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Date: 5/9/2022, 12:07 PM
To: ksmyth@cheviot.org

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From: "Kathleen Zech" <kzech@cheviot.org>
Date: 5/17/2022, 1:51 PM
To: "'Kerry Smyth'" <ksmyth@cheviot.org>

Hi Kerry,

A Resolution is not law. It is not binding. It is intended to recognize a certain group, or occasion etc. It is a recommendation or merely the opinion of Council.

June is Pride Month. So, this is not an unusual occurrence for items like this to appear before Council to voice their overall opinion and/or support,- even at the last minute.

This is the last Council Meeting before June! To delay it over proper procedure might send the wrong message.

I have no idea who initiated this. But due to the recent controversy over publications and televised remarks, if there is any under lying intention from anyone, it is probably intended to assure and show support to the residents of Cheviot that it involves. That would be my guess!

Not allowing it to come up for a vote would have the appearance of drawing another line in the sand to exercise your power, making it an even larger controversy. Just my opinion.

I hope you got my email. I am unable to attend tonight meeting due to a knee injury. Sorry I can't be of more help.

Kit
For what it is worth, I intended to vote in favor of the Resolution. We do represent all the people of Cheviot.

From: Kerry Smyth [mailto:ksmyth@cheviot.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:20 AM
To: kzech@cheviot.org kzech@cheviot.org <kzech@cheviot.org>
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Hi Kitty,

You've been on Council a long time so you already know all this stuff but I'm sending it to you to keep you in the loop as well:

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Date: 5/17/2022, 9:05 AM
To: Kerry Smyth <ksmyth@cheviot.org>

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I could see how you might feel that way sometimes! I appreciate it, thank you. Maybe if things calm down a bit in the future I can work toward addressing some things on my agenda. But with wage negotiations and other things that have been taking the spotlight, it doesn't seem like it's my time yet!

On May 17, 2022 8:45 AM Kerry Smyth <ksmyth@cheviot.org> wrote:

Thanks I feel like I'm being unfairly attacked sometimes so it's good to hear some friendly words! If you want to ever bounce ideas off someone just call me sometime and I'll give you my best feedback!

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Date: 5/17/2022, 2:53 PM
To: Kerry Smyth <ksmyth@cheviot.org>

President of Council Kerry Smyth,

I fully agree with your thoughts on this matter. If the issue is to be addressed it needs to be vetted in a legally scheduled committee meeting pursuant to protocol. There is no reason for the resolution to take effect immediately. It is an irrelevant issue for the City of Cheviot council to address. In closing, who directed the clerk to place the issue on the agenda and who told the law director to draft it?

Councilman David W. Voss

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From: David Rogers <murraykyracers@yahoo.com>

Date: 5/24/2022, 9:38 AM

To: "skeller@cheviot.org" <skeller@cheviot.org>, "ksmyth@cheviot.org" <ksmyth@cheviot.org>, "jhardig@cheviot.org" <jhardig@cheviot.org>, "ljones@cheviot.org" <ljones@cheviot.org>, "shawk@cheviot.org" <shawk@cheviot.org>, "dvoss@cheviot.org" <dvoss@cheviot.org>, "arichter@cheviot.org" <arichter@cheviot.org>, "bsmyth@cheviot.org" <bsmyth@cheviot.org>, "kzech@cheviot.org" <kzech@cheviot.org>

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To: Payton Marshall <Payton.Marshall@fox19now.com>
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My wife said the Mayor called Brian a bigot on the news. If this issue is so important to him, why doesn't he do what mayors of cities usually do and make a proclamation declaring June, "Pride Month" in Cheviot? While you're at it ask the Mayor how many times in the past 38 years he's been a leader in Cheviot he has motioned for, or proclaimed Pride Month in the city? I mean, if you live in a glass house, probably shouldn't be throwing stones.

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David,

duly noted we certainly see all the YouTube/social media videos from around America and around the world and it's nothing we want our children to be a part of for sure. please do not search on Google unless you have extreme restriction on.

This has become an obvious political attack by Miss Hawk who lost to me in a landslide running on the leftist agenda. She has never won an election in Cheviot. She is on Council because the Democrat central committee appointed her to an open seat.

I represent Ward 3 in Cheviot where I live with my three children and wife. We are a Christian loving family and very welcoming to everyone but we have to draw the line when it comes to grooming our children.

thank you once again for your courage to speak out

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David,

The resolution that I introduced does not authorize a parade or festival and will in no way cause their to be any of activities suggested in some of the online posts.

The resolution is a symbolic gesture to let everyone know that the LGBTQ+ community is welcome and wanted in Cheviot. I feel that is a always good to be welcoming. I had already intended to bring the resolution up for discussion after being sent boilerplate language from Cincinnati Pride, but the headlines made by a Councilmember that made Cheviot look unwelcoming and backwards on the issue make it even more necessary, in my opinion, for the city to say, openly, that ALL are welcome and that the online negativity does NOT represent all of Council.

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My family and I were in Seattle, WA about 15 years ago and were there the Sat. of their largest Gay parade. We still laugh and are amazed at the memories of the EXTREMELY DRUNKEN mostly men EVERYWHERE stumbling around in the morning and early afternoon, fighting, stumbling, yelling, urinating. The debauchery was quite amazing, everywhere. My kids were young but still remember the absurdity. Pride is what that would be called today.

I don't live in Cheviot but used to goto church there so know it well. Just wanted to share what you are naively thinking is a good thing to support may not be. I bet the Seattle and Miami Pride days started with good intentions also, but when you see the miscreants that eventually take these Pride things over, you may think again. Go to a real Pride party and see what you are really supporting and what they all seem to really become before supporting such. I can imagine other things need your support and there are other ways to support the Pride community, though it is still unclear who they are or what they all really have legitimately in common, and better to support an infinite number of other activities than to open Pandora's box with that one. Good luck

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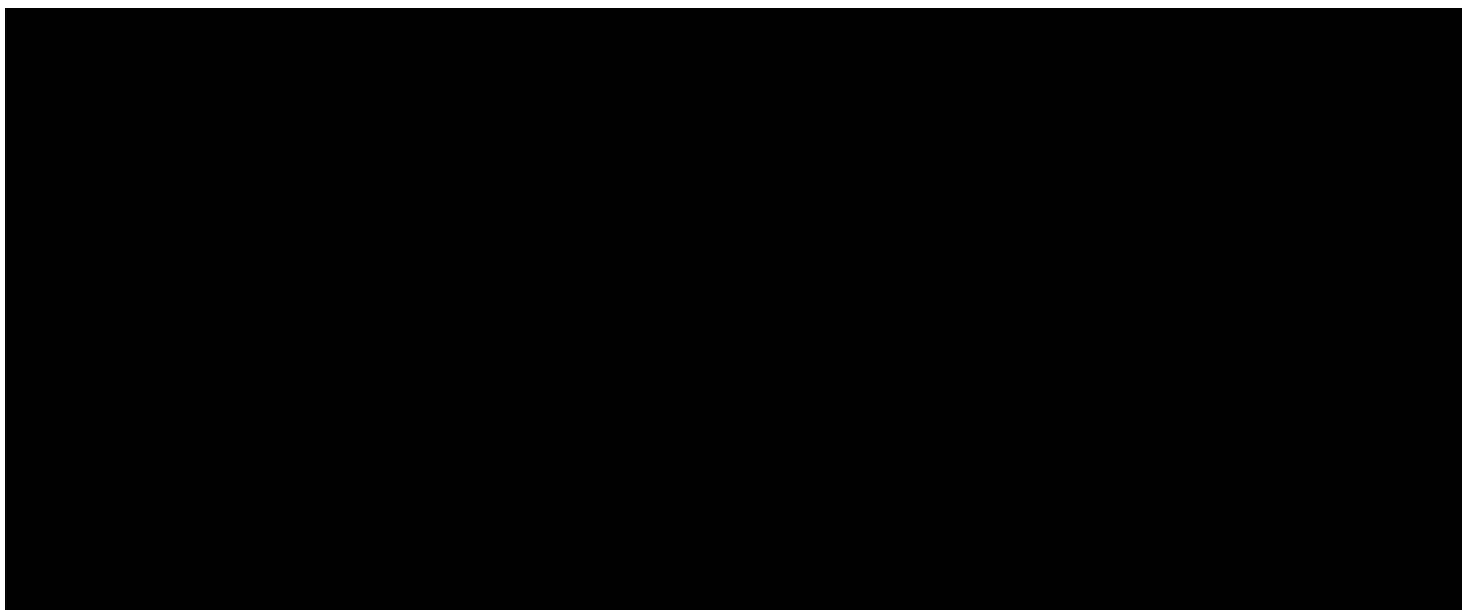
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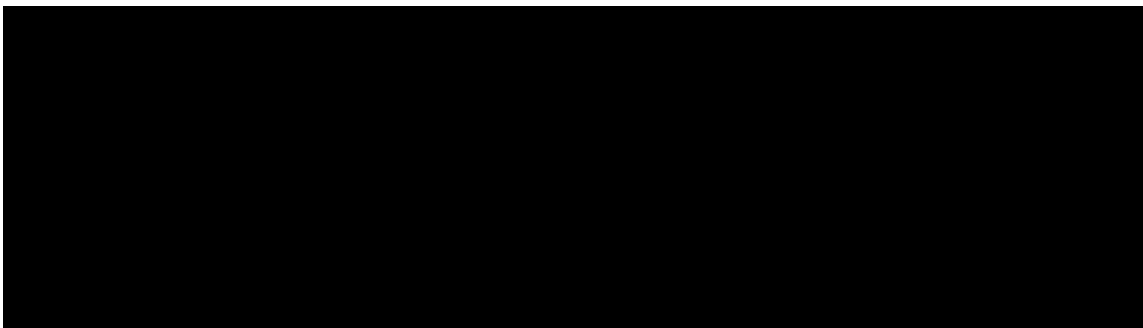
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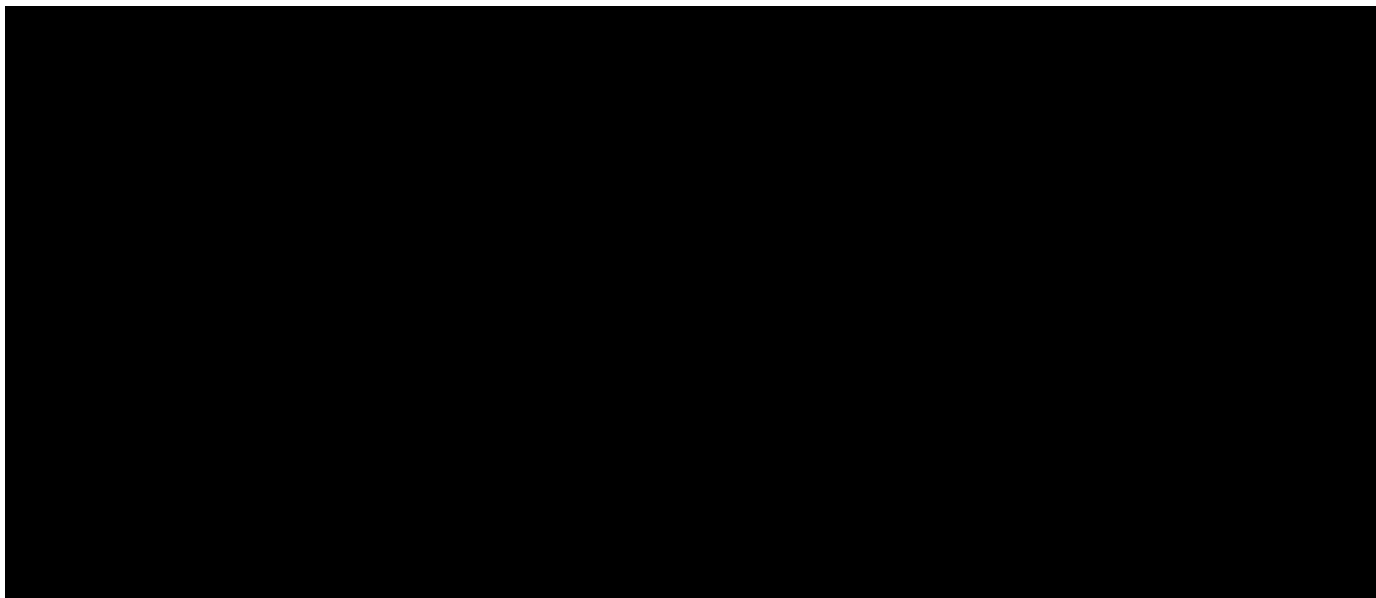
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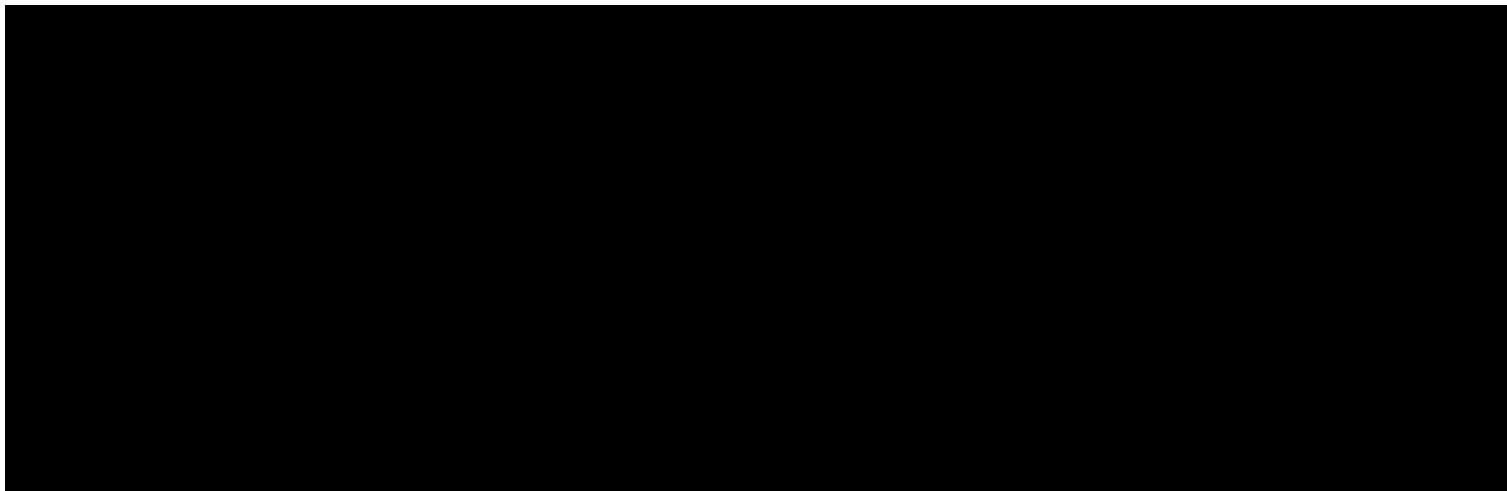
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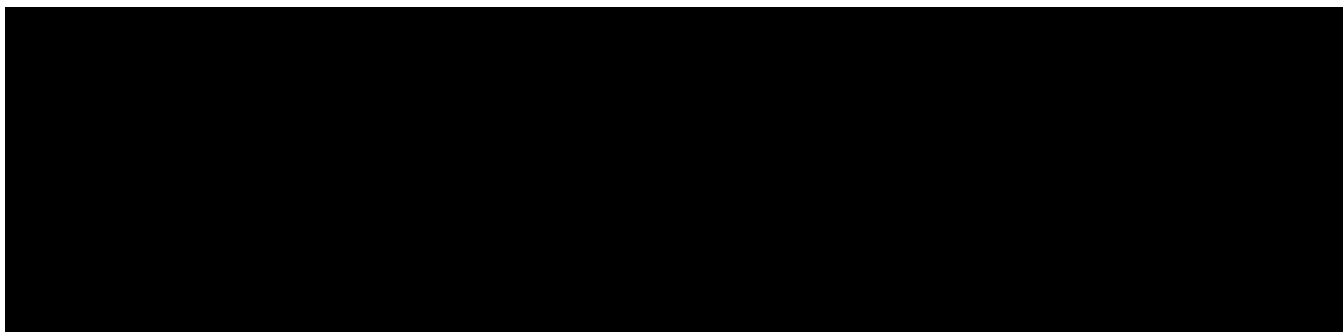
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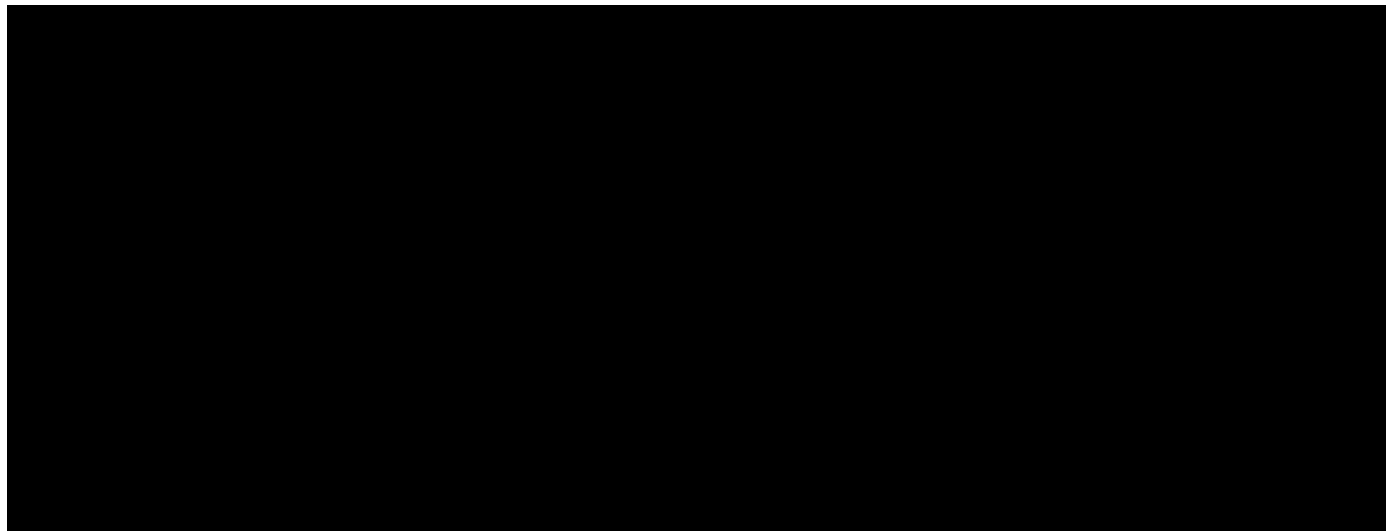
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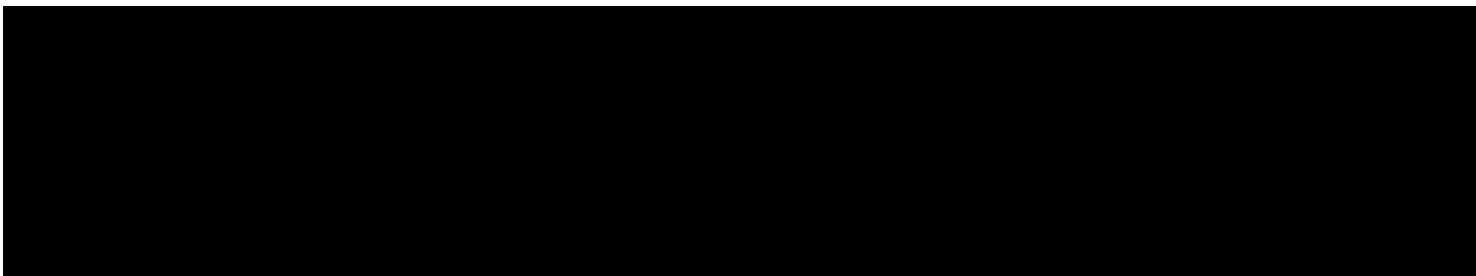
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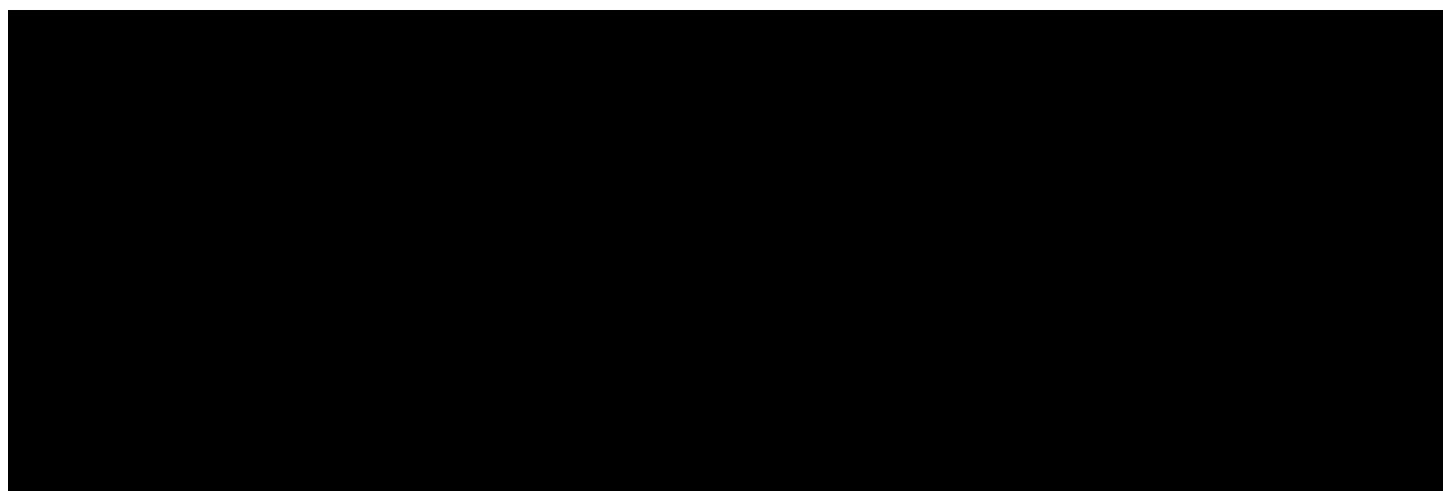
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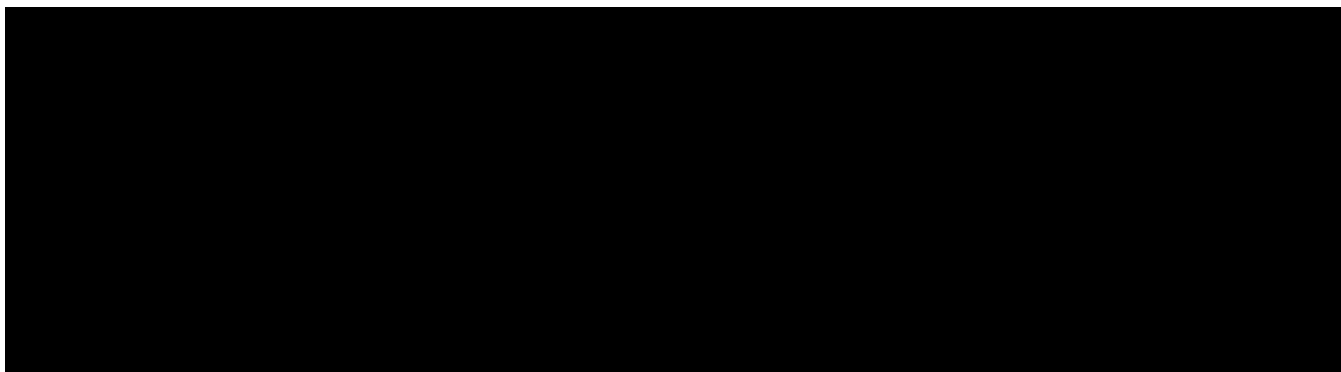
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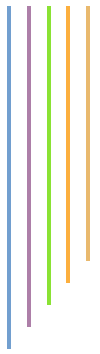
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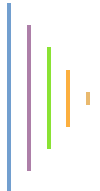
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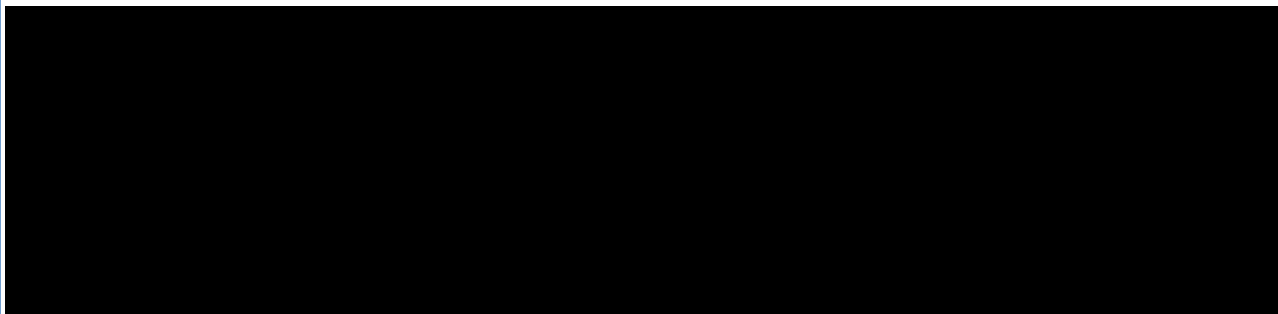
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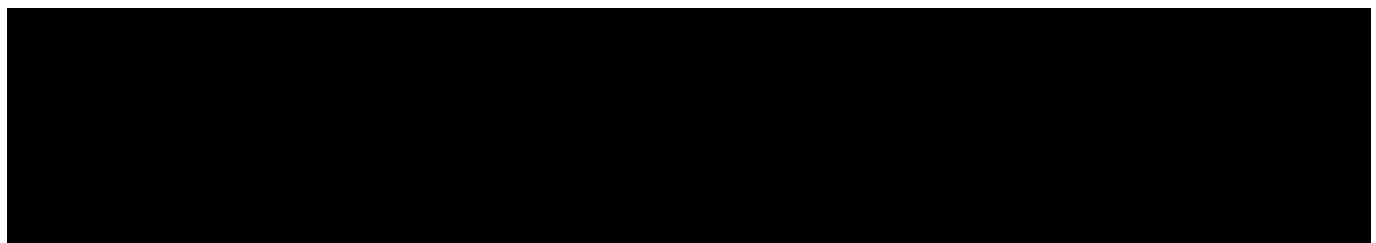
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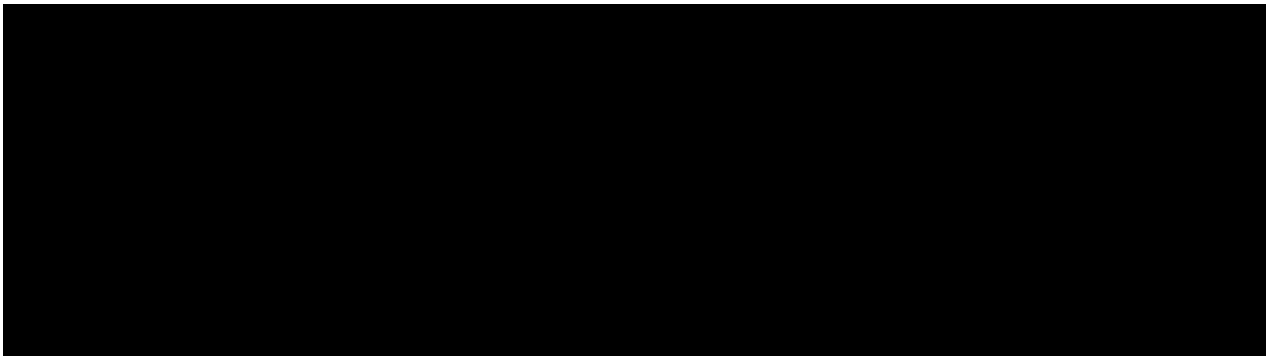


