## PUBLIC LETTER OF REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION TO THE TEMPLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

We, the undersigned residents of Temple (TX) and surrounding areas, do hereby declare that:

Whereas we hold firmly to the biblical view of morality and human sexuality, namely that sex is a gift from God reserved for marriage between a man and a woman; and whereas we hold the biblical and historical principle, supported by numerous scientific studies, that the family structure that best serves the needs of children consists of both a father and a mother;<sup>1</sup>

Whereas we earnestly strive to raise our children with those biblical, Judeo-Christian values;

Whereas we as area residents both patronize our community's public library and participate in its support through our tax dollars;

Whereas in patronizing our community's public library, we expect a safe and friendly learning environment, and one that is not hostile to the values with which we are endeavoring to raise our children;

Whereas the Temple Public Library, by erecting a display in its children's section this past summer that both encouraged the celebration of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer/Questioning lifestyles, and implicitly suggested to our children that to welcome and support such lifestyle choices (and thereby to subvert the moral standard of the Bible) is the morally right thing to do;

Whereas we understand that it is the library's position to hold a variety of informational resources; however, our complaint is that the library's display went beyond providing information to promoting the LGBTQ lifestyle;

We, the undersigned residents of Temple (TX) and surrounding areas, do request and insist that the Temple Public Library, its Board, and its Administrators (those within the Library system and those representing the City of Temple) refrain in both policy and practice from further advocacy regarding sexual and moral issues and practices, like homosexuality, proven to be dangerous and deemed to be immoral by the large percentage of local residents who hold to biblical and traditional values.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <a href="https://www.washingtontimes.com/.../study-children-fare-better-traditional-mom-dad-...;">https://www.washingtontimes.com/.../study-children-fare-better-traditional-mom-dad-...;</a> <a href="https://www.clasp.org/resources-and-publications/states/0086.pdf">https://www.washingtontimes.com/.../study-children-fare-better-traditional-mom-dad-...;</a> <a href="https://www.clasp.org/resources-and-publications/states/0086.pdf">https://www.clasp.org/resources-and-publications/states/0086.pdf</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Sexuality and Gender: Findings from the Biological, Psychological, and Social Sciences," by Dr. Lawrence Mayer and Dr. Paul McHugh, *The New Atlantis: a Journal of Technology & Society*: Number 50 – Fall 2016.; http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/ss/ss6509a1.htm?s\_cid=ss6509a1\_w

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