't work.

RES 21:199 - Why are we attempting to ban the COVID-19 Vaccine? Did we ban every other one as well? MMR, Polio, Smallpox? NO. Our kids are still required to get many of these vaccines to be able to go to school. The history is there in requiring vaccines. Also, if the men and women of our armed forces can be forced to take every vaccine out there, why shouldn't we hold up our end as well and protect them? COVID-19 is a growing problem and we have to do something about it. Too many people are dying because of this disease. Hospitals are at a critical point and we have to decrease the patient loads. This resolution does the absolute opposite effect.

I urge the City Council to not move forward with either of these resolutions.

Thanks,

Aaron Carroll
Hwy 349 Lot 1, Jonesboro, AR 72404

-----Original Message-----

From: Susan Harris <susanharris47@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 9:07 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Vote no on Bobby Long proposals

Please vote no on identifying Jonesboro a pro life city. This actually means nothing and is a very divisive issue. This could hurt business development in Jonesboro. We have a very vocal MINORITY in Jonesboro that are continually pushing their right wing agenda on the rest of us. As for the 2nd proposal, we are in the middle of a pandemic and numbers are high in Jonesboro. Why would we want to limit businesses from protecting themselves and their customers? All of our healthcare professionals are encouraging masks and vaccines. Again ultimately bad for business.

Sincerely,
Susan and Charles Harris
2508 Hidden Hill Cir 72404

From: Robin Yates <yatesrobin@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 9:11 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: I am opposed to Res-21:167 and I am opposed to Res-21:199.

Robin Martin Yates
608 Melton Circle
Jonesboro, ar.72401

-----Original Message-----

From: Maria Sullivan <maria.sullivan60@icloud.com>

Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 9:50 AM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>

Subject: Pro Life resolution

I wholeheartedly support your resolution to designate Jonesboro a Pro Life City. Thank you for taking this initiative!!

Maria Sullivan
3905 Bolt Blvd
Jonesboro, Ar 72405

-----Original Message-----

From: Darrel Cook <darrelcook1959@icloud.com>

Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 9:51 AM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>

Subject: Bobby long

Please vote to help Bobbie

Long efforts to protect city

Workers from government over reach. And also support in saying we are A pro life city

Thanks

Darrel Cook

3308 lonoke cove

Jonesboro AR 72404

From: Philip Jackson <phe5776@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 10:15 AM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>

Subject: RES-21:167 & RES-21:199

Dear Members of the Jonesboro City Council:

I strongly urge you to oppose the two resolutions to come before you during this week's council meeting:

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Respectfully,
Philip Jackson
605 W College Ave
Jonesboro, AR 72401

From: Kenny Brewer <kbrewer@astate.edu>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 10:49 AM
To: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Tomorrow's votes
Dear Members of the Jonesboro City Council:

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Thank you
William Ken Brewer
1228 Oak Meadow Blvd 72401

From: Madeline Bowdon <madelinebowdon@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 11:26 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES-21:167 and RES-21:199

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Madeline L. Bowdon
3101 Carnaby St Apt. C312
Jonesboro, AR 72405

From: Christy Wilson <wilson.christyr@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 11:34 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES-21:167 and RES-21:199

I am writing to you to voice my opinion that both of these resolutions should receive votes of NO.

It is not the job of the City of Jonesboro to shame anyone who chooses to have an abortion by proclaiming the city "A Pro-Life City." This is not only designed to shame anyone making this choice - it is completely unnecessary.

Further, we do not need to ask the legislature to keep places of business, including local governments, from having vaccine mandates. This one is simply just DANGEROUS. We are never going to get back to life as normal until vaccines are encouraged. Further, concerning private businesses, it should absolutely be up to the business owners what is allowed in their place of business.

It is the 21st century and it is past time for the City of Jonesboro to join it.

Christy Wilson
2312 Thorn Street
Jonesboro AR 72401

-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Kelly <lindawkelly@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 11:45 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Res-21:167-Pro Life

This resolution is NOT pro life, Pro life means all life from babies to the elderly. I want us to be a community known for helping all people who are in need of our care and attention. As a

former guidance counselor for JPS I have counseled with many young ladies who thought they were in love and made a mistake, many do not feel they can talk to their parents. I would often try to help them talk to their parents who loved them and helped resolve the situation as a family which is where it should be dealt with.