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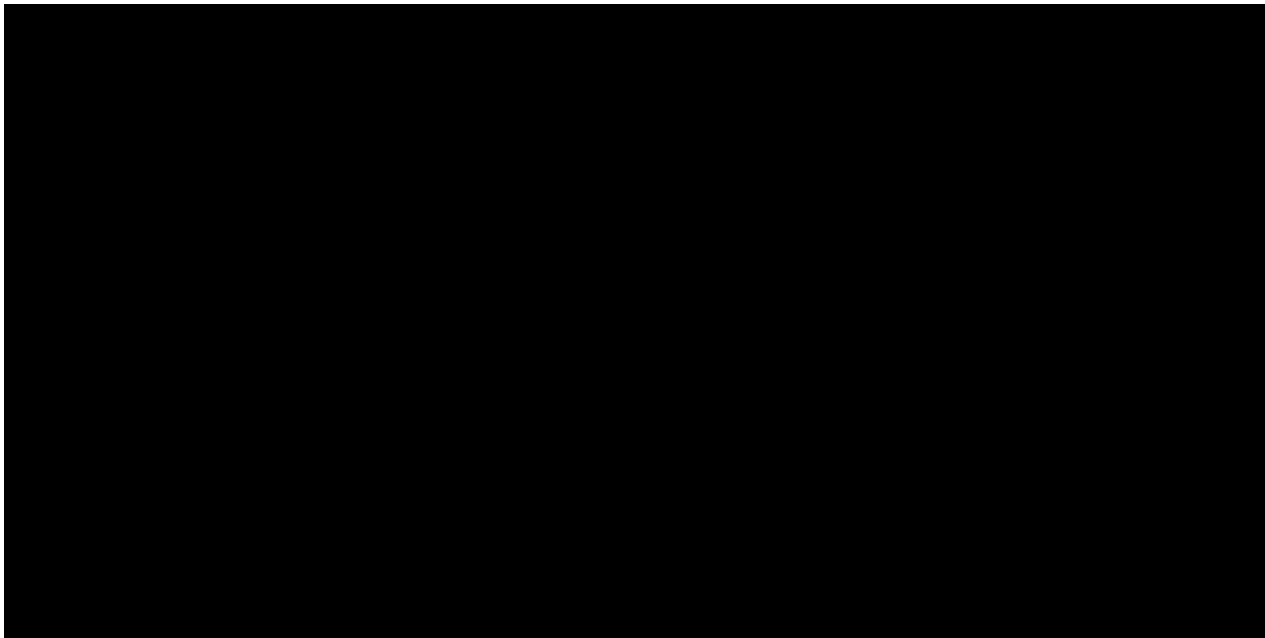




