

## My letter for Lander City Council Against PRIDE

Council members,

I wanted to reach out and express my desire that the City of Lander refrain from sponsoring or supporting, in any way, events related to the upcoming June pride month. Doing so opens the door to a slippery slope creating a situation where you must then begin to support all other entities. This is not the proper role of government.

Showing active support of pride month equates to choosing sides on a very controversial and heated topic. If such a move is made, I would also expect the City to begin actively supporting religious events, pro life movements, and other similar events that may hold an alternative view point.

Homosexuality and Transgenderism have no business being promoted in the public square:

- The behaviors are harmful to individuals, cutting the lifespan of those who engage in the behaviors by an average of 20%
- People are not born gay nor are they born in the wrong body. Why do we want to celebrate such lies and harm children?
- Why is there such determination to grant privileged celebration to one group of people, when there should be respect for the natural rights of all citizens?
- Homosexuality and transgenderism have contributed greatly to public harm, including the spread of venereal disease as well as the rise in mental health issues and other deviant outcomes.

The drag show in the park of 2022 was patently obscene, even though it was billed as a family event. Families and young children were in attendance and the “entertainment” was shocking. The language from the microphone was very offensive for young ears with the F-word being used profusely, even multiple times in a single sentence. Actions were lewd and lascivious as grown men pretended to be women, women walked around with body parts exposed, and with visible public intoxication, just yards away from the PRIDE MONTH banner that hung over Main Street. My husband was, unfortunately, standing next to a highly intoxicated individual, with an open container, in the street. Attempts to call law enforcement seemingly went unanswered, at least no police were witnessed.

If it had been dark, the activities here would have easily been classified as adult nightclub entertainment, and yet families were encouraged to attend. This is not art. Actual crimes, including indecent exposure and public intoxication, were being committed.

You might argue that the decision to attend is up to the parents. Do we allow parents to haul their children into strip clubs? Is it ok for CHILDREN to watch pornography and sex acts? There are certain activities that are simply not appropriate for youth. Our children are being sexualized and exposed to inappropriate content earlier and earlier in life and it is having a negative impact on our community and state. The fact that Lander City has previously endorsed these activities, by way of Proclamation, is egregious. I would ask that a “Proclamation of support of the Family” be drafted and read by one of our council members to uphold the views of other community members. Let’s make July be Family Month! Or maybe, that’s simply too offensive?

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I would like to know how it can be considered controversial to ban sexual displays for kids? KIDS. Child grooming is a federal crime. Grooming occurs when one exposes a child pornographic material, no matter the source, which desensitizes them to the sexual acts. Some adults have intent to force them to perform these acts in the future. Child trafficking is alive and thriving, even under our noses. The more we expose and desensitize children to these explicit obscenities, the more we risk that they will be forever negatively affected. Also, the literature reveals that exposure to the explicit in early adolescence and childhood is related to sexual behavior in emerging adulthood. We know that the preyed-upon have greater likelihood of becoming the predators.

The CDC's Violence Prevention page lists risk factors linked to a greater likelihood of sexual violence and perpetration:

- Early sexual initiation
- Coercive sexual fantasies
- Preference for impersonal sex and sexual risk taking
- Exposure to sexually explicit media

Is this what we're promoting in the City of Lander and in Fremont County??

We are experiencing a huge increase in mental health issues. What can we do? We can STOP pretending that the sexualization of our children plays no part in their mental well-being. Supporting these events is NOT a way to help children in their mental health, it is quite the opposite. This is detrimental.

Lander City should NOT be supporting or participating in the harm of our children.