I truly hope our city does not pass this resolution. It is not a law and will have no power but will serve as a red flag to companies and business's who may be thinking of moving to Jonesboro. I do not feel that this is what we elected our aldermen to do. It has nothing to do with running the city and will only bring additional controversy to Jonesboro. Please vote NO to this proposal.

Linda Kelly

Regarding Res-21:199

I am appalled that a resolution such as this would even be considered. We are in a World Wide pandemic and ALL of us should be doing everything we can to encourage people to take the vaccine and wear masks to prevent the spread of Covid. Two weeks ago I lost a first cousin who was unvaccinated. We have to listen to our medical community who are working around the clock to prevent deaths. I can only imagine how they must feel with a Covid ward full of patients who are 90+% unvaccinated when they are doing everything they can to encourage people to take the shot. Please vote NO on this resolution. Arkansas has only 50% of our residents vaccinated and Craighead has even fewer. If we can't get this under control it will continue to mutate and will be beyond our control. If you care about our community you must vote NO.

Linda Kelly

1102 Terrace Court, Jonesboro

From: dana <dana19876@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 11:56 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES-21:167 and RES-21:199

Dear Jonesboro City Council,

I am writing to ask you to oppose two separate resolutions that will be voted on this week.

RES-21:167 titled "A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE CITY OF JONESBORO A PRO LIFE CITY"

Simply declaring our city "pro-life" doesn't do anything beneficial. In fact, it is very shaming and unwelcoming. If we want to earn a reputation as a city that cares about lives, we can start with advocating for reproductive freedoms of already alive and functional women. Taking care of children, the homeless, animals, and other at-risk members of our community would be ways to be proud of how Jonesboro cares about lives, not by some meaningless words.

RES-21:199 titled "A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HEALTHCARE FREEDOM"

Why would we want the Arkansas State Legislature to ban vaccine mandates for local governments and private businesses? We have our own mayor and other officials elected by our local citizens. They should be the ones weighing the factors involved, such as community spread, hospitalizations, large events, and available resources. Private businesses are just that... privately owned. They reserve the right to set whatever policies they deem appropriate, as well as to refuse service to anyone. It is unfair to force private businesses to feel that they must endanger their employees and other customers. Our city should not be championing taking rights away from private businesses. Even Governor Hutchinson encourages all Arkansans to get vaccinated and wear masks when social distancing is not reasonable.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dana Monk
329 Steele Avenue #1
Jonesboro, AR 72401

From: Donna Griffin <donna11154@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 11:58 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolution 21:167 and 21:199

I ask you, as an elected official representing the citizens of Jonesboro, to support these two resolution to be presented by Bobby Long.

21:167 designating Jonesboro as a Pro-Life city.

21:199 the Healthcare Freedom and Choice Resolution which would protect employees from losing their jobs if they chose not to get the C-19 vaccine.

Thank you for your service,
Donna Griffin
2200 Rains Street
Jonesboro, Arkansas

From: Karen Vardell <kavardell@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 12:04 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; ityclerk@jonesboro.org
Subject: Oppose RES-21:167 and RES:199

Please oppose RES-21:167 and RES-21:199. These our detrimental to our city and state.

Karen Vardell
2210 Oak Hollow Ln,

Jonesboro, AR 72401

-----Original Message-----

From: Cathy Tarver <cathy_tarver@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 12:13 PM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>

Subject: Jonesboro resolutions

As a citizen of Jonesboro, I fully support Bobby Long's resolutions. Res-21:167, designating Jonesboro a Pro-Life City. What a great way to show we value the lives of everyone from conception forward. A city that values the things of God will be on the right side of history and flourish.

And I support Res-21:199, the Healthcare Freedom and Choice resolution.