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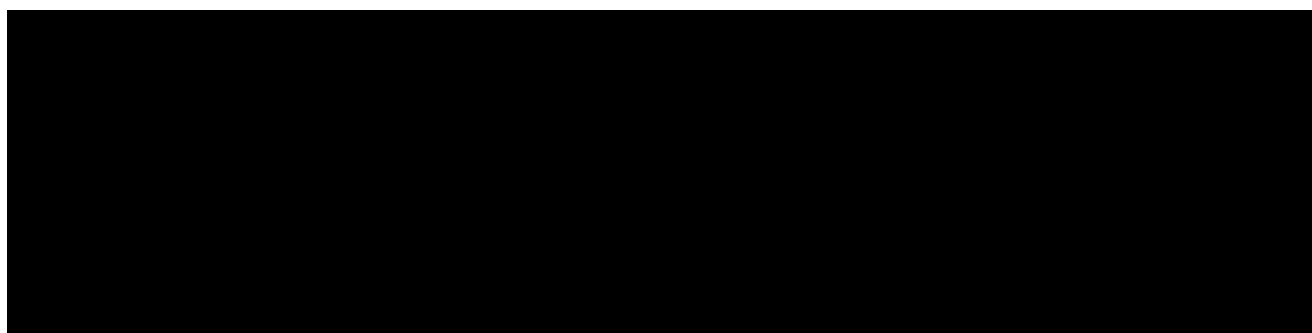
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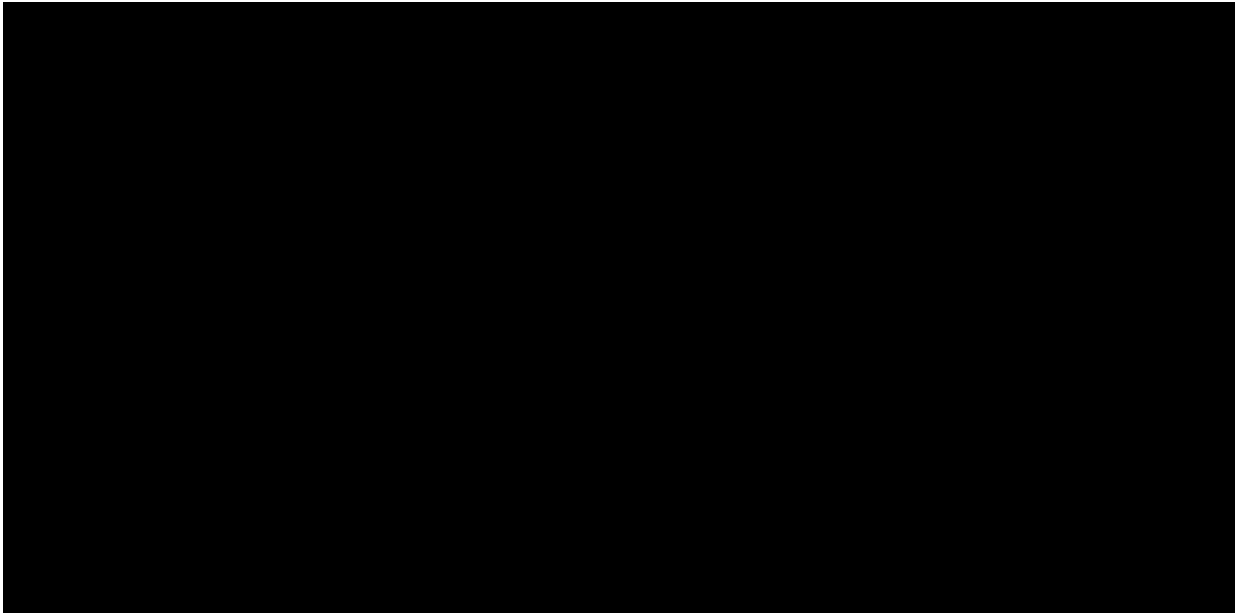
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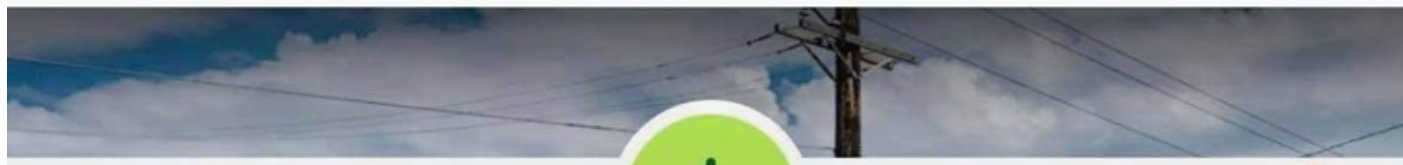
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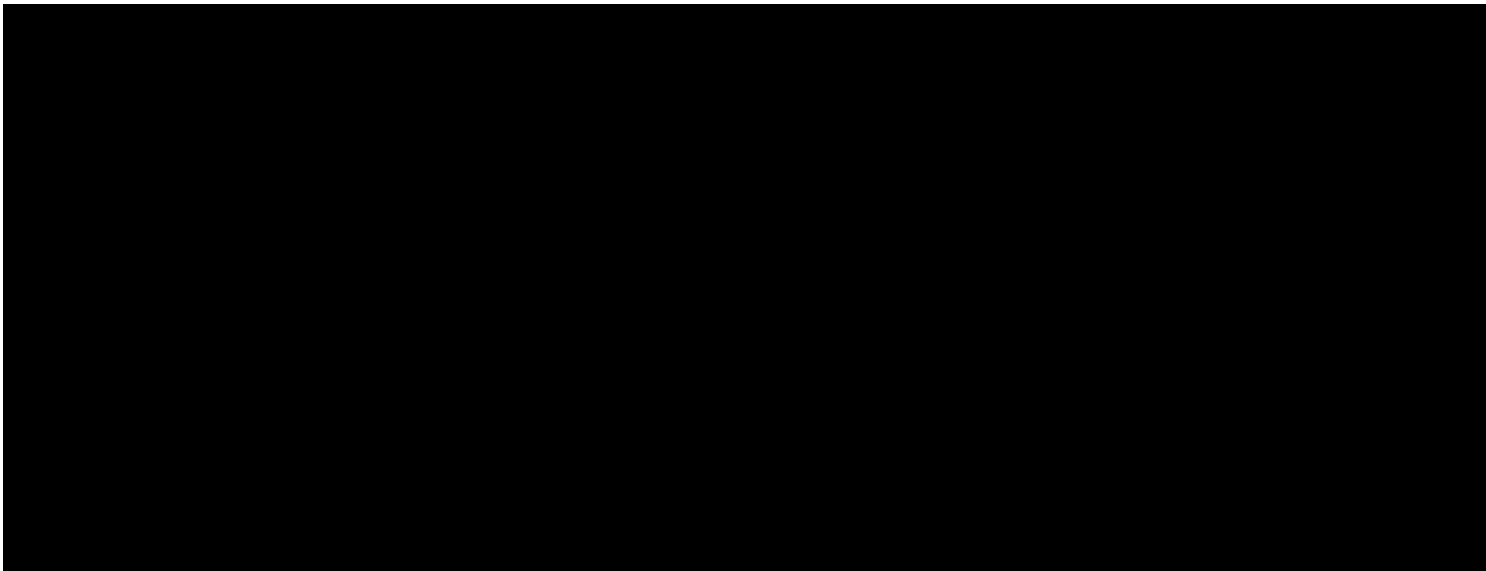
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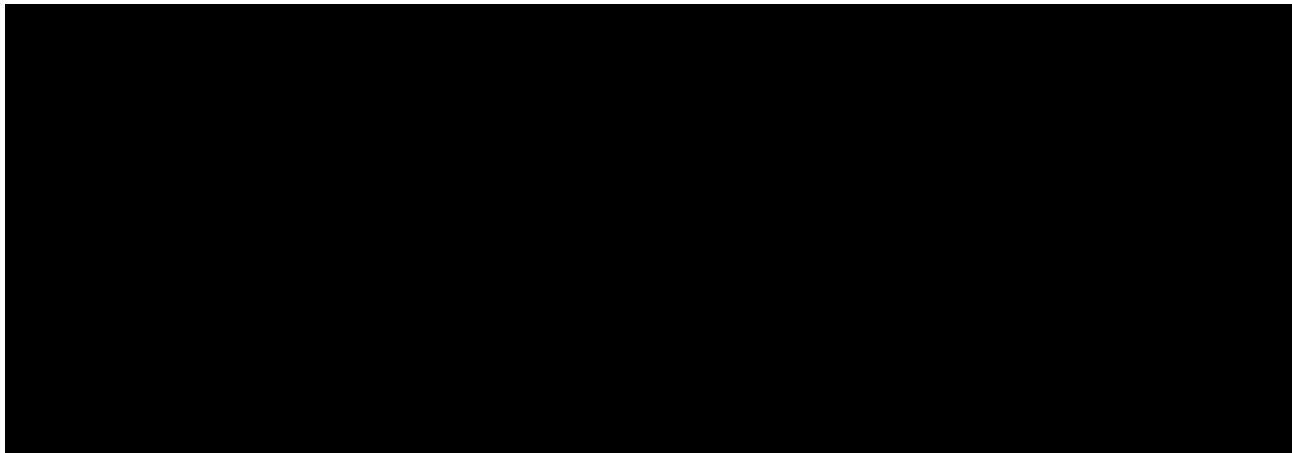
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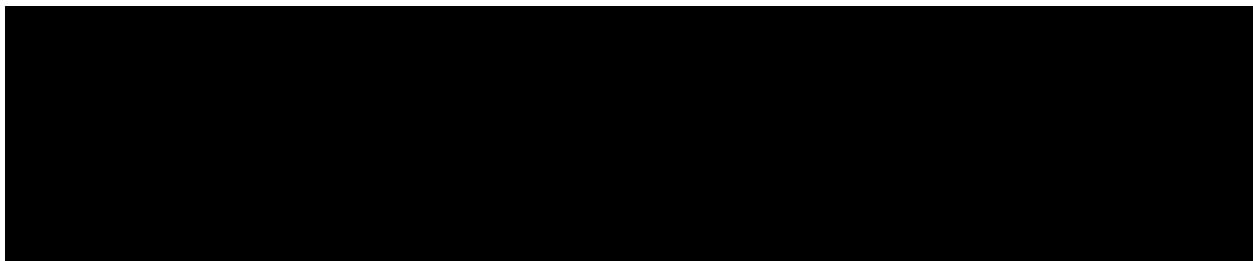
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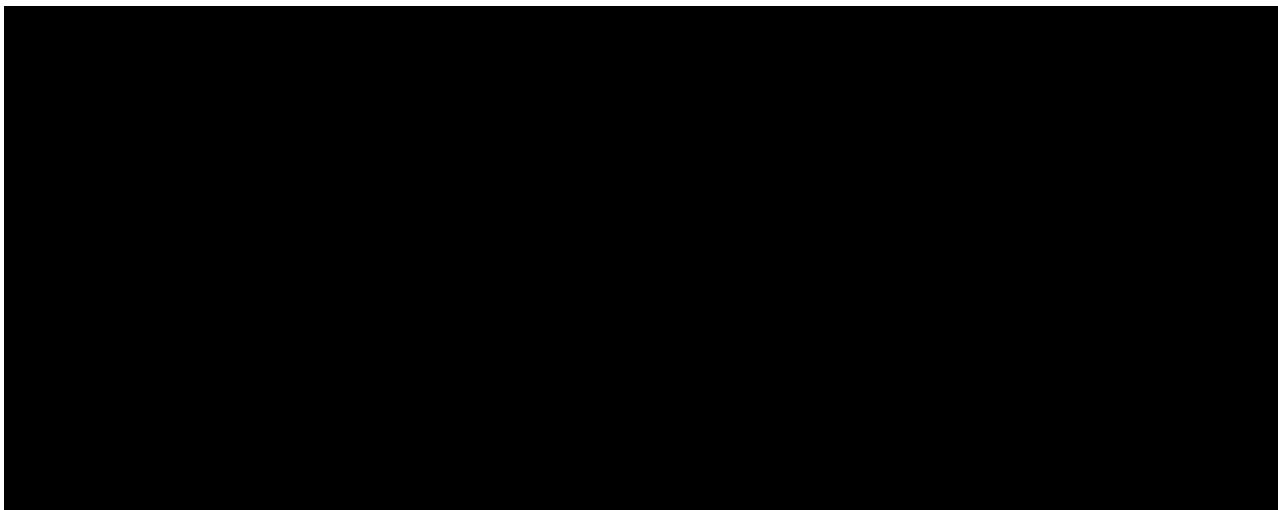
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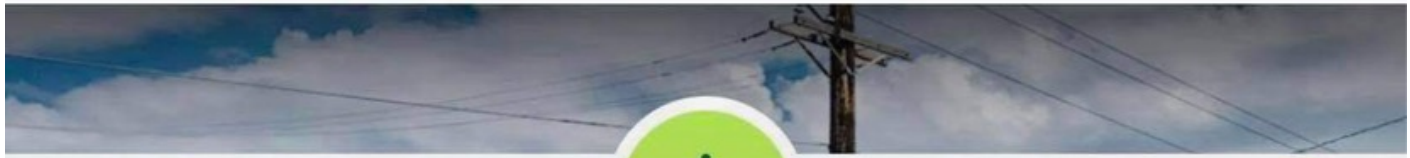
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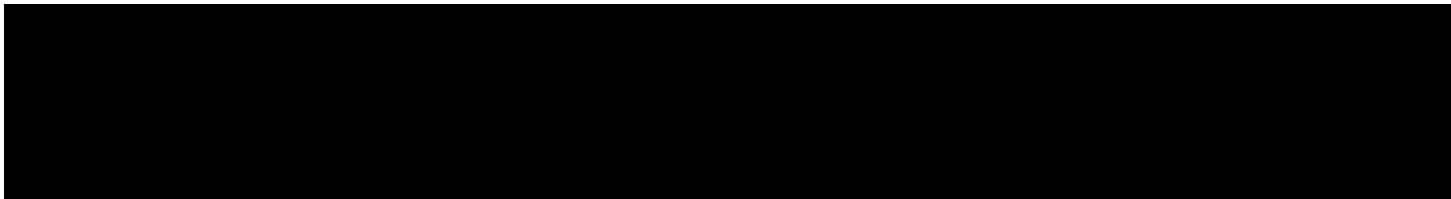
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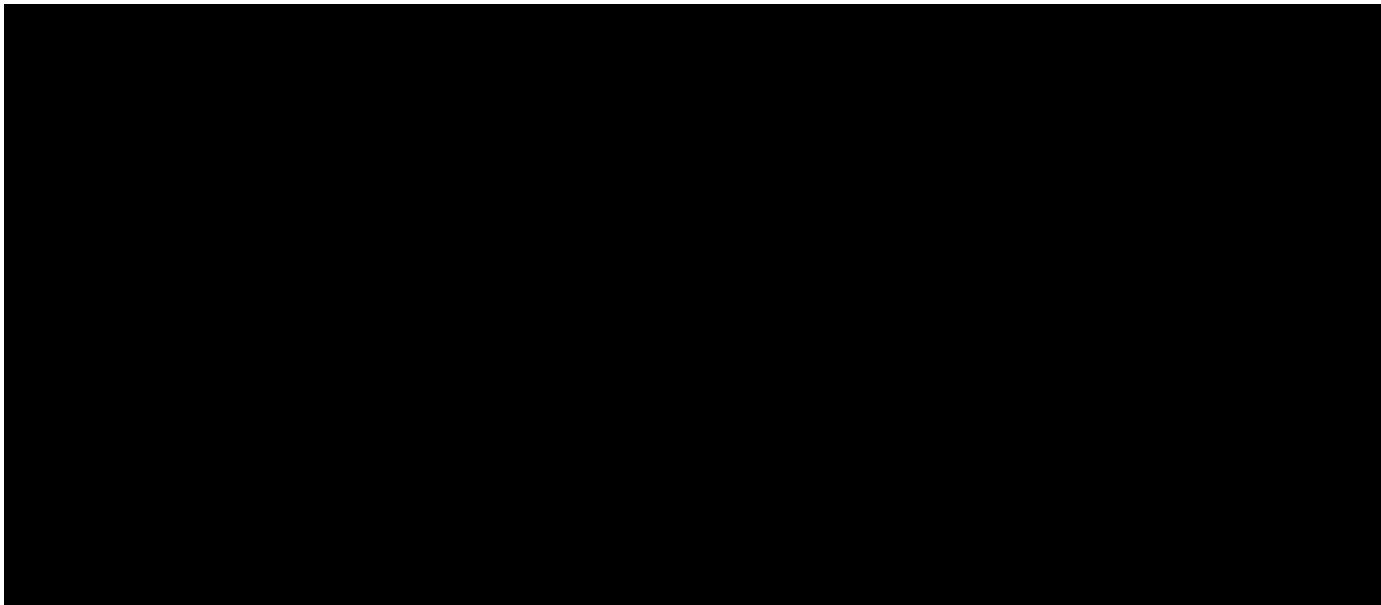
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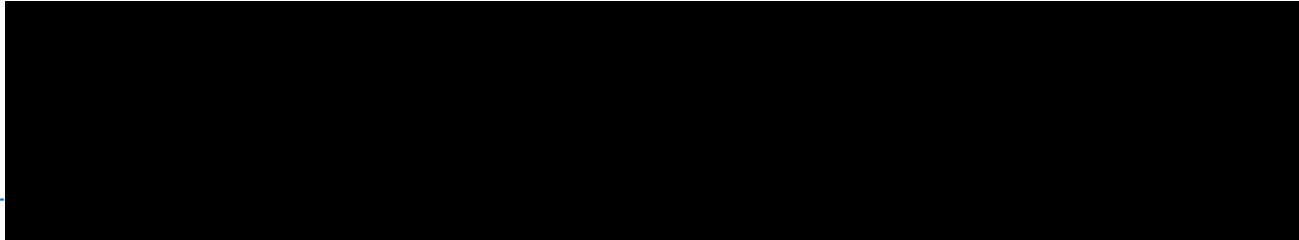
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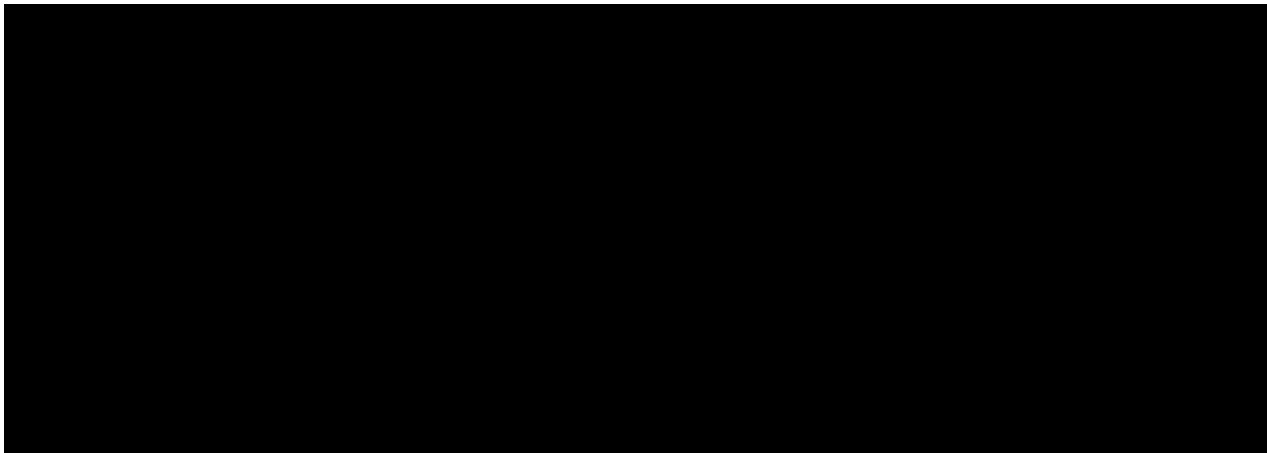
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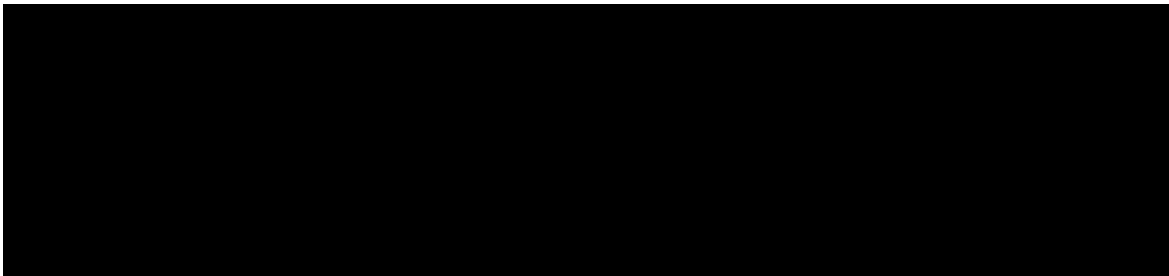
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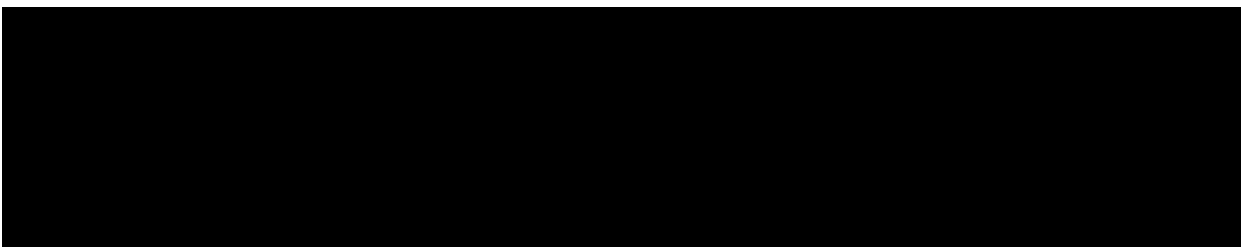
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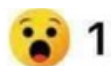
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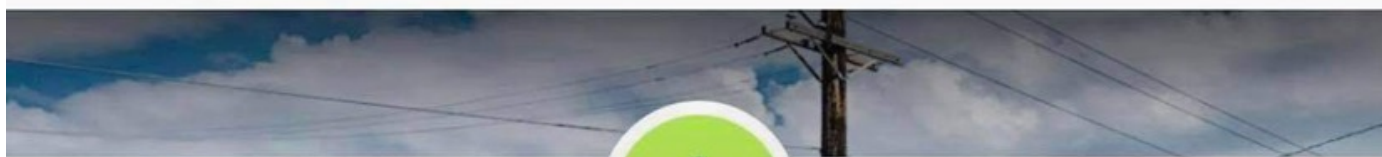
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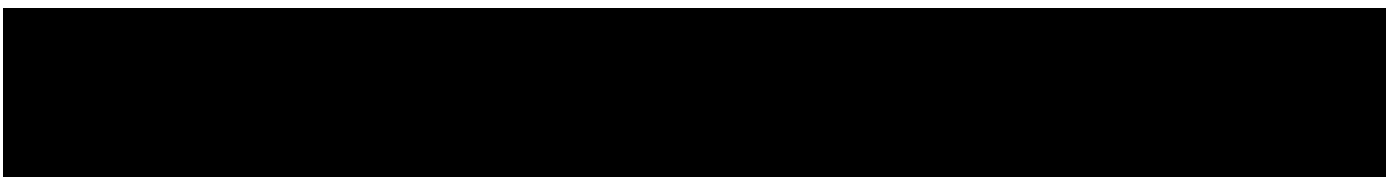
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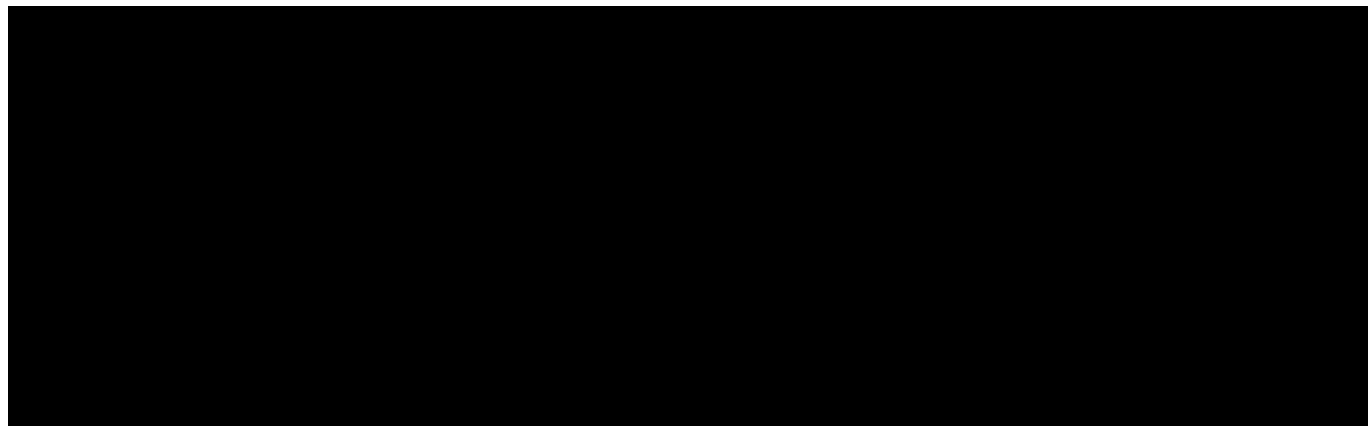
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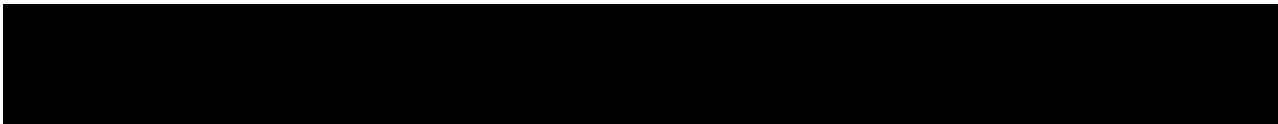
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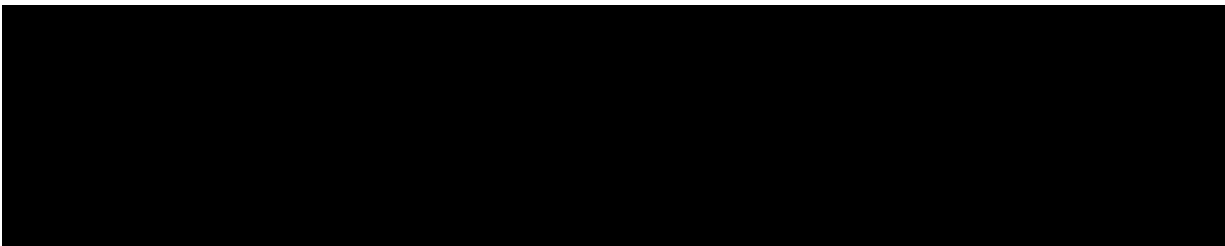
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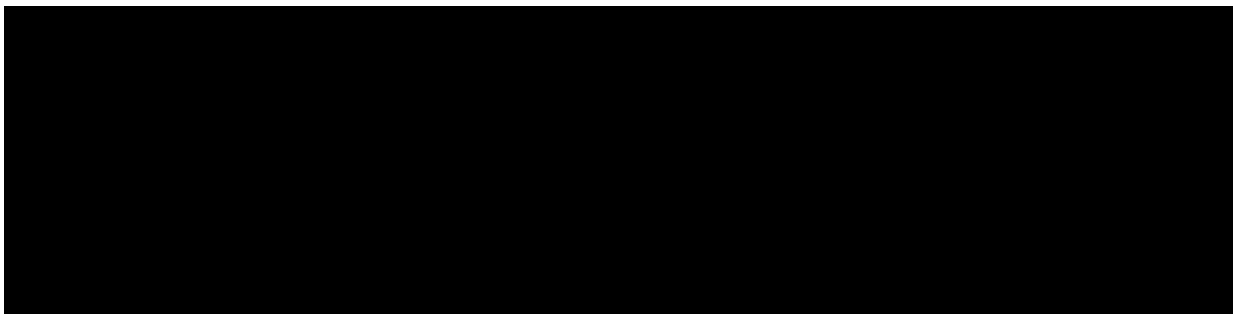
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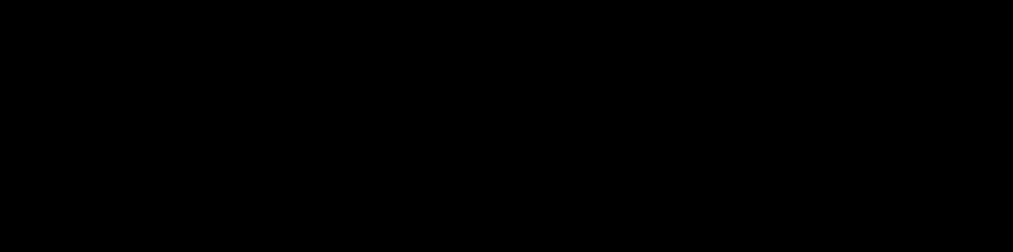


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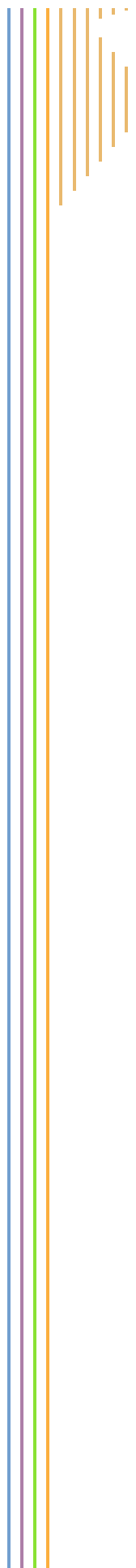
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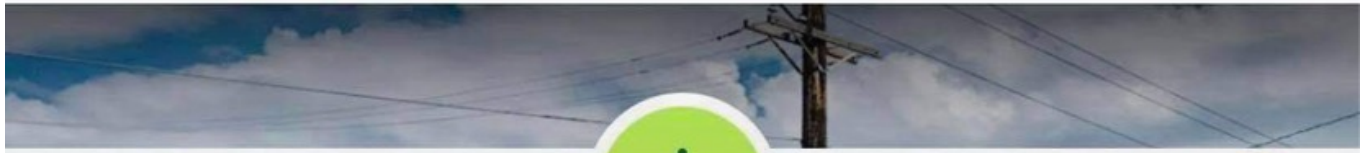
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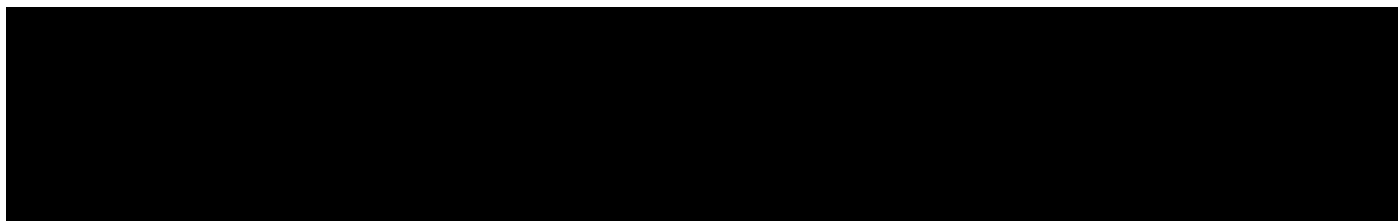
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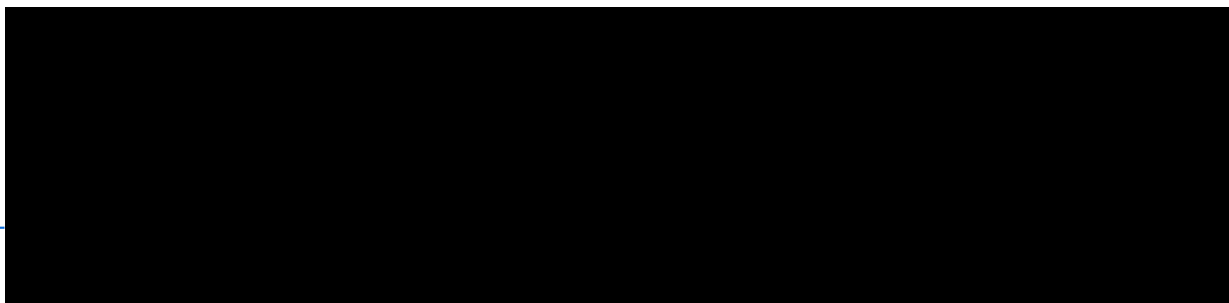
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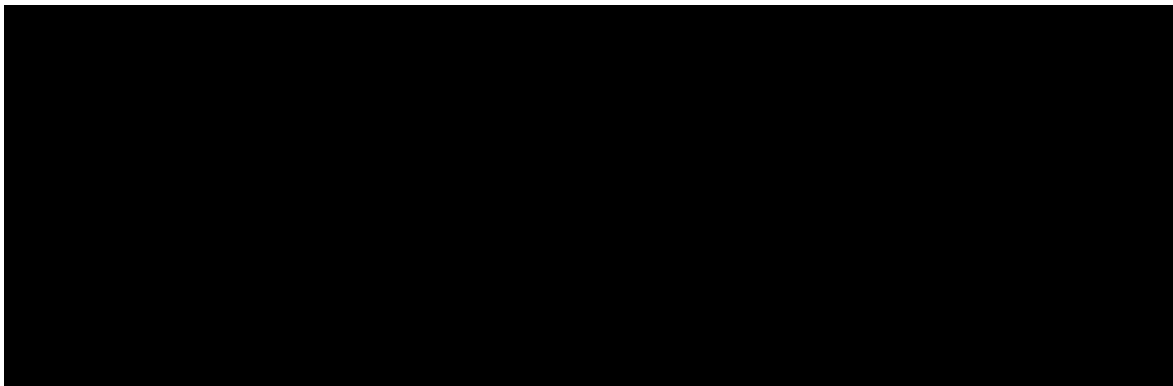
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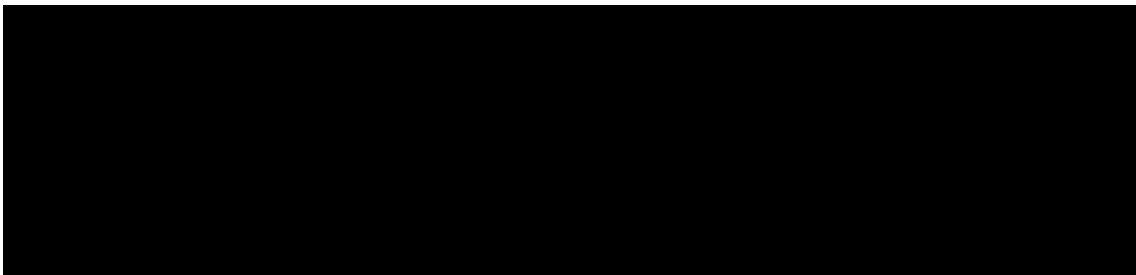
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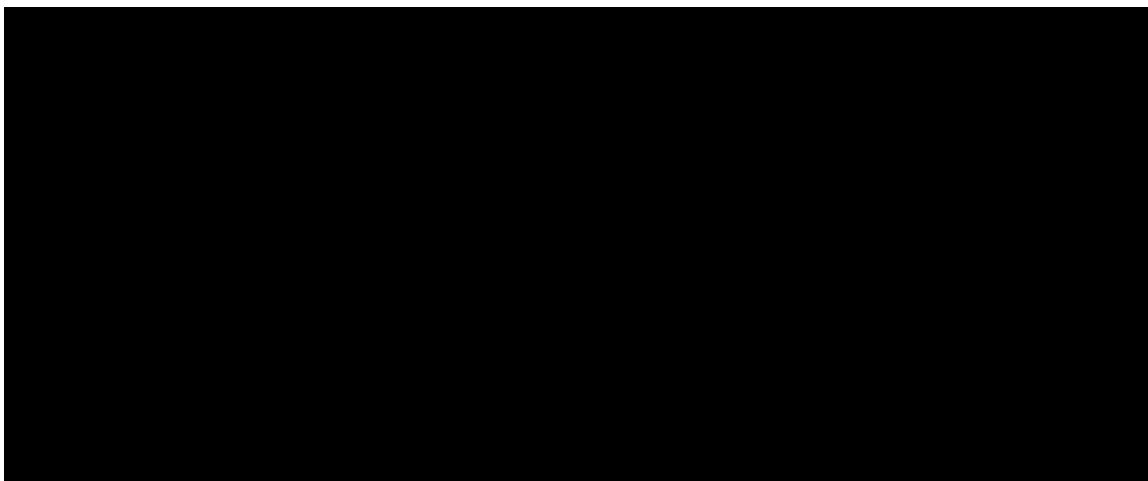
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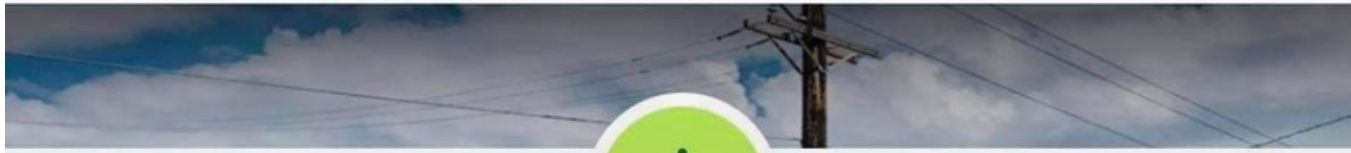
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Funny enough, that's how this all started, because I thought I couldn't email all of council to announce that I wanted to introduce a Pride Resolution for discussion and thought I had to do that in-person at the meeting. So I followed the same procedure that I do every month to put the LSDMC report on the agenda, which is to just email Jenny when she sends out the draft agenda early the week before a meeting asking us to add items. That's why it was on the final agenda that she shared with council the Friday before the May 17th meeting, that Brian shared on the Nextdoor app the without comment. That's also why I was so surprised to find out that other members of council seemed caught off guard by it on the day before the meeting.

Regardless, Kim explained to me that I can email all of council to let them know that I plan to introduce a topic of discussion, just not any rational behind it. Also next time I'd like to bring up a topic for discussion I'll be sure to at least copy you when I send it to Jenny so as to not catch anyone off guard.

We may disagree on many things, but I hope we can all agree that doing what's best for our city is our end goal.

Sincerely,
Stefanie

On May 26, 2022 10:29 AM firstname lastname <ksmyth@cheviot.org> wrote:

Hi Stephanie,

I'm reaching out at the request of Mrs Rohr. I already talked to Brian and I'm sure Kim reached out as well. Always email everyone individually. I always do that, and I told Brian the same. What Kim is totally right about is that it's not about whether or not you discuss something that is already public, or about things you think isn't city business, it could literally be anything, because it could either include a tiny detail that is actually new or unknown information, or something that could become new business in the future. That means correspondence like that would constitute a meeting of the quorum, which is is not public and this violates the sunshine laws. I totally get that Brian started it with the initial email and you simply replied, but never "reply all"!! Anyway, hope all is well with you! Remember I'm on vacation next week so see you at the second meeting next month.

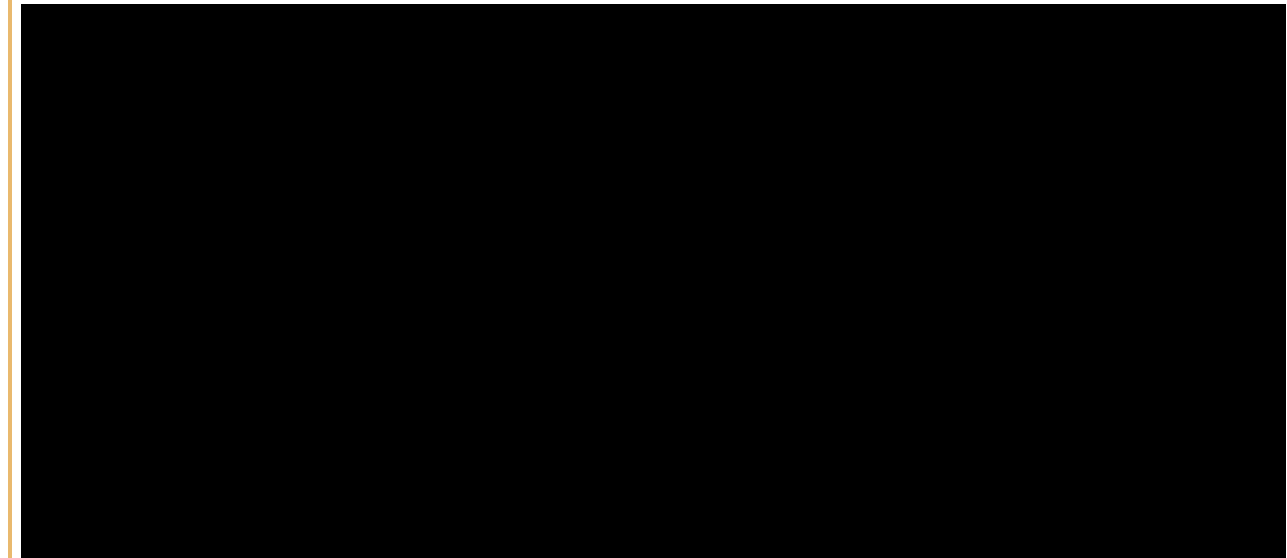
Best regards,

Kerry

On May 25, 2022 5:52 PM Stefanie Hawk <shawk@cheviot.org> wrote:



On May 25, 2022 5:48 PM Kimberlee Erdman Rohr <krohr@cheviot.org> wrote:



On May 25, 2022, at 5:20 PM, Stefanie Hawk <shawk@cheviot.org> wrote:

Oops, forgot the attachment

On May 25, 2022 5:19 PM Stefanie Hawk <shawk@cheviot.org> wrote:

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I get the impression that you think I orchestrated the crowd instead of understanding that the crowd was amassed due to your clarion call for everyone to come to the committee meeting.

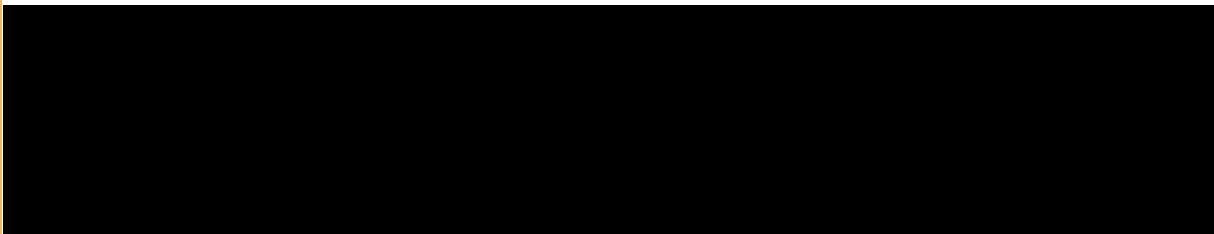
Perhaps I could have controlled the crowd better, but there's only so many times one can bang a gavel and call for order.

I had envisioned a run of the mill meeting where we'd discuss it and move on. I hadn't discussed it or emailed anyone in advance because I've had it drilled into me to not break the sunshine laws. I was out of town this past weekend on a family trip and the morning I left I awoke to someone sending me a screenshot of your now removed post. (Attached for anyone who missed it.) The internet did what the internet does best and despite being removed it was shared everywhere. People from all over the city, distant family members and even reporters were asking me about it. Brian, YOU brought the crowd last night. It just wasn't the crowd you wanted.

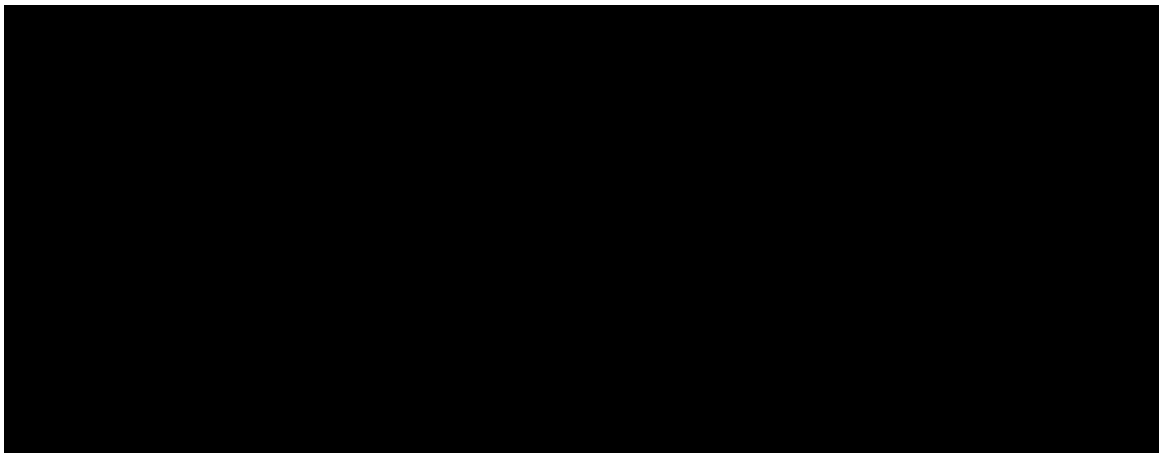
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Sincerely,
Stefanie Hawk
City of Cheviot Council Member.

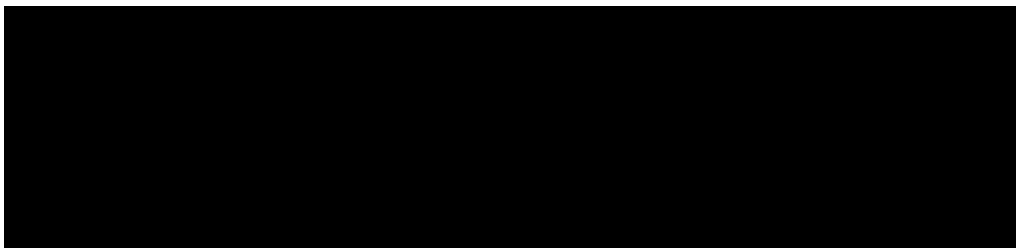
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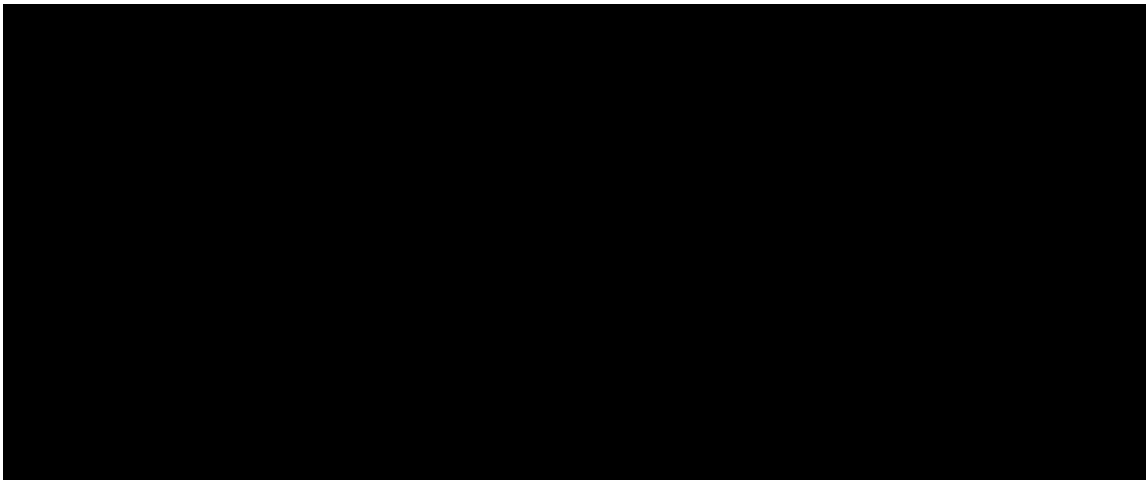
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All,

If last night's agenda was to bring as much hate and anger, then blame it on one person then you achieve that. Thanks for the death threats. There was no inclusiveness to be found. I was called everything from the KKK to the father that never loved me and abused me to the mother that neglected me to all the problems that you've had in the world. This is exactly why I will vote no because of the divisiveness that this brings to our society. If you could look beyond the hate and anger you would see that Christians absolutely love who you are not what you do. This is a free country you allowed to do what you want but to try and make people agree with your behavior by screaming and yelling and belittling them, putting them down and name calling won't work it's what actually causes the divisiveness. There was a beautiful elderly woman who tried to explain the health risks associated with specific lifestyles put out by our government the CDC (<https://www.cdc.gov/msmhealth/for-your-health.htm>) but the taunting crowd shouted and yelled at her. Likewise an article by Harvard University (<https://developingchild.harvard.edu/science/deep-dives/lifelong-health/>) goes into detail on developing a child's lifelong health and nowhere does it discuss sexuality. Every culture and every psychologist out there knows that the longer a child keeps their innocence the better off they are in adulthood when it comes to sexuality. My point is that children are extremely impressionable and will literally become who you want them to be. When I say that I don't like the bar scene and I think it's an unhealthy lifestyle and I wish my children to stay away from it, is not hate speech. Also, stating that marriage is a healthier lifestyle than sleeping around is not hate speech either it's a fact. There was also a veteran Navy man who stepped up to talk and I could've had an incredible conversation with him for hours on end but that was never to happen because the crowd began to scream and shout once again. It was embarrassing to see the fanning of the flames and stoking of the crowd that showed it was full of rage and anger thanks to the current and former committee chair that lit the fuse. Claiming that your hate is justified because of your perception that I'm filled with hate is the problem because it's projection. Also, some enraged person called me a KKK member and wanted to pop my genitalia last night, this doesn't cause me to become angry, because first off it's not true and secondly I can tell that he has suffered serious abuse to want to abuse others. Bottom line, last night could've been completely avoided if anyone had the guts to call me and ask me about my thoughts and or my position on policy and politics, but then that might've solved the problem and you wouldn't have had the circus that you had last night. You can disagree with me all you want and we can have a discussion about that but that's just it there will be no discussion from the side showed up last night. We witnessed from the community that is supposed to be of love and understanding, the complete opposite as we were shouted and called names and had to have a police escort to our cars. It was an echo chamber for anyone and everyone that had been a victim at any time in their life, which we all have been, and brought it to the podium and unleashed it on one single person who you have made out to be some kind of scapegoat. Pride leadership of Cincinnati was there and literally blamed his

father's abuse on me and the entire city of Cheviot claiming that until the city accepts his behavior he will not be satisfied. Think for a minute, to need the entire city or society to accept you for who you are or you will never be happy? I really feel bad for him because he will find out as I did it will never happen. The bully tactics used against others who have a difference of opinion and ideology was on full display last night. Hawk Sam and Kim I hope you understand the light of this brought to our city which was completely unnecessary and an attempt to shame/bully lawmakers for your personal agenda. You brought all left-wing radical Saul Alinsky ideologies which are to crush and destroy anyone with opposing ideas. This is how you tear apart a nation by dividing them into groups and singling out the ones that disagree with and destroy them. Thank you "cancel culture" and "wokeness" you had a great night.