We depended on our healthcare workers through all the illness our city suffered, and they gave of their time and sacrificed their very lives to care for others. Why would we hurt them now? Our city can't handle a lack of healthcare workers. It will hurt more people who need them to care for them. And it will hurt our economy putting good honest hardworking people out of jobs they use to provide for their families. We have enough people in this town who refuse to work. Why put people who want to work out of a job? The healthcare companies should not be allowed to do this. It's unconscionable. It's the wrong path to force any medicine on someone who doesn't need or want it. So many have natural immunity and it's been proven to work better and last longer. God's design is always better. So please approve both resolutions for the good of Jonesboro and it's citizens. Thank you!

Cathy Tarver
3915 Covington Drive
Jonesboro, AR 72404

-----Original Message-----

From: Martha Pierce <martha.pierce1947@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 2:46 PM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>

Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>

Subject: RES-21:167; RES-21:199

RES-21:167

This is about a personal choice-abortion. This should not be politicized by our city. Please vote NO

RES-21:199

Skeptics should be persuaded to be vaccinated. This feeds into the lie being perpetuated by followers of the past President. I do not agree. VOTE NO.

Martha Pierce
2603 Cottonwood Street
Jonesboro 72401

From: Barbara Parks <bparks@astate.edu>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 3:27 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Jonesboro Concerns - Pro-Life and Vaccine Mandate Resolutions

Good afternoon. I am a Jonesboro resident and both of these recent issues are very concerning to me, resolutions 21:167 and 21:199.

First, declaring Jonesboro a Pro-Life city is a slap in the face to its women and to democracy, especially when we consider the number of residents of our great community that suffer from hunger, illness, poverty, and homelessness. Until we start to show our living residents some care and compassion, the issue of abortion and “rights” of a fetus should not waste one moment of your time and of our tax payer dollars.

Those who are seeking out abortion services should not be shamed by their community. They are at the lowest low of their lives and they deserve our care and support in their hour of need. Pro-life should be more than just pro-fetus or pro-birth. If Mr. Long wants to extend his influence to demonstrate how “pro-life” and what a good Christian he is, he should be making efforts to care for those who actually need it, not a handful of cells in a uterus that may or may not make a human one day.

Second, this supposed Healthcare Freedom resolution is another huge waste of time. This will only endanger the lives of residents and further prolong the effects of the covid pandemic. If Mr. Long and his cohorts really cared about their constituents, they would be seeking efforts to persuade more residents to get vaccinated and encourage healthy practices including masks and social distancing. Instead of banning mandates, they should be looking into making testing easier to support those residents and employees who choose not to vaccinate, which would help identify people who are pre- or asymptomatic carriers, which would less the spread of the illness. These are common sense ideas that should not be difficult for Mr. Long and others to figure out.

Both of these resolutions are simply publicity stunts to garner some support and contributions from our local Tea Party chapter. It is disgusting that our local councilman care more about their campaign fundraisers than they do about the health and well-being of our citizens.

Thank you for your time and I will be watching tomorrow’s meeting closely for the votes on these resolutions.

Barbara Parks
1101 Olive St
Jonesboro, AR 72401

-----Original Message-----

From: Joyce Cook <mysterybuff1961@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 3:33 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>

Cc: Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Pleas support Pro Life and Healthcare Freedom Resolutions

Dear Jonesboro City Council Members:

I urge you to support Alderman Bobby Long's two resolutions. One resolution is on designating Jonesboro as a Pro-Life city (Res-21:167) and the other is the Healthcare Freedom and Choice Resolution (Res-21:199) which would protect employees from losing their jobs if they chose not to get the C-19 vaccine.

It would be a shameful thing if you folks do not support these resolutions. I suppose most of you attend church. There is no way you can not be in support of these resolutions if you grew up in the America that I grew up in.

If you do not support these resolutions, I would love to know why you do not.

Joyce Cook
2200 Countryview, Jonesboro, AR 72404

From: Ryan Dougherty <rddougherty077@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 3:38 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Opposition to "pro-life" city designation

To whom it may concern:

As a Jonesboro resident I am opposed to the proposition to make Jonesboro a "pro-life" city.

Please focus on issues which would directly benefit the citizens and improve the town instead of empty designations which only pander to political bases.