In the end I hold no malice or contempt for you and as my wife told me she is praying for everyone and so will I.

Sincerely

Brian Smyth

[513.888.1538](tel:513.888.1538)

Cheviot City Council

On May 24, 2022, at 5:08 PM, Stefanie Hawk <shawk@cheviot.org> wrote:

Council,

Attached is the agenda for tonight's meeting. I apologize for late delivery and will have hard copies available. I have been traveling with family the last few days and forgot to take my laptop with me, and I just got back in town late this afternoon.

Hopefully we can have a productive meeting tonight.

Sincerely,

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Stefanie Hawk

Cheviot City Council

Member At-Large

8:09 ↗



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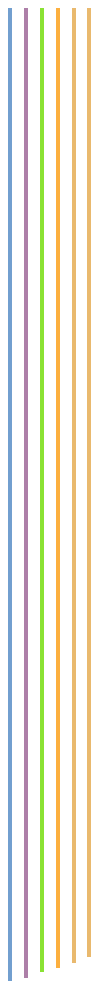
CRITICAL MEETING EVERYONE MUST ATTEND

TUESDAY MAY 24 - 7:00pm Cheviot City Hall

If you have ever been remotely concerned about your city then you must attend this meeting. this is a special committee meeting called for to discuss a resolution brought forth by the only on elected official on city Council. The resolution and this councilmember want to dedicate the city of Cheviot for the month of June LGBTQ+ month. I promise you if this goes forward there will be half naked debauchery led parades in the streets as well as replacing the American flag with the Rainbow flag. If you don't believe me Just look at what I did to the city of Cincinnati. this is part of the grooming process for our families and children it has to stop

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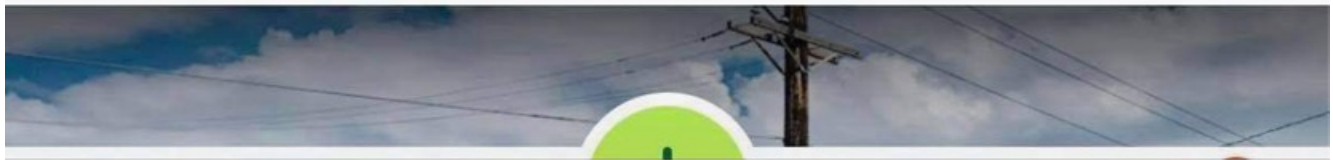


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Subject: relink.org - May Newsletter
From: "relink.org" <info@relink.org>
Date: 5/31/2022, 11:04 AM
To: ksmyth@cheviot.org

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Verse of the month

"But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

Empower: *Learn & Grow*

Youth Counseling proves to be the most needed in Ohio

Family Resources - Search Utilization 5-20_ Chart 1.png

In April 2022, relink.org added Family Resource Services. Since the launch, we have made 2009 community resource connections. Youth counseling proves to be an area of great need. We will continue to track the data on these new services to determine the greatest needs throughout the state. If you provide any family resource services, please contact our Statewide Data Coordinator, Bill Picha, at wpicha@relink.org.

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Connect: *Outreach & Education*

Since May is Mental Health Awareness Month, relink.org would like to highlight our Behavioral Health category on needs.relink.org. We have over 2000 providers divided between Treatment, Counseling, and Emergency Hotlines in Behavioral Health. This is absolutely vital because 1 in 5 adults experiences mental illness. In Ohio alone, over 2 million adults are affected by mental illness so far in 2022. The estimated number of adults with serious suicidal thoughts is over 11.4 million - **an increase of 664,000 people from last year.**

If you or someone you know is experiencing mental illness, go to needs.relink.org and click on behavioral health for resources. If you have any events coming up around this topic,

please email bhall@relink.org. We would love to share your event details on our social media.

On May 12th, The Dalton Foundation and relink.org hosted a webinar called Special Considerations for the Reentry Population When Discussing SUD. Ruchelle Pride from the [Office of Justice Policy and Programs](#) and Dr. Bryan Borland from [Basecamp Recovery Center](#) in Columbus shared some great information regarding cutting-edge programs being launched in Franklin County to help individuals coming out of jail and prison thrive and avoid the pitfalls of falling back into an addictive pattern. With fentanyl-laced drugs being more and more common, the population reentering is especially vulnerable to overdose and death. We hope you have a moment to listen to this recording that discusses this cutting-edge work.

Watch the video below to learn from Dr. Borland and Ruchelle Pride

[Special Considerations for SUD Treatment in Pregnancy and Adolescence Webinar](#)

Community Impact

Find Local Organizations for Clothing and Donations

The weather is getting warmer and it is time to go through and clean out the house. Have you ever thought where should I donate clothes I am not wearing, or furniture we are replacing? What non profits take women's clothes and which ones take men's? You can easily find this information in relink.org. Simply go to our website and click on Find Resources Now. You can then put in your zip code, choose a mile radius and click on Basic Needs. In a few simple clicks you can find a place to rehome your goods, for others who are in need. You can even print off a list. We all want items that we are not using anymore to go to someone who will be blessed to receive them, and relink.org can help make that happen.

Clothing Donation

"I recently was discouraged when I loaded up several bags of clothing my kids had outgrown and drove them to a local nonprofit, just to find out that they could not accept them right now. It was a process getting the clothes in the car, plus loading up my kids to make the donation. I did not know where else to take them, so I turned around to go back home when I remembered relink.org. A friend of mine had mentioned in Bible study a few weeks prior that you could find nonprofits to give to through the website. I pulled up relink.org on my phone and found another place I could take them to and called them quickly to see if they were accepting donations. They were! I was so thankful that I did not have to go home and unload items or spend time googling a bunch of places." ~Jessica K.

Restore: *Information*

Human Trafficking Resources

Ohio is among the top ten states with the highest rates of human trafficking, according to a report by the Ohio Attorney General. In 2020, there were a total of 149 potential human trafficking victims, including 146 potential victims of sex trafficking and 3 potential victims of labor trafficking.

The relink.org team had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Celia Williamson, who is the Executive Director of The Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute of the University of Toledo. Dr. Williamson founded the first anti-trafficking program in Ohio in 1993 and opened the Human Trafficking and Social Institute in 2015 to further the mission of combating human trafficking and supporting victims through research, education, and engagement.

The Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute provides several programs and initiatives that help in the prevention of human trafficking. The following resources are affiliated with and endorsed by the Institute.

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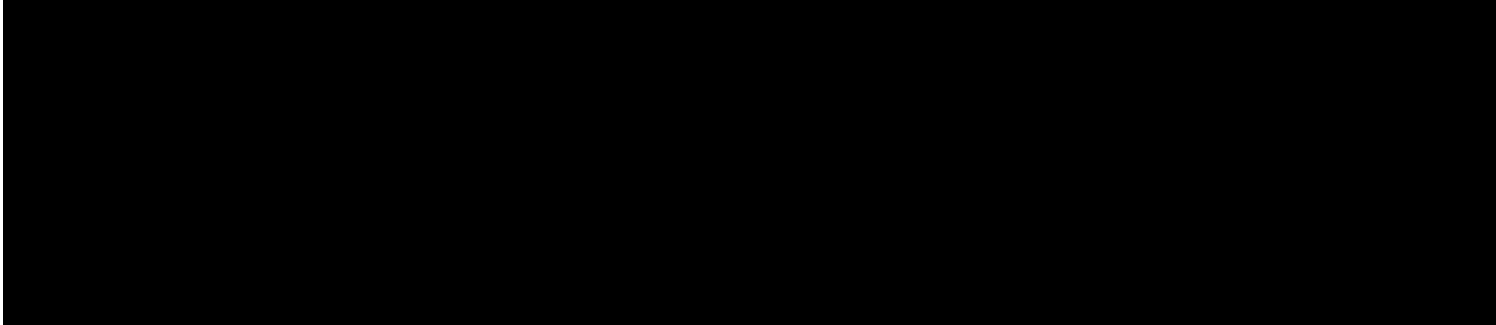
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From: "Dan" <Dan1el@fuse.net>

Date: 6/3/2022, 12:16 PM

To: <skeller@cheviot.org>, <ksmyth@cheviot.org>, <bsmyth@cheviot.org>, <dvoss@cheviot.org>

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Date: 6/3/2022, 2:44 PM
To: "'firstname lastname'" <ksmyth@cheviot.org>

Kerry,

Thank you for the response. I agree completely. I've been rewriting that line for a week. Cancel Culture was the wording I was looking for.

Dan

From: firstname lastname [mailto:ksmyth@cheviot.org]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2022 2:21 PM
To: Dan
Subject: Re: Cheviot Pride Month

Dan,

Thank you for this email. I agree with nearly every single thing you said here - so much so that it looks like something I could have wrote myself. The one very minor correction I would make to it is your thought that the reason the rest of council is going along with this resolution is to "look cool" or "buy votes." I can't speak for the rest of council but I can tell you what my educated opinion is. And that is that they are scared to death of being targeted by the bullying tactics of Cancel Culture. Brian is standing strong and not giving in to the bullies. As President I wish there was more I could do. I can't unilaterally tell Council that a motion they would like to introduce cannot be introduced. At least one of their member of Council must second the motion and then a majority must vote yes on the motion for it to be introduced, and then another round of the same procedure to adopt it. We have One Democrat, one independent and FIVE Republicans on council. You'd think there would be enough courage and conviction to principle on our Council to stand up against this. I'm very sorry to say, that as of right now, Councilwoman Hawk has enough votes to pass this resolution.

I agree with you that this isn't about being anti-LGBT. We both have friends, family members, neighbors and some of my BEST customers were gay men who wanted their landscape to look great and were willing to pay to make it that way. But the idea that the LGBTQ community needs protection or special recognition is completely overblown. They have equality everywhere. I see it in your post. We respect them as human beings same as everyone else.

The problem is the agenda attributed to them as a community.

The majority of people don't want educators teaching kindergartners "sexual orientation education."

The majority of people don't want educators giving junior high students gender reassignment medication without parental consent.

The majority of people don't want the State withholding funding to schools who don't allow boys to go into girls restrooms.

The majority of people don't want their daughters competing with biological boys in girls sports.

A majority of people didn't want the 40 year tradition of the Delhi Skirts Game cancelled because of an irrational belief among some that it was an attack on the LGBTQ community.

All of these things and more is why the community is recently having trouble getting accepted. And now they are treating this self inflicted wound as proof that they need more protections and recognition. I'm not falling for it. Unfortunately my colleagues are.

Keep telling the other members of Council how you feel and encourage others who agree to do the same. I truly believe that the Republicans on Council who have decided to support this resolution have the false belief that it's more popular than it is. They also probably feel that going against the bullies is going to result in them being targeted. I am most disgusted by that if it's accurate. Cheviot Council members should vote the way they truly feel is right and best for the city and not be bullied or coerced into voting against their convictions.

Just know that I am going to continue to tell people how I feel and do everything in my power to protect the rights of all citizens, particularly the free speech rights of our Council members.

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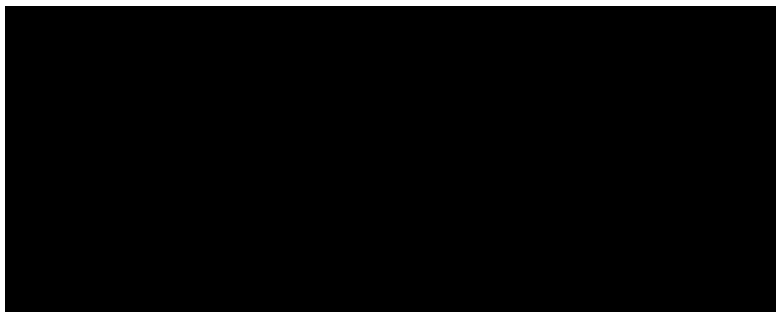
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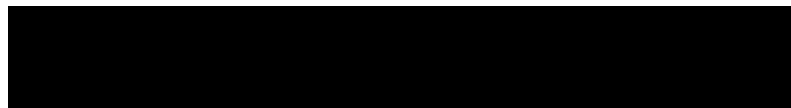
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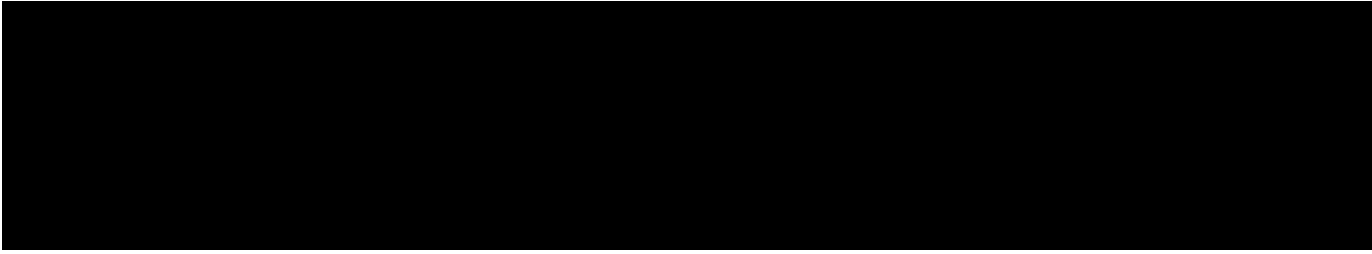
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From: david voss <dvoss@cheviot.org>
Date: 6/4/2022, 12:41 PM
To: "council2k14@cheviot.org" <council2k14@cheviot.org>

06-04-2022

Council and Administration:

I received a text relative a planned demonstration at the council meeting on June 7th, 2022. It is being sponsored by the supporters of Cheviot Pride.

David W. Voss

Subject: Tuesday Pride Vote

From: Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

Date: 6/6/2022, 6:42 PM

To: Kerry Smyth <ksmyth@cheviot.org>, Kerry Smyth <coachkerrys@gmail.com>

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Thank you

Brian Smyth

513.888.1538

Cheviot City Council

Subject: Cheviot
From: Sharon Auciello <sharon.auciello@gmail.com>
Date: 6/7/2022, 10:50 PM
To: ksmyth@cheviot.org

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Tell me how this is right!!!
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Sharon

Sent from my iPad

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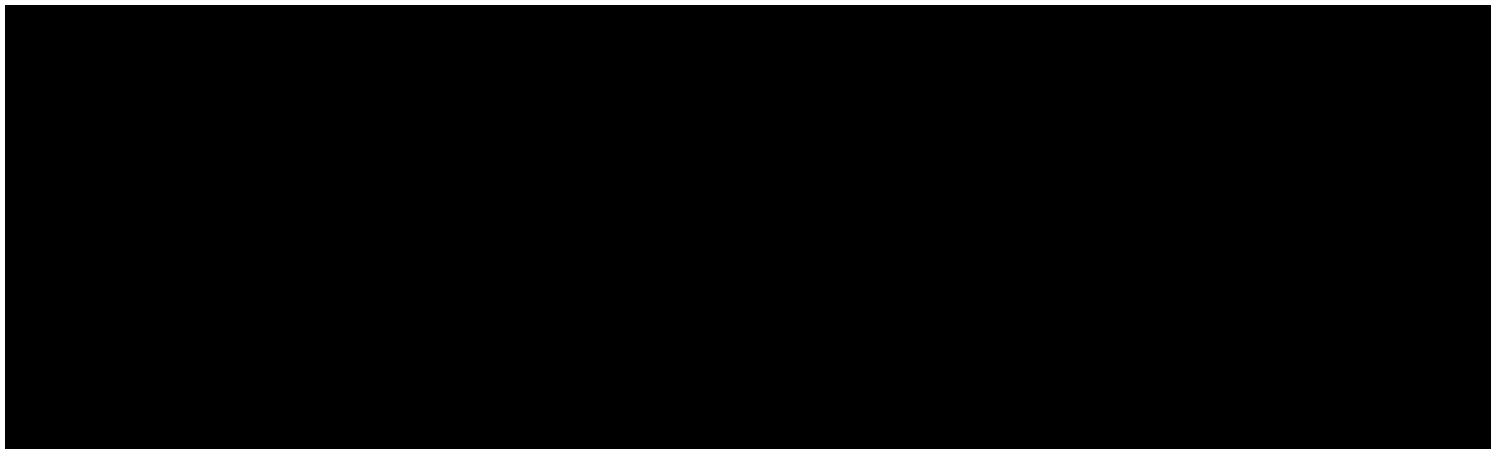
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I just can't stand in the way of anyone's love for anyone else. The speaker whose words resonated with me the most from the committee meeting was the married man who came with his wife and small children. He made the point that we (heterosexuals), wear wedding rings, walk down the street holding hands, have weddings to publicly show and share our love for one another, we have children, etc. and no one views those acts as throwing our sexuality in the faces of others... because it's considered "normal" or "acceptable".... which indicates that any other type of relationship is abnormal and unacceptable (which is not my place to judge/decide). If someone loves someone else deeply enough to show it, announce it, celebrate it publicly, etc. I'm not going to be one to stand in their way. I wouldn't want society to basically force me to live my life in a way that makes me deny who I am and who I love. I live for the people I love most... if I wasn't allowed to publicly love those people, if I had to hide that - what would I even do with my life??? I would also be furious if my deep feelings of love for my partner were boiled down to sex acts and what

we do with our body parts... I've heard you speak a couple times about how much you love and care for your wife and I believe that would be really upsetting to you too. Relationships and marriages are so much more than that.

Regardless of whether the resolution is passed or not, the division has already been created. Whether we vote "yes" or we vote "no", an entire group of people is going to be very upset. **The damage is done and now, we need to work together as the leaders of this community to figure out how we can repair and restore.** Survival of the fittest - he who cannot adapt, will not survive. If you know you don't have the votes (I'm not sure - you'd know better than I would), maybe it would go a long way to unite the city again if you went along with the vote. I know you probably aren't willing to do that... but going that route might better serve you, your family and the city?

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and opinions though and for relaying some of the messages you've received from others. Like I've said before, we may not always agree... but I respect your thoughts and opinions and i'm always open to listening. We are given two ears and one mouth for a reason! :-)

Lindsay

On June 7, 2022 11:58 AM Kathleen Zech <kzech@cheviot.org> wrote:

Council:

Brian has sent me emails to reinforce his position on the Pride Resolution.

I will respect his privacy and not send his remarks, but I felt compelled to share with all of you my feelings that led to my decision.

COPY OF MY EMAIL REPLY:

Brian,

I pray every night that God guides me to do what is best for the People and City Of Cheviot. Not what is best for me, or my friends, my political party, but what is best for Cheviot!! I took an oath to do just that! I take it very seriously. I consider, listen and research so I can understand the problem at hand. I have worked all these many years to keep our Cheviot a family friendly safe City.

As you say, Cheviot has always been welcoming to all walks of life and has never had a real

problem. At least, not until recently when you initiated and invited this controversy to our City with your posts on all forms of Social Media.

I am no expert, but I believe the Gay Community is a segment of our society that, for the most part, are just trying to live their lives as God made them. From the research that I have done, I find that science has proved that most people of this persuasion are born this way. They have a different make up than heterosexuals. The only thing different about them and you is their sexuality, that is wired into them from birth.

I believe God made us all, God loves us all and I don't believe God makes mistakes!

So I try to accept all, - as God made them, - not insist that they be just like me.

Christian Moral values dictate that we not judge all members of a given community for the actions of a few.

The only thing that is asked of us is to recognize June as "Pride Month" in the City, as it is pretty much acknowledged globally.

They are not asking that we allow debauchery in the streets, or any of the sorted things you researched and described in your email. They were not even asking to have a Parade – (although, you may have made that a possibility). Negative actions always cause re-actions.

As you say, "AS LAWMAKERS WE SHOULD NOT DIVIDE OUR PEOPLE....."

Boy! Do I agree with that!

I, too, have heard from many, many residents on this issue and other controversies you have been involved in. The Residents, (both Democrats and Republicans) feel this is definitely having a negative effect on how Cheviot is viewed and that your actions are causing the divide and discord in the City that they love.

You have the capabilities to be such an asset to Cheviot. You have so much energy! If only you dedicated your energies more toward promoting the positives first, rather than what you view as the negatives.

Very Sincerely,

Kit

Subject: Re: Procedure tonight for LGBT resolution
From: david voss <dvoss@cheviot.org>
Date: 6/7/2022, 4:10 PM
To: Kerry Smyth <ksmyth@cheviot.org>

Good Afternoon Kerry,

I did some research relative the information provided me by Council Clerk Jenny Eilermann on ordinances and resolutions. I found the answers in ORC 731.17 (Passage of Ordinances and Resolutions). Attached, you will find a document to guide me in tonight's meeting. You will notice in 731.17, ordinances and resolutions are treated the same for procedure. The resolution procedure will require roll call votes.

David W. Voss

On 6/7/2022 8:00 AM, Kerry Smyth wrote:

Hey David, I'd like to go over a few things so that the meeting can run smoothly in the rare possibility that things don't go the way they normally do with the LGBTQ resolution:

Remember that all resolutions are:

- 1.) Motioned to be Introduced
- 2.) Seconded
- 3.) Voice voted to approve introduction
- 4.) Discussed
- 5.) Motioned for adoption
- 6.) Seconded
- 7.) Voice voted for adoption

There is a slim chance that some curveballs might be thrown at you and I'd really like for you to be ready for them:

1.) There may be hesitation by the rest of council to be the one who seconds it. When you say "Do I have a second," if you don't hear one within, I'd say, a two second pause, you should then immediately say, "hearing none, we are moving to the next agenda item. I know this would be a very rare occurrence, but it's possible. If it does and you say what I just wrote, there may be a nasty crowd reaction which may cause someone to want to retroactively "second it." In that case you should tell them you won't allow it because they had plenty chance and at this point a second would be construed as coerced.

2.) Assuming the Introduction is seconded, if there is any possibility that you feel the votes are there to fail introduction, you could ask for a roll-call vote. But I don't think that's going to be an issue

3.) During discussion ONLY VOTING MEMBERS OF COUNCIL are allowed to discuss. The mayor, law

director and clerk cannot chime in. If they do they are out of order and you can politely tell them that they do not have the floor.

4.) During discussion, I expect Brian to motion to “table indefinitely” the Resolution. This requires a voice vote. I would appreciate it if you accept his motion, as for a second, discussion and then a voice vote. It would be unlikely that this works but it’s worth a try. If it passes tabling indefinitely, that’s it, it’s over and we won’t revisit this until next year.

5.) After discussion, you’ll need a motion to adopt, a second and a voice vote. Brian MAY then request from you a roll-call vote before announcing passage. This isn’t to prevent it from passing but to get names on the record of who voted yea and nay.

let me know if you have any questions!
thanks,

Kerry

— Attachments: —

Ordinances and Resolutions Procedures updated from docs.docx

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Subject: RE: Zoom for Tuesday

From: "Sarah Kastner" <skastner@cheviot.org>

Date: 6/7/2022, 8:20 AM

To: "'Stefanie Hawk'" <shawk@cheviot.org>, "'Kimberlee Erdman Rohr'" <krohr@cheviot.org>, <Hgg.gail@gmail.com>

CC: "'Kerry Smyth'" <ksmyth@cheviot.org>, <jeilermann@cheviot.org>

Stefanie,

Here is the zoom meeting. I sent it to you and Kerry so that you can set it up in the council chambers. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Sarah Kastner is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Council Meeting

Time: Jun 7, 2022 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kylzqYlrY>

Regards,

Sarah Kastner

The City of Cheviot

Office Manager / Recreation Commissioner

3814 Harrison Ave

skastner@cheviot.org

513-661-2700

From: 'Stefanie Hawk' <shawk@cheviot.org>

Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 1:12 PM

To: Sarah Kastner <skastner@cheviot.org>; Kimberlee Erdman Rohr <krohr@cheviot.org>

Cc: Kerry Smyth <ksmyth@cheviot.org>; jeilermann@cheviot.org

Subject: RE: Zoom for Tuesday



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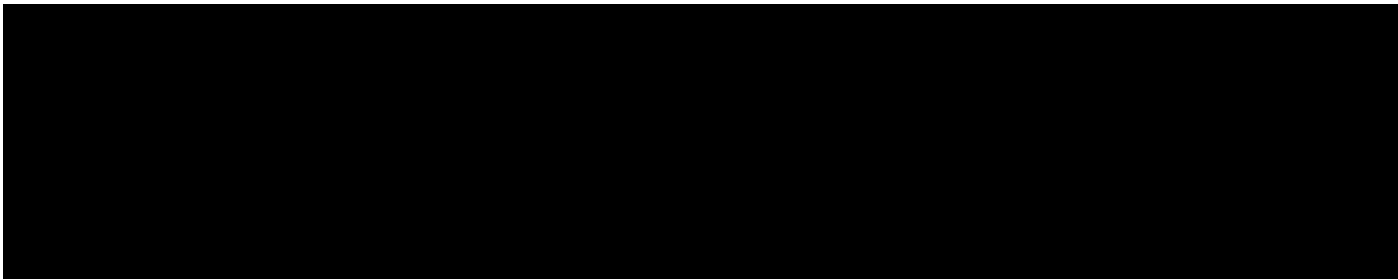
From: Kimberlee Erdman Rohr <krohr@cheviot.org>

Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 5:44 PM

To: Sarah Kastner <skastner@cheviot.org>

Cc: Stefanie Hawk <shawk@cheviot.org>; Kerry Smyth <ksmyth@cheviot.org>; jeilermann@cheviot.org

Subject: Re: Zoom for Tuesday



On Jun 2, 2022, at 2:17 PM, Sarah Kastner <skastner@cheviot.org> wrote:

Yes, I can.

Regards,

Sarah Kastner

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From: Stefanie Hawk <shawk@cheviot.org>
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To: Sarah Kastner <skastner@cheviot.org>
Cc: firstname lastname <krohr@cheviot.org>; Kerry Smyth <ksmyth@cheviot.org>;
jeilermann@cheviot.org jeilermann@cheviot.org <jeilermann@cheviot.org>
Subject: Zoom for Tuesday

Sarah,

Can we have a Zoom for Tuesday's council meeting? Former councilwoman Griffin requested to be able to watch the vote on the Pride Month resolution.

I copied the Law Director, President of Council & Clerk of Council in case anyone has an issue with allowing this Zoom.

For the one you set up for the Committee meeting someone on the email chain shared the link with someone else who joined, but I was unaware of that that person was going to participate in the meeting.

Thanks!
Stefanie

Subject: Councilmember doxes citizen on Facebook

From: Stefanie Hawk <shawk@cheviot.org>

Date: 6/8/2022, 9:57 AM

To: Kerry Smyth <ksmyth@cheviot.org>

CC: "skeller@cheviot.org skeller@cheviot.org" <skeller@cheviot.org>, firstname lastname <krohr@cheviot.org>

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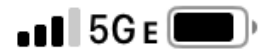
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Councilmember Hawk

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Brian P Smyth



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Brian-

Since I'm part of this debaucherous group of people grooming children in your community I'd like to tell you explicitly to do us all a favor and hurry up and fucking die.

You are a waste of human life and I hope you find absolutely no peace for the rest of your miserable life.

Take your terrible point of view and shove it up your



Nina Heckathorn

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Office Manager at Animal Hospital of Delhi Hills

Lives in Cincinnati

In a relationship with Ryan Peters

Joined May 2006

See Nina's About Info



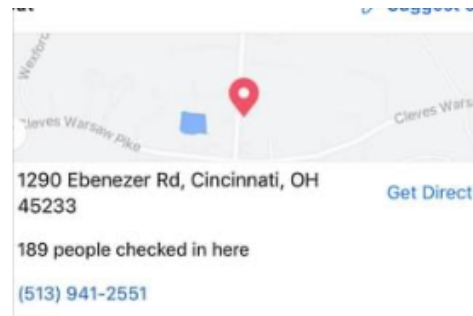
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From: jeilermann@cheviot.org
Date: 6/8/2022, 8:10 AM
To: "council2k14@cheviot.org" <council2k14@cheviot.org>

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Date: 6/8/2022, 9:41 AM

To: jeilermann@cheviot.org, Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

CC: council2k14@cheviot.org

Yes, I received the same email. It seems it was copied and pasted with just the name changed according to who it was being sent to.

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Date: 6/8/2022, 12:00 PM
To: firstname lastname <ksmyth@cheviot.org>

That appears to be the case.

I replied to and politely told her that as the council clerk, I do not have voting powers.

J.

On June 8, 2022 9:51 AM [firstname lastname <ksmyth@cheviot.org>](mailto:ksmyth@cheviot.org) wrote:

Jenny,

I think she must have just emailed all the contacts from the website? I got one yelling at me for voting for it! I had to explain to her that I don't have the power do that.

Kerry

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President Smyth,

Thank you for getting Brian to take down the post. I don't agree with her email, but was deeply troubled by the retaliatory post that made it so that she had to change her name, photo and work description online to curb the harassment.

Like Councilmember Smyth, I too have received emails both in support and in opposition to my stance. I still have one from last night to respond to, but I do respond to each of them all as directly as I can.

I think Brian has so much energy and passion and could do great good if he could focus fully on the work we have in front of us. Courting controversy is a waste of our energy.

I hope that now that the resolution has passed and is over that we can move on to new business. There is much to be done in Cheviot and I think we all need to be up for the task.

I hope you're having a good vacation,
Sincerely,
Councilmember Hawk

On June 8, 2022 11:24 AM Kerry Smyth <ksmyth@cheviot.org> wrote:

Hi Ms. Hawk,

Thank you for reaching out. I talked to Brian and suggested that the best way to handle anything that you feel is threatening from an individual who has an identifiable profile is to gather as much of the evidence that you can, report it to the police, to the hosting platform, and if you really want to make it public, to just point out that you received a threat from someone who has publicly identifiable info and that you turned that info over to authorities. That is how to deescalate situations.

I am friends with the both of you and you might find this hard to believe, but you're both reasonable people. The problem is right now that both of you are trying to one-up each other, constantly escalating. In my humble opinion, there are only two times we're should be expending energy going to battle with each other: First, while campaigning during the election cycle, and second, when discussion time arises on issues in public meetings. At all other times it's best to be tolerant and understanding of each other's differences.

In the mean time I, with the help of others, convinced Brian to delete the message, and I think he gets why that was best. I think we can all get to the point where we can have enough respect for each other to get along. For me personally, I would be willing to bet that we disagree on nearly every political position. But I also understand the value of at least one representative on council with your views. There are people with your views in Cheviot and they deserve to have a voice at the table. But likewise, there are people who have Brian's views and they equally deserve to have a voice at the table.

It might be naive of me to think this would be easy or quick, but I'd like you and Brian to get together in a relaxed environment and just have a beer and get to know each other better. Maybe that is how we can get to a point where we stop demonizing each other and begin understanding and respecting each other enough to at least not be constantly escalating everything to level 10.

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Disgusted,

Sharon

Sent from my iPad

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From: Lindsay Jones <ljones@cheviot.org>
Date: 6/9/2022, 9:36 AM
To: Kerry Smyth <ksmyth@cheviot.org>

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Date: 6/9/2022, 10:38 AM
To: Kerry Smyth <ksmyth@cheviot.org>

Ok, great! Thank you! I will check to see who organized/is in charge of the pub crawl.

On June 9, 2022 9:08 AM Kerry Smyth <ksmyth@cheviot.org> wrote:

Hi Lindsay,

Good questions. I too do not have a problem with any group doing whatever as far as events, but yes, we do have decency laws, etc. What it really boils down to is that the laws are already in place, so we have to rely on their enforcement, which rests in the hands of the Police Chief, the Safety Service Director and ultimately, the Mayor. One thing I can do is reach out to them to forward the concerns that some of the citizens have so that they can think about how they plan on enforcing our laws. It would help for them to be in communication with the organizers of those events to let them know what will and what will not be allowed so they can do their best to comply. And finally, we can relay all of that info to the citizens so that they know that we addressed their concerns to the best of our abilities and to let them know how the police plan on dealing any potential problems.

We do have a Pride Pub Crawl that sponsored by local bars, however I don't know if the also organized them or if it is a different group. That's probably where we need to start unless there are additional events in the works. Let me reach out to Tom and see what he thinks.

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Date: 5/17/2022, 12:12 AM
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From: Kerry Smyth <ksmyth@cheviot.org>

Date: 5/17/2022, 12:15 AM

To: "arichter@cheviot.org arichter@cheviot.org" <arichter@cheviot.org>

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From: Kerry Smyth <ksmyth@cheviot.org>
Date: 5/17/2022, 12:28 AM
To: firstname lastname <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

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From: Kerry Smyth <ksmyth@cheviot.org>
Date: 5/17/2022, 9:45 AM
To: Lindsay Jones <ljones@cheviot.org>

Thanks I feel like I'm being unfairly attacked sometimes so it's good to hear some friendly worlds! If you want to ever bounce ideas off someone just call me sometime and I'll give you my best feedback!

On May 17, 2022 9:05 AM Lindsay Jones <ljones@cheviot.org> wrote:

Good morning Kerry!

I understand. It seems like proper processes were not followed... I would have to review the standing rules to be sure (as I am still learning the ropes!). But based on what I have been told so far, that would appear to be the case. I have no idea how this happened. I'm very much "in the middle", kind of like I'm watching a tennis match really. So I don't know whose agenda item it is either.

Thank you for being open to hearing ideas and possible agenda items though. I really appreciate that. I do have an idea I'm still mulling over/gathering information and opinions about. Nothing heavy hitting... just about yard/lawn violations and property upkeep.

Thanks!

On May 16, 2022 11:10 PM Kerry Smyth <ksmyth@cheviot.org> wrote:

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From: 'Kerry Smyth' <ksmyth@cheviot.org>
Date: 5/17/2022, 2:24 PM
To: Kathleen Zech <kzech@cheviot.org>

Thanks Kitty. Your input is very valuable, helpful and means a lot to me.

I know I'm kind of new on Council but not that new, and this is the very first time that non-routine item showed up on the agenda without an email, phone call, text or having been discussed in some sort of fashion at a prior meeting. Also, I was on Council last year, when we had an actual member of the LGBT community on council, and there wasn't a peep about Pride Month, let alone a desire to have Cheviot make a resolution about it. Yes it's the last meeting before June, and the 11th hour, improper sliding of this into the agenda by an anonymous person makes the motive transparent. It's a political move attempting to embarrass council because of a beef with one of its members. If I let this go there will be no reason to respect the rules that are in place for a very good reason.

All that being said, there is nothing preventing a member of council from motioning to introduce it, and us having a vote on it. I have no plans to obstruct that if that is Council's desire. I have no problem with any agenda of a voting member of council. It just has to be done properly.

Again thank you for this feedback! I'm sorry to hear about your injury and hope you make a full recovery.

Kerry

On May 17, 2022 1:51 PM Kathleen Zech <kzech@cheviot.org> wrote:

Hi Kerry,

A Resolution is not law. It is not binding. It is intended to recognize a certain group, or occasion etc.

It is a recommendation or merely the opinion of Council.

June is Pride Month. So, this is not an unusual occurrence for items like this to appear before Council to voice their overall opinion and/or support,- even at the last minute.

This is the last Council Meeting before June! To delay it over proper procedure might send the wrong message.

I have no idea who initiated this. But due to the recent controversy over publications and televised remarks, if there is any under lying intention from anyone, it is probably intended to assure and

show support to the residents of Cheviot that it involves. That would be my guess!

Not allowing it to come up for a vote would have the appearance of drawing another line in the sand to exercise your power, making it an even larger controversy. Just my opinion.

I hope you got my email. I am unable to attend tonight meeting due to a knee injury. Sorry I can't be of more help.

Kit

For what it is worth, I intended to vote in favor of the Resolution. We do represent all the people of Cheviot.

From: Kerry Smyth [mailto:ksmyth@cheviot.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:20 AM
To: kzech@cheviot.org kzech@cheviot.org <kzech@cheviot.org>
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Date: 5/23/2022, 9:35 PM

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Date: 5/24/2022, 5:57 AM

To: Payton Marshall <Payton.Marshall@fox19now.com>

My wife said the Mayor called Brian a bigot on the news. If this issue is so important to him, why doesn't he do what mayors of cities usually do and make a proclamation declaring June, "Pride Month" in Cheviot? While you're at it ask the Mayor how many times in the past 38 years he's been a leader in Cheviot he has motioned for, or proclaimed Pride Month in the city? I mean, if you live in a glass house, probably shouldn't be throwing stones.

On May 23, 2022 9:44 PM Payton Marshall <payton.marshall@fox19now.com> wrote:



Brian P. Smyth  →  RESIDENTS... 

Cheviot · 17m

CRITICAL MEETING EVERYONE MUST ATTEND

TUESDAY MAY 24 - 7:00pm Cheviot City Hall

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^ It is this post

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From: firstname lastname <ksmyth@cheviot.org>
Date: 5/26/2022, 10:29 AM
To: Stefanie Hawk <shawk@cheviot.org>

Hi Stephanie,

I'm reaching out at the request of Mrs Rohr. I already talked to Brian and I'm sure Kim reached out as well. Always email everyone individually. I always do that, and I told Brian the same. What Kim is totally right about is that it's not about whether or not you discuss something that is already public, or about things you think isn't city business, it could literally be anything, because it could either include a tiny detail that is actually new or unknown information, or something that could become new business in the future. That means correspondence like that would constitute a meeting of the quorum, which is not public and this violates the sunshine laws. I totally get that Brian started it with the initial email and you simply replied, but never "reply all"!! Anyway, hope all is well with you! Remember I'm on vacation next week so see you at the second meeting next month.