Thank you,
Ryan Dougherty
1500 Kathleen St. #33 Jonesboro AR 72401

From: tcrist56 <77tcrist@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 5:57 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject:

Please vote NO to Bobby Long's two proposals:

1. Declare Jonesboro a "Pro-life city"
2. An anti-vaccine proclamation in the name of medical freedom

These proposals are political only in nature. The pro-life movement is a bunch of political hacks that do not represent the Christian faith and only express situational compassion in pursuit of shallow cultural concerns and their own political survival. Pro-life has a long history of ineffectiveness in their misguided attempts to end abortion. This is yet only another disgusting effort to serve their politics and in no way should be understood as an effort to limit abortions.

An anti-vaccine proclamation in a time when we are suffering and lamenting the death of loved ones is yet another irresponsible political move that mocks those in our community that have first hand knowledge of tragic nature of this pandemic.

Both of these proposals are poorly thought through and can only negatively effect our community.

Tim Crist
4305 Jenni Lane
Jonesboro, AR 72404

From: Karen Vardell <kavardell@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 6:04 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Re: Oppose RES-21:167 and RES:199

Please oppose RES-21:167 and RES-21:199. These our detrimental to our city and state.

Karen Vardell
2210 Oak Hollow Ln,
Jonesboro, AR 72401

From: Kimberly Roberts <kimdamita@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 10:01 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Res 21-167 -- reject this

Please reject this Pro-life resolution. This topic is divisive and unnecessary for our community. If you want to be pro-life in Craighead County, please help take care of the hundreds of children in foster care here in this county and state. I would love to see one of you suggest a resolution that supports children in need. Suggest a resolution that keeps teachers from having to spend hundreds of dollars out of their own pockets every year. Suggest a resolution that will help maintain families in their homes. Suggest just one resolution that truly helps the 17% of your population that lives below the poverty level. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Kimberly Roberts
Live Oak Circle, Jonesboro 72405

From: Sydney Rush <sydneyrush@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 10:38 PM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Vote NO to Bobby Long's Proposal

Hello,

I am a citizen of Jonesboro, AR at 2204 Flatrock Trail. I would like to urge you to vote no to Bobby Long's proposals.

1. Declare Jonesboro a "Pro-life city"
2. An anti-vaccine proclamation in the name of medical freedom

One, we all deserve a choice and a man should not deem our city "pro-choice" when he does not face the struggles a woman does. Also, it is my right to have my opinions and yours to protect the opinion of others. Second, the vaccine is necessary to move forward through the pandemic and our administration at the state and federal level have repeated that multiple times.

Thank you,
Sydney Rush

From: Paul Finnicum <pfinnicum@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 7:42 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: health care freedom resolution

To the City Council:

I am writing in support of the resolution supporting health care freedom and choice regarding vaccine mandates. I believe I have the right to control my own health care decisions.

Paul Finnicum
5209 Friendly Hope Road, Jonesboro AR 72404

From: Muhammad Asad Khan <asad337@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 11:15 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES-21:199

Dear City Council Members

RES-21:199 titled "A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HEALTHCARE FREEDOM..." requests the Arkansas State Legislature to ban vaccine mandates for local governments and private businesses. Please oppose this resolution as it is not in the best interest of people's health and safety. Winters are approaching and infection rates can go further higher. It is time to increase vaccination and work together to get rid of this virus and get back our economy and daily lives. This Resolution is counterproductive and unhelpful.

Thank you.

M.Asad Khan, MD
Charleston, Jonesboro, AR 72404

From: Butch Yielding <butchyielding@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 8:15 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Res-21-167

Concerning RES-21:167 titled "A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE CITY OF JONESBORO A PRO LIFE CITY."

pro-life
prolife (adjective)

1. opposing abortion and euthanasia.

For the following reason I'm against RES-21:167. A 12 year old little girl is raped by a relative, friend of the family or a rapist they don't know. She becomes pregnant. Her parents feel the pressure from Our City, from RES-21:167. The little girl is living a nightmare. The parents are living a nightmare but Our Grand City, Jonesboro Arkansas, applies pressure not to abort due to passing RES-21:167.

It's for this reason I'm against RES-21:167. This situation occurs sadly daily in the USA. God forbid this ever happen to any young girls, young ladies but WE all know it does. Please think through your decision concerning RES-21-167. Thanks for your time.