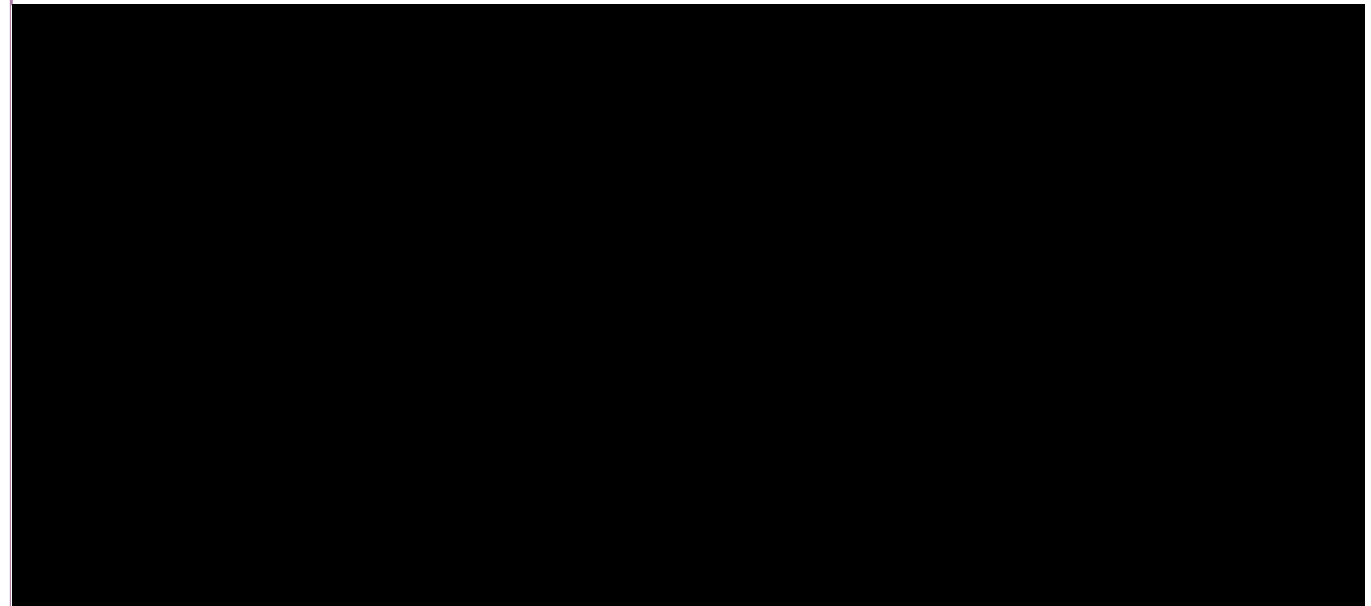
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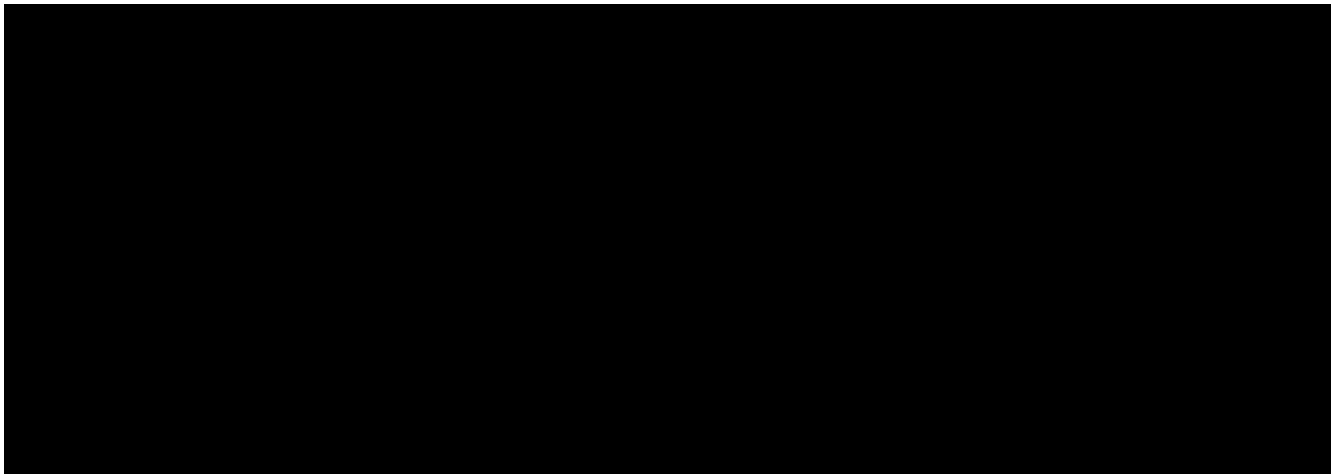
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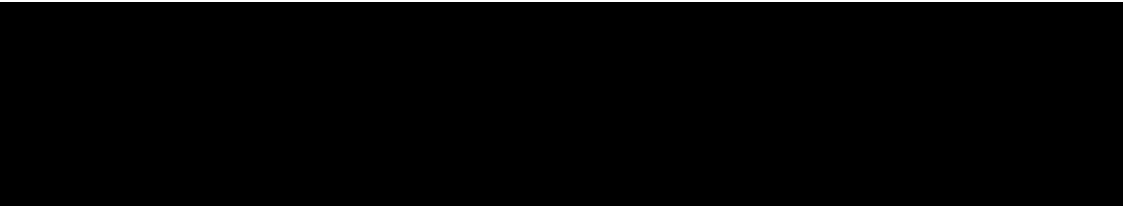


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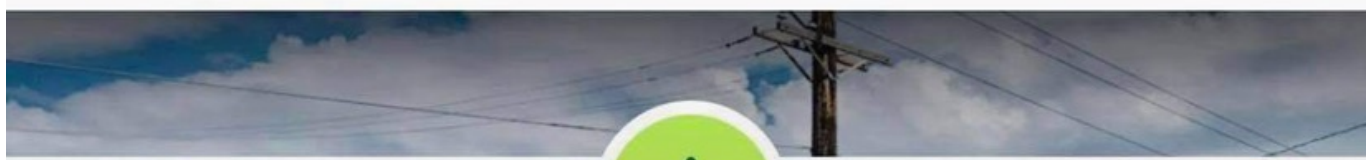
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From: firstname lastname <ksmyth@cheviot.org>
Date: 5/27/2022, 5:36 PM
To: Stefanie Hawk <shawk@cheviot.org>

Stefanie,

If I want to tell everyone something, I will literally send 7 separate emails. It may be overkill but it's not that hard and it pretty much makes it impossible to violate the law. As far as an agenda item, anything that is expected or routine like a report, an email to Jenny is fine. For anything that is new or not routine, just shoot me a quick email and it will almost certainly make it in unless there is a problem. A little bit of Robert's Rules advice: Something that is not on the agenda does not prohibit it from being introduced at council. It can be motioned during the "non-agenda items" portion. Just ask for permission to speak and motion the item you want to introduce. If it gets seconded we would vote to introduce it, and it would go through the regular procedure. It's nice to know about it ahead of time so we look like we know what we are doing lol.

hope that helps!

Kerry

On May 26, 2022 1:40 PM Stefanie Hawk <shawk@cheviot.org> wrote:

Kerry,

Thanks for reaching out. You and Ms. Rohr are right, and I will not be replying all on emails like that again.

Funny enough, that's how this all started, because I thought I couldn't email all of council to announce that I wanted to introduce a Pride Resolution for discussion and thought I had to do that in-person at the meeting. So I followed the same procedure that I do every month to put the LSDMC report on the agenda, which is to just email Jenny when she sends out the draft agenda early the week before a meeting asking us to add items. That's why it was on the final agenda that she shared with council the Friday before the May 17th meeting, that Brian shared on the Nextdoor app the without comment. That's also why I was so surprised to find out that other members of council seemed caught off guard by it on the day before the meeting.

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We may disagree on many things, but I hope we can all agree that doing what's best for our city is our end goal.

Sincerely,
Stefanie

On May 26, 2022 10:29 AM firstname lastname <ksmyth@cheviot.org> wrote:

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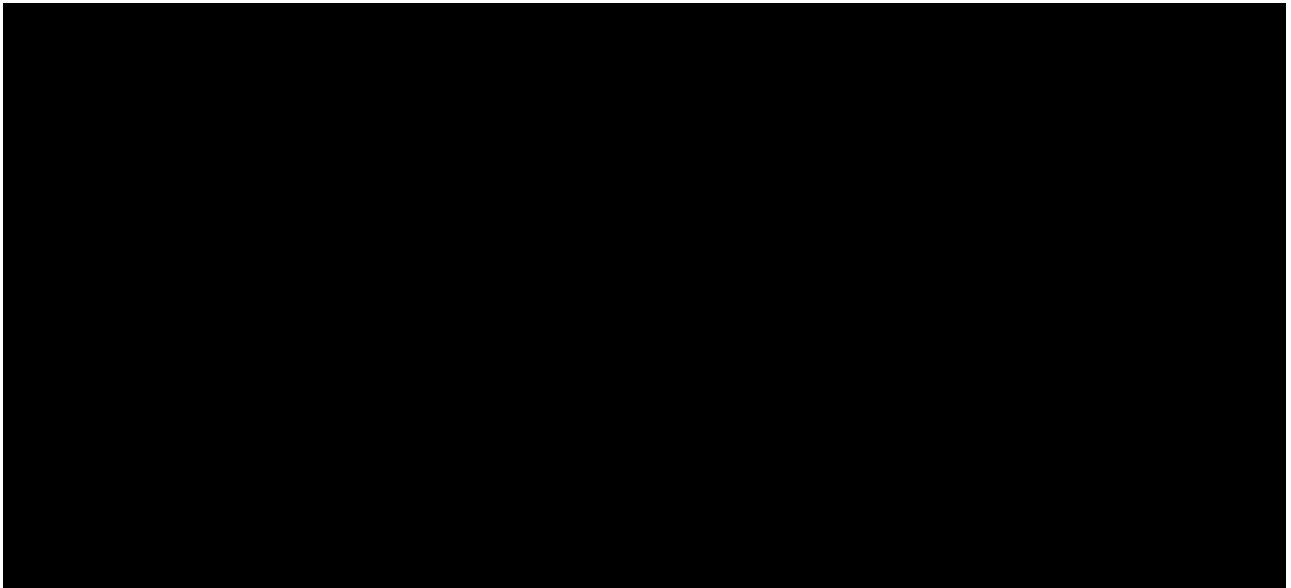
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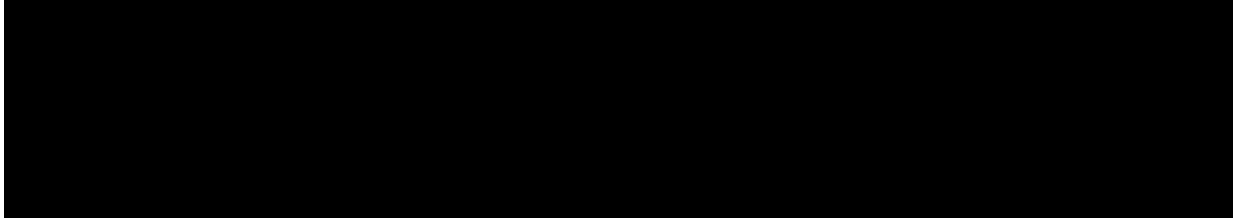
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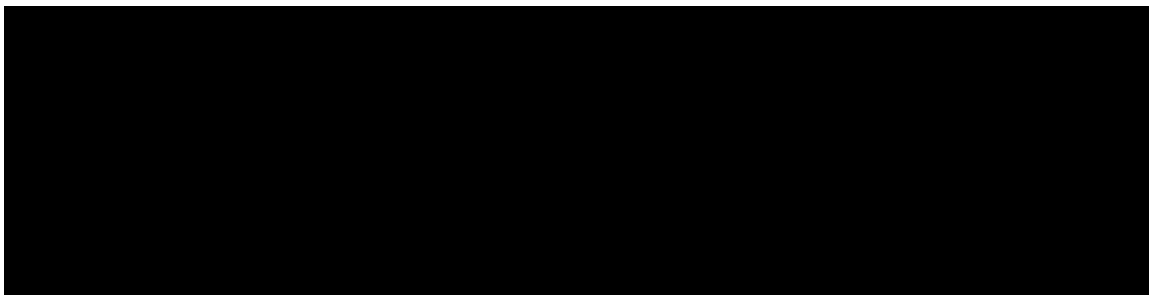
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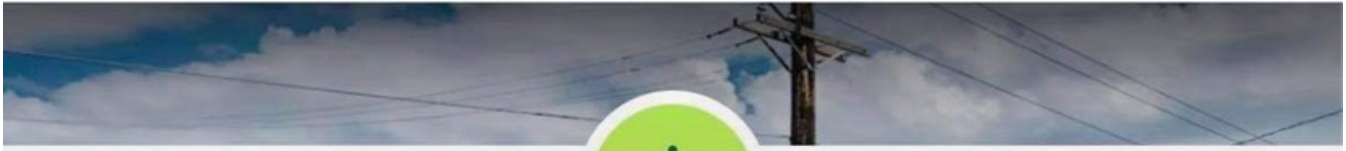
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From: firstname lastname <ksmyth@cheviot.org>
Date: 6/3/2022, 2:20 PM
To: Dan <Dan1el@fuse.net>

Dan,

Thank you for this email. I agree with nearly every single thing you said here - so much so that it looks like something I could have wrote myself. The one very minor correction I would make to it is your thought that the reason the rest of council is going along with this resolution is to "look cool" or "buy votes." I can't speak for the rest of council but I can tell you what my educated opinion is. And that is that they are scared to death of being targeted by the bullying tactics of Cancel Culture. Brian is standing strong and not giving in to the bullies. As President I wish there was more I could do. I can't unilaterally tell Council that a motion they would like to introduce cannot be introduced. At least one of their member of Council must second the motion and then a majority must vote yes on the motion for it to be introduced, and then another round of the same procedure to adopt it. We have One Democrat, one independent and FIVE Republicans on council. You'd think there would be enough courage and conviction to principle on our Council to stand up against this. I'm very sorry to say, that as of right now, Councilwoman Hawk has enough votes to pass this resolution.

I agree with you that this isn't about being anti-LGBT. We both have friends, family members, neighbors and some of my BEST customers were gay men who wanted their landscape to look great and were willing to pay to make it that way. But the idea that the LGBTQ community needs protection or special recognition is completely overblown. They have equality everywhere. I see it in your post. We respect them as human beings same as everyone else.

The problem is the agenda attributed to them as a community.
The majority of people don't want educators teaching kindergartners "sexual orientation education."
The majority of people don't want educators giving junior high students gender reassignment medication without parental consent.
The majority of people don't want the State withholding funding to schools who don't allow boys to go into girls restrooms.
The majority of people don't want their daughters competing with biological boys in girls sports.
A majority of people didn't want the 40 year tradition of the Delhi Skirts Game cancelled because of an irrational belief among some that it was an attack on the LGBTQ community.

All of these things and more is why the community is recently having trouble getting accepted. And now they are treating this self inflicted wound as proof that they need more protections and recognition. I'm not falling for it. Unfortunately my colleagues are.

Keep telling the other members of Council how you feel and encourage others who agree to do the same. I truly believe that the Republicans on Council who have decided to support this resolution have the false belief that it's more popular than it is. They also probably feel that going against the bullies is going to result in them being targeted. I am most disgusted by that if it's accurate. Cheviot Council members should vote the way they truly feel is right and best for the city and not be bullied or coerced into voting against their convictions.

Just know that I am going to continue to tell people how I feel and do everything in my power to protect the rights of all citizens, particularly the free speech rights of our Council members.

Sincerely

Kerry Smyth
President of Council
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On June 3, 2022 12:16 PM Dan <dan1el@fuse.net> wrote:

I was stunned last Wednesday morning to find out that Cheviot was considering designating June as "Pride Month". A Council declaration or a Mayoral proclamation of Pride Month is offensive.

Let me be clear. This is not an anti LGBTQ rant. I frankly don't care if someone is or is not. It is none of my business, until you throw it in my face. Communities are built by blending in, people living and working together. Elevating one subgroup over all others is not blending in. There is no justifiable reason for a municipality to celebrate someone's sexual proclivities. Cheviot does not need a "Pride Month" to be welcoming. I have neighbors, customers, and probably friends in the LGBTQ+ community. I cannot be sure how many, because *it is not a topic of discussion*. If they were not already feeling welcome, they would not be living, working, and doing business here.

Some will try to make the argument that a Pride Month, or the Pride Flag is about unity and inclusivity. That ship sank decades ago. The behavior of the "80 plus" supporters at the recent council meeting proved that. Does the Cheviot City Council really hold up Cincinnati's City Council as role models? Failure to recognize Pride Month is not "looking backward". Municipalities have no business weighing in on what should be bedroom behavior. This feckless attempt to be seen as welcoming and woke screams *look at us we're cool!* Or, perhaps it is just an attempt to buy votes.

Cheviot has other more important quality of life issues that are not being addressed! I suggest that Cheviot become a leader instead of a follower, and say NO. No Pride declarations, proclamations, or flags on city property.

Dan Luers

Subject: Re: Cheviot Pride Demonstration June 7th, 2022

From: firstname lastname <ksmyth@cheviot.org>

Date: 6/4/2022, 2:28 PM

To: david voss <dvoss@cheviot.org>

Sounds like an attempt to intimidate council members. This makes no sense. The reason I sent the issue to committee was to give everyone a chance to have their voice heard there. Committee votes to make the recommendation to the rest of council. If they aren't civil, that's wrong and if that's what they do it might backfire and convinces 2 of the 4 conservatives who support this to change their minds.

Kerry

On June 4, 2022 12:41 PM david voss <dvoss@cheviot.org> wrote:

06-04-2022

Council and Administration:

I received a text relative a planned demonstration at the council meeting on June 7th, 2022. It is being sponsored by the supporters of Cheviot Pride.

David W. Voss

Subject: Procedure tonight for LGBT resolution
From: Kerry Smyth <ksmyth@cheviot.org>
Date: 6/7/2022, 8:00 AM
To: firstname lastname <dvoss@cheviot.org>

Hey David, I'd like to go over a few things so that the meeting can run smoothly in the rare possibility that things don't go the way they normally do with the LGBTQ resolution:

Remember that all resolutions are:

- 1.) Motioned to be Introduced
- 2.) Seconded
- 3.) Voice voted to approve introduction
- 4.) Discussed
- 5.) Motioned for adoption
- 6.) Seconded
- 7.) Voice voted for adoption

There is a slim chance that some curveballs might be thrown at you and I'd really like for you to be ready for them:

- 1.) There may be hesitation by the rest of council to be the one who seconds it. When you say "Do I have a second," if you don't hear one within, I'd say, a two second pause, you should then immediately say, "hearing none, we are moving to the next agenda item. I know this would be a very rare occurrence, but it's possible. If it does and you say what I just wrote, there may be a nasty crowd reaction which may cause someone to want to retroactively "second it." In that case you should tell them you won't allow it because they had plenty chance and at this point a second would be construed as coerced.
- 2.) Assuming the Introduction is seconded, if there is any possibility that you feel the votes are there to fail introduction, you could ask for a roll-call vote. But I don't think that's going to be an issue
- 3.) During discussion ONLY VOTING MEMBERS OF COUNCIL are allowed to discuss. The mayor, law director and clerk cannot chime in. If they do they are out of order and you can politely tell them that they do not have the floor.
- 4.) During discussion, I expect Brian to motion to "table indefinitely" the Resolution. This requires a voice vote. I would appreciate it if you accept his motion, as for a second, discussion and then a voice vote. It would be unlikely that this works but it's worth a try. If it passes tabling indefinitely, that's it, it's over and we won't revisit this until next year.
- 5.) After discussion, you'll need a motion to adopt, a second and a voice vote. Brian MAY then request from you a roll-call vote before announcing passage. This isn't to prevent it from passing but to get names on the record of who voted yea and nay.

let me know if you have any questions!

thanks,

Kerry

Subject: Re: Pride Resolution

From: firstname lastname <ksmyth@cheviot.org>

Date: 6/7/2022, 4:11 PM

To: Lindsay Jones <ljones@cheviot.org>, Kathleen Zech <kzech@cheviot.org>, council2k14@cheviot.org

Hello everyone.

We have been over this last week. I will check with the Law Director, but please do not send messages to everyone. It is most likely a violation of the Open Meetings Act. Before you discuss anything related to council, please ask yourselves the following questions:

- 1.) Is there a quorum? (4 voting members or more)
- 2.) Is it related to any city business at all? This would be any items that are being worked on now or could be worked on in the future by city council.

If the answer is yes to both, it needs to be an open meeting - meaning a publicly scheduled City Council meeting. This includes any and all discussion of those items.

Remember that if the answer is no to either, you're free to discuss.

Thank you!

Kerry

On June 7, 2022 3:57 PM Lindsay Jones <ljones@cheviot.org> wrote:

Thanks for sharing Kitty! I emphatically agree with much of what you have said! I will follow suit and have attached my reply below. I have bolded a sentence that I did not bold in my reply to Brian but I feel is the most important part of the whole email.....

Hey Brian!