Butch Yielding
2408 Autumn Drive
Jonesboro AR 72404

From: Revel Porter <revel_porter@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 8:39 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Pro-Life Resolution

Dear Councilperson, I respectfully urge you to support Bobby Long's Pro-Life resolution. The right to life is the most basic of our freedoms and no one is secure if this right is denied to the most innocent and vulnerable of us.

Respectfully,
Janice Porter

2616 Duckswater St., Jonesboro 72404

From: Matt Taylor <mattdtaylor2015@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 8:41 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Vote No on Bobby Long's Proposals

Hello,

My name is Matt Taylor, and I live at 3305 Richardson Drive APT H3, Jonesboro, AR 72404.

I recently learned of the proposals the make Jonesboro a “Pro-Life” city and to make an anti-vaccine mandate in the city in the name of “medical freedom.”

From a concerned citizen who hopes Jonesboro and it’s economy can continue to recover from Covid, I urge you to vote no on the anti-vaccine mandate and also I urge to you help get more folks vaccinated.

I also strongly disagree with calling Jonesboro a “pro-life” city. There is no need to label the city as being on one side or another of a political issue. It’s meaningless and also offensive to all the citizens who support a woman’s right to choose to have an abortion.

Thank you,
Matt Taylor

From: Tracy Klotz <tklotz@astate.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 8:50 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: pro-life resolution

I am a Jonesboro resident and I oppose the pro-life resolution. Please do not vote for this divisive proposal.

Tracy Klotz
1101 Olive Street

From: Ben Alford <ben.alford@waitrapp.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 9:12 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Pro-life

Hello, I am not entirely sure what to say. So I guess I will just start by saying I am against making Jonesboro a Pro-life city. I hate to say that because "pro-life" sounds like a positive thing. But there is so much grey area to this topic that is never taken into consideration when a city proposes becoming pro life. My mom is a sonographer and has been for the past 30 years. So she has seen it all! She has seen a women who cannot stand the fact that they must carry their baby to delivery, simply because they had no say in the sexual act that led her to getting pregnant in the first place. She was raped. Yet this baby had to be delivered despite the trauma that caused the pregnancy. She even looked early on in the pregnancy for options. But no one could help her. She eventually had the baby and gave it up for adoption. Which carries its own sadness. This baby now had to grow up in foster homes, and orphanages. We already have so many parentless kids out there and the last thing we need is more. And this is only one side of the Grey area I mentioned earlier. There is still so much to figure out before just shoving something like this onto a city. And i know that not a single person that pushes for pro-life laws has ever had any sort of trauma that would make them think otherwise. Put yourself in the shoes

of those who have sought help like the woman I mentioned above and think about how helpless you would feel if faced with this situation.

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Ben Alford

1809 Crestview St, Jonesboro Arkansas, 72401

From: Roseann Askeland <asketeacher@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 10:02 AM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>

Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>

Subject: Resolution to declare Jonesboro a Pro-Life City

September 21, 2021

Dear Aldermen:

This email is concerning the proposed declaration of Jonesboro as a Pro-Life City. Having received Mr. Long's call to address our concerns to the council before their vote, I felt compelled to do so.

One major concern I have is that I am a strong believer in Thomas Jefferson's interpretation of the First Amendment that guarantees Americans freedom of religion. According to Jefferson, a protection necessary to uphold that guarantee is the separation of church and state. This is meant to protect the government as well as our rights to worship as we see pleased. The tenor of Mr. Long's letter seems to forget this basic protection. I support his right to worship and to uphold his religious beliefs totally. However, I do not support a public figure using the Bible to decide a secular matter that a governmental body will use as its guidelines.

Mr. Long also addressed several amendments of the Constitution that he feels backs up his desire to declare Jonesboro a Pro-Life City. However, I fear that he has misinterpreted the information he gave and had no regard for the previous interpretations of those amendments. The Fifth Amendment contains what is known as the Due Process Clause. This clause has been interpreted to guarantee the right of personal privacy and, furthermore, did not define the unborn as a "person" protected by the amendment. The Fourteenth Amendment also covers personal liberty and guarantees equal protection under the law. The Equal Protection Clause would require men and women to be treated equally by the government. Although your vote tonight is not about abortion rights, it will depict Jonesboro as being on one side of the discussion without the consent of many of its citizens. The resolution is both unimportant and unnecessary and only serves to divide the population.

Another concern that I have is that the council is spending valuable time on an issue like this declaration that could be used in more productive ways. I would, in particular, ask the council to review demographic data for Jonesboro released in December, 2020. Our community is 51.8% female with 27.9% of the heads of families being female. Over 64.8% of unwed mothers are below poverty level and 47% have only a high school diploma. 54% of the births in Jonesboro are from unwed couples. Perhaps the council's time would be better spent looking at the quality of life in Jonesboro.

Mr. Long has asked for our prayers, and I am praying for him. I am praying that he serves as he has been appointed. I am praying that he works to improve the lives of citizens of Jonesboro in ways that lead to the abundant life that Christ wants for all of us. I pray that he will lead with compassion and humility and a vision of the common good.

Thank you for your consideration and service to our community.

Roseann Askeland
1801 Sherwood Dr.
Jonesboro, AR 72401

From: irisstevens <irisstevens@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 10:24 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: I support both resolutions being presented

I strongly support both resolutions being presented 21:199 and 21:167, the resolution to designate Jonesboro a Pro-Life City and the Healthcare Freedom resolution.

Iris Stevens
2714 Turtle Creek Rd
Jonesboro 72404

From: Ryan Wright <ryan.wright1@smail.astate.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 10:39 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: In regards to Resolutions on 9/21/21

Please oppose the two proposals before the city council regarding prolife and anti vaccine proclamation.
2509 Aggie road

From: Travy <travis.w.slaughter@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 10:40 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: 9/21/2021 Resolutions

To whom it may concern,

I'm asking that all city aldermen oppose the two proposals before the city council regarding a pro-life resolution and the anti-vaccine resolution. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Travis Slaughter
500 N Caraway Rd
Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401

From: Peggy Pietz <peggykpietz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 11:08 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Support of Resolutions

I am writing to express my support for resolutions Res-21:167 (Pro-Life City) and Res-21:199 (Healthcare Freedom and Choice Resolution).

We must take a stand at the local level to protect our God-given and constitutional rights and liberties.

Thank you.

Peggy Pietz
1263 Sullivan Circle, Jonesboro AR 72404

-----Original Message-----

From: Trevor Scudder <totheinfinitepower@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 11:53 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Please Vote NO!

I am Trevor Scudder, I reside at 711 W Huntington Ave Jonesboro At 72401 and I am emailing you urging you to vote NO on the following propositions...

1. Declare Jonesboro a "Pro-life city"
 2. An anti-vaccine proclamation in the name of medical freedom
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-----Original Message-----

From: Sherry Tuseth <sherrytuseth@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 1:40 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES-21:167 & RES-21:199

Dear Members of the Jonesboro City Council:

Please oppose the two resolutions to come before you during this week's council meeting: RES-21:167 & RES-21:199.

Thank you,

Sherry Tuseth
1328 Oakdale St.
Jonesboro 72401

-----Original Message-----

From: Barbara Ford <babasgirlzandwill@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 3:05 PM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>

Subject: Resolutions before the council

First, I ask that you do not allow Jonesboro to be declared a “pro-life city.” It is a thinly disguised effort to deny women their constitutional rights involving their bodies. Don’t turn back the clock to 1972. Don’t make young girls who have been taken advantage of be saddled with the responsibilities of an adult.

Secondly, please vote against “A Resolution Supporting Healthcare Freedom,” which title is a perverse joke. It doesn’t promote health CARE. It promotes deadly disease and death.

Asking that mask and vaccine mandates be banned by the Legislature is like banning the use of water by fire departments. We are at an all-time high risk for Covid infections. Please listen to scientists and help to stop this plague. I hate seeing Arkansas in national headlines because of our backward citizens who are dragging us down.

Barbara Cameron Ford
504 West Elm Avenue
Jonesboro, Ark 72401-4017