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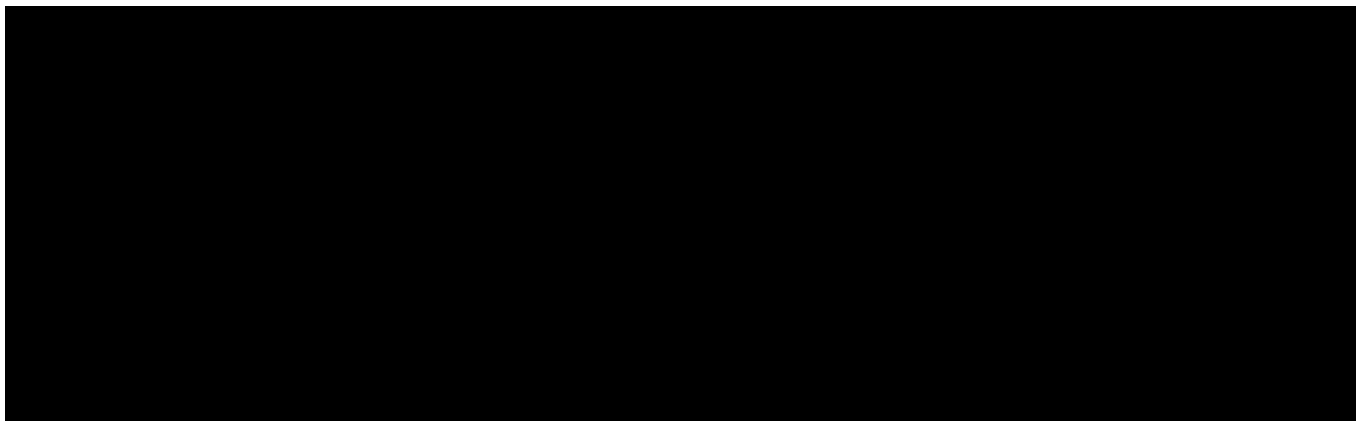
From: firstname lastname <ksmyth@cheviot.org>

Date: 6/7/2022, 8:31 PM

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From: Kerry Smyth <ksmyth@cheviot.org>

Date: 6/7/2022, 4:30 PM

To: david voss <dvoss@cheviot.org>

Thanks. Looks like you have to suspend the rules with 3/4 vote. If that's the case, I hope you vote and vote "nay." 5 out of 7 votes is only 71%. You need 6 "yea" votes to get over 75%. If that be the case, you'd have to just read it and move on without passage yet.

On June 7, 2022 4:10 PM david voss <dvoss@cheviot.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon Kerry,

I did some research relative the information provided me by Council Clerk Jenny Eilermann on ordinances and resolutions. I found the answers in ORC 731.17 (Passage of Ordinances and Resolutions). Attached, you will find a document to guide me in tonight's meeting. You will notice in 731.17, ordinances and resolutions are treated the same for procedure. The resolution procedure will require roll call votes.

David W. Voss

On 6/7/2022 8:00 AM, Kerry Smyth wrote:

Hey David, I'd like to go over a few things so that the meeting can run smoothly in the rare possibility that things don't go the way they normally do with the LGBTQ resolution:

Remember that all resolutions are:

- 1.) Motioned to be Introduced
- 2.) Seconded
- 3.) Voice voted to approve introduction
- 4.) Discussed
- 5.) Motioned for adoption
- 6.) Seconded
- 7.) Voice voted for adoption

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you should tell them you won't allow it because they had plenty chance and at this point a second would be construed as coerced.

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let me know if you have any questions!

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Kerry

Subject: Re: Cheviot
From: firstname lastname <ksmyth@cheviot.org>
Date: 6/8/2022, 5:48 AM
To: Sharon Auciello <sharon.auciello@gmail.com>
CC: firstname lastname <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

Mrs. Auciello,

I should have included the emails of those who DID vote yes so that you can be sure to email them as well. Here they are:

John Hardig (R) - jhardig@cheviot.org
Lindsey Jones (R) - ljones@cheviot.org
Amy Richter (R) - arichter@cheviot.org
Kitty Zech (R) - kzech@cheviot.org
Stefanie Hawk (D) - shawk@cheviot.org

To be clear, I supported Brian on this for a variety of reasons. Cheviot is and always has been a very welcoming city for everyone, including LGBT members. Even former Councilwoman Gail Griffin, a lesbian herself, said so. There was never a reason for Cheviot to declare June "Pride Month." If there were, Councilwoman Griffin could have certainly motioned to do so during her tenure on Council. She didn't. The mayor could have made a proclamation. In his decades in office, he never did.

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In fact, in the 5 months Brian has been on Council, he has never made a single motion or comment in any meetings that would indicate that he has an agenda against the LGBT community. For Councilwoman Hawk to introduce a resolution as an attack by the City of Cheviot on Brian was wrong and a disservice to her assertion that this was about a goodwill gesture to that community. It also dragged the rest of Council and the city into an issue that didn't exist beyond of a few outside grievances towards Brian. It created chaos in the city. Let me be clear here - the chaos and division was caused by Ms. Hawk dragging all of Council and the city into an unneeded resolution.

She wanted all of council to be on the record of where they stand on the "Brian" issue, and used an angry mob, mostly made up of non-Cheviot residents to coerce the other's votes.

And now there is a great new divide in Cheviot. Everyone I've talked to believes it was caused by Brian. Looks like Ms. Hawk's tactics worked, but it was to the great detriment to the city of Cheviot.

I too am disgusted, but not for the reasons the mob would think.

I'm disgusted in the way Ms. Hawk introduced the resolution. She could have just read it as a goodwill gesture. She introduced it as an attack on Mr. Smyth.

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I'm disgusted with the bullying of the LGBT community.

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To: Sharon Auciello <sharon.auciello@gmail.com>

Sharon,

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To be clear, here is how the vote went:

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Kerry

On June 8, 2022 8:27 AM jeilermann@cheviot.org wrote:

Did you get this same email? Seems odd she would call me out by name.

On June 8, 2022 7:19 AM Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org> wrote:

thank you Jen I'm getting blown up right now with a lot of those emails as well

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On Jun 8, 2022, at 8:11 AM, jeilermann@cheviot.org wrote:

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

From: Sharon Auciello <sharon.auciello@gmail.com>
To: jeilermann@cheviot.org
Date: June 7, 2022 10:02 PM
Subject: Cheviot

Ms. Eilermann,

Very disappointed in your vote on pride month!

Unbelievable that you would push this agenda on cheviot!

I can in no way see that there should be a celebration on your sexuality! They take religion out of schools, you are fired for praying if your a teacher, but you and schools can promote

this sick agenda!

Tell me how this is right!!!

Never mind, you don't need to tell me because the world we are living in now, is what used to be WRONG is now RIGHT and what is RIGHT is now WRONG!!!

People can be who they want to be, but don't shove it in our face!!

How disrespectful!

This whole world is screwed up and you are not helping to bring it back to any morals or values, oh, those are out the window too! No wonder kids are so messed up!

Brian Smith is the only one on council that seems to have his head on straight and is fighting for what is right!

Disgusted,

Sharon

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Re: Councilmember doxes citizen on Facebook
From: Kerry Smyth <ksmyth@cheviot.org>
Date: 6/8/2022, 11:24 AM
To: Stefanie Hawk <shawk@cheviot.org>
CC: "skeller@cheviot.org skeller@cheviot.org" <skeller@cheviot.org>, firstname lastname <krohr@cheviot.org>

Hi Ms. Hawk,

Thank you for reaching out. I talked to Brian and suggested that the best way to handle anything that you feel is threatening from an individual who has an identifiable profile is to gather as much of the evidence that you can, report it to the police, to the hosting platform, and if you really want to make it public, to just point out that you received a threat from someone who has publicly identifiable info and that you turned that info over to authorities. That is how to deescalate situations.

I am friends with the both of you and you might find this hard to believe, but you're both reasonable people. The problem is right now that both of you are trying to one-up each other, constantly escalating. In my humble opinion, there are only two times we should be expending energy going to battle with each other: First, while campaigning during the election cycle, and second, when discussion time arises on issues in public meetings. At all other times it's best to be tolerant and understanding of each other's differences.

In the mean time I, with the help of others, convinced Brian to delete the message, and I think he gets why that was best. I think we can all get to the point where we can have enough respect for each other to get along. For me personally, I would be willing to bet that we disagree on nearly every political position. But I also understand the value of at least one representative on council with your views. There are people with your views in Cheviot and they deserve to have a voice at the table. But likewise, there are people who have Brian's views and they equally deserve to have a voice at the table.

It might be naive of me to think this would be easy or quick, but I'd like you and Brian to get together in a relaxed environment and just have a beer and get to know each other better. Maybe that is how we can get to a point where we stop demonizing each other and begin understanding and respecting each other enough to at least not be constantly escalating everything to level 10.

Sincerely

Kerry Smyth

On June 8, 2022 9:57 AM Stefanie Hawk <shawk@cheviot.org> wrote:

President Smyth,

One of our council members doxed a woman who disagreed with his views on the Pride Resolution and sent her an inflammatory email. This could be seen as a retaliation for her expressing her first amendment rights, it could cost her her job and is really unacceptable of a public official.

I don't know what the legal ramifications are for this action, but this same council member accused the media of going after his job when they asked him where he works, so I would assume he knows exactly what he did putting this woman in his crosshairs.

I've attached a screenshot of the post for your review. I appreciate your help in resolving this matter.

Sincerely,
Councilmember Hawk

Subject: Fwd: Re: Pride.. continued

From: firstname lastname <ksmyth@cheviot.org>

Date: 6/9/2022, 11:10 AM

To: "tbraun@cheviot.org tbraun@cheviot.org" <tbraun@cheviot.org>

Tom,

Below you'll see my response to Councilwoman Jone's email (also below that) promising to reach out to you with her concerns. As far as Mrs. Owen's email, you might have to ask Lindsay if she can forward that particular email to you if you feel it's needed.

Thanks!

Kerry

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

From: Kerry Smyth <ksmyth@cheviot.org>

To: Lindsay Jones <ljones@cheviot.org>

Date: June 9, 2022 10:08 AM

Subject: Re: Pride.. continued

Hi Lindsay,

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We do have a Pride Pub Crawl that sponsored by local bars, however I don't know if the also organized them or if it is a different group. That's probably where we need to start unless there are additional events in the works. Let me reach out to Tom and see what he thinks.

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From: Dennis Owens <dwowens44@gmail.com>

Date: 5/6/2022, 12:42 PM

To: Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

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Unfortunately the woke society has mastered the art of deception. They object to everything normal and when society either accepts or ignores their objection they revise language to direct change of all things normal. The big picture has little to do with what is obvious. The real thing is to destroy all traditional values and resistance to the attempts to retain them. Our country is in a dangerous situation as too many people treat this as other periods in our history. This is what happens when a woke political party fails to silence all opposition to their destructive ways. In my opinion the trans issue is a smoke screen. I have employed and managed a number of gays and lesbians, none of which ever voiced any feelings of non-acceptance. The diversity crowd keeps adding letters to the LGBT group who knows unicorns might be the next letter.

As a Vietnam Vet I spent a year among 80K people who escaped North Vietnam with nothing and would do anything just to have food. This is the ultimate goal of totalitarian leaders. The challenge to maintain a normal society will get much worse going forward. Thankfully because most normal people are not vocal it is my belief the woke crowd is vastly outnumbered. We can only hope free, lawful election will happen this year.

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Brian Smyth
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From: Ken Schneck <editor@thebuckeyeflame.com>

Date: 5/8/2022, 5:06 PM

To: "bsmyth@cheviot.org" <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

Council Member Smyth -

Regarding: <https://thebuckeyeflame.com/2022/05/06/brian-p-smyth/>

Normally I would never reach out to someone who puts forth the type of harmful rhetoric you put forth publicly. But you are an elected official, and thus have influence, so I find myself writing to you.

I have no doubt that you think you are doing good in expressing your views, but I want to be very clear that you are doing actual harm with your words. By continually saying that LGBTQ+ people are not normal, you are doing harm. By continually saying that LGBTQ+ are essentially not welcome on the west side of Cincinnati, you are doing harm.

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Baldwin Wallace University

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From: Ken Schneck <editor@thebuckeyeflame.com>
Date: 5/8/2022, 9:07 PM
To: Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

Oh gosh. My bad. I thought you knew what you said on your own videos, and it appears that is not the case.

No one is bullying you, Brian. No one is threatening you. To quote your own words, "Toughen up, buttercup." Dial it down.

A couple of points:

1. I think the work you are doing with alcohol and other drug/homelessness outreach is truly admirable, and please keep it up! As a gay Jew, the power of Jesus Christ doesn't super interest me, so I hope you would recognize that there are other belief systems out there that have just as much power. That would be the America you speak of...
2. You absolutely did say over and over that the LGBTQ+ community is not normal. Is there any chance you could maybe stop saying that? No one is trying to censor you. I'm just letting you know that words like that do have an effect, and it's not a good one. As for "tranny," I get that you used "the Google" to look it up, but as someone who has worked extensively with the LGBTQ+ community, I can tell you that the word "tranny" is often connected to violence. It's a word that is used specifically before many transgender Americans have been physically attacked. I understand that you didn't know that, but now you do. So why would you continue to use it? Of COURSE you have freedom of speech, but I would put money down there are other words that you wouldn't say in your videos...
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As a former elected official myself, I am not trying to attack you and I **sincerely apologize** if you see it that way. You represent ALL of your constituents...not just the straight, Christian ones. And from your words, it sounds like you are not even remotely an ally.

You could make such a difference to the health and wellness of ALL of your neighbors if you were open to hearing more about other points of view.

With decency,
Ken

From: Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>
Date: Sunday, May 8, 2022 at 8:13 PM
To: Ken Schneck <editor@thebuckeyeflame.com>
Subject: Re: Feedback

Ken

We have so many real problems in our city from drug addiction and homelessness to suicide. This is a distraction to real problems facing Americans. Freedom of speech is literally just that and trying to censor anyone is fascist and anti-American.

We welcome everyone to the westside to enjoy our awesome culture of family fun festivals all year around. Its your flat out lies about Americana "not being accepting" is what is causing the horrific divide in our country. America is the greatest, kindest and most accepting country in the world and teachers like you are gaslighting a section of people in believing the lie that its not. Have you no decency?

Lastly, I will not be bullied by your threats, lies and accusations that are completely and totally baseless. I am a loving and caring Christian, husband and father. We have one of the most successful drug addiction/homeless outreaches in the country right here in Western Hills and I invite you to see the absolute transformation of men through the power of Jesus Christ.

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Subject: Agenda items, in general
From: Kerry Smyth <ksmyth@cheviot.org>
Date: 5/17/2022, 12:28 AM
To: firstname lastname <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

Hey dude I sent this to every council member. What do you think?

It has come to my attention that there is an agenda item for 5/17 that I was not aware of or asked approval for. I just wanted to reach out to everyone to get thoughts and to explain how I feel about it.

Most importantly, as president, I highly encourage everyone to express themselves however they feel fit. If you have an agenda, I believe it's my job to help facilitate your personal agenda. You are a representative of a constituencies responsible for sending you to Council to do these things on their behalf.

As a council, we have to exercise a democratic process that ends with a majority voting for whatever agenda items get brought forth. But also, there is a process for bringing agenda items forward. There are good reasons why this process exists and why I take it seriously. I'm have suspicions why the process was not followed, but in the case of the LGBT resolution, it wasn't at all.

Circumventing the process laid out in our standing rules and Robert's rules also circumvents a healthy democratic process. That's bad for our Council and bad for our city. As someone concerned about our City, I won't allow these circumventions.

Just so that we are clear, I want everyone to feel very comfortable and confident bringing ideas in front of Council. Voting members like yourself simply email me and ask for it to be added to the agenda. I welcome that and would only say "no" under extremely special circumstances. Honestly I can't even think of one off the top of my head.

But for some reason, someone went directly to Jenny who then added an item to the agenda that was never discussed at all, and never alerted me or asked me if it was OK.

That by itself is highly inappropriate. Our standing rules require that a voting member of council are the only ones allowed to motion for agenda items. Without being told anything, I can't even be sure whose agenda this is. As President I feel compelled to protect the citizens of Cheviot by having it deleted from tomorrow's agenda, at least until the proper channels are followed.

I hope this helps to understand what is going on and how it will be handled, as well as encourage you if at any point you would like to raise your own agenda item. Please feel free to respond with your thoughts. Actually I would really like that!

Sincerely,
Kerry Smyth

Subject: FOX 19 Cheviot Council

From: Payton Marshall <Payton.Marshall@fox19now.com>

Date: 5/23/2022, 2:31 PM

To: "bsmyth@cheviot.org" <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

CC: "skeller@cheviot.org" <skeller@cheviot.org>, "skastner@cheviot.org" <skastner@cheviot.org>, "ksmyth@cheviot.org" <ksmyth@cheviot.org>

Hello,

My name is Payton Marshall, I'm a reporter with FOX 19. I am reaching out to see if you, Mayor Keller or anyone from the City Administration could be available today (Monday May 23) for a quick interview to talk about your recent post regarding your concerns about pride.

I know there is a meeting tomorrow, but there has been a lot of emotional response from the community since the post, and I wanted to reach out to see if you could be available for to talk about this. Feel free to contact me on here or by cell at 513-473-8381.

Thanks,
Payton Marshall

Subject: Re: Have you Been to a Real Pride Day and seen what they do?

From: "shawk@cheviot.org" <shawk@cheviot.org>

Date: 5/24/2022, 11:08 AM

To: David Rogers <murraykyracers@yahoo.com>, "skeller@cheviot.org" <skeller@cheviot.org>, "ksmyth@cheviot.org" <ksmyth@cheviot.org>, "jhardig@cheviot.org" <jhardig@cheviot.org>, "ljones@cheviot.org" <ljones@cheviot.org>, "dvoss@cheviot.org" <dvoss@cheviot.org>, "arichter@cheviot.org" <arichter@cheviot.org>, "bsmyth@cheviot.org" <bsmyth@cheviot.org>, "kzech@cheviot.org" <kzech@cheviot.org>

David,

The resolution that I introduced does not authorize a parade or festival and will in no way cause their to be any of activities suggested in some of the online posts.

The resolution is a symbolic gesture to let everyone know that the LGBTQ+ community is welcome and wanted in Cheviot. I feel that is a always good to be welcoming. I had already intended to bring the resolution up for discussion after being sent boilerplate language from Cincinnati Pride, but the headlines made by a Councilmember that made Cheviot look unwelcoming and backwards on the issue make it even more necessary, in my opinion, for the city to say, openly, that ALL are welcome and that the online negativity does NOT represent all of Council.

Sincerely,

Stefanie Hawk

City Council Member - At Large

On May 24, 2022 9:38 AM David Rogers <murraykyracers@yahoo.com> wrote:

Be careful what you support and ask for. Have you been to a really well-established "Pride" parade day, week, or month? My wife and I were just in Miami, FL during their big Pride month. We strolled around the beach walkway Sat. morning of the biggest weekend of their Pride month. Before it had even opened in the morning there were inebriated folks. One male we strolled past was wearing a single piece of a single layer of sheer see-through material draped over his body, with the only thing else being what seemed like a handkerchief loosely and barely covering his genitals. My wife went back for a stroll after it had opened in the afternoon and her stories of drunken almost naked lewdness grew and echo what we had seen in the morning. If anyone in the world dressed that naked, they should be arrested for indecent exposure but this was what they were celebrating. This is what Pride is to them and many many others. This is what you will end up promoting whether it starts like this or not. Don't kid yourselves. Pride is Drag Queens and Ru Paul. This is the kind of show they have so you will need to be proud of that type of thing eventually and all that goes with it.

My family and I were in Seattle, WA about 15 years ago and were there the Sat. of their largest Gay parade. We still laugh and are amazed at the memories of the EXTREMELY DRUNKEN mostly men EVERYWHERE stumbling around in the morning and early afternoon, fighting, stumbling, yelling, urinating. The debauchery was quite amazing, everywhere. My kids were young but still remember the absurdity. Pride is what that would be called today.

I don't live in Cheviot but used to goto church there so know it well. Just wanted to share what you are naively thinking is a good thing to support may not be. I bet the Seattle and Miami Pride days started with good intentions also, but when you see the miscreants that eventually take these Pride things over, you may think again. Go to a real Pride party and see what you are really supporting and what they all seem to really become before supporting such. I can imagine other things need your support and there are other ways to support the Pride community, though it is still unclear who they are or what they all really have legitimately in common, and better to support an infinite number of other activities than to open Pandora's box with that one. Good luck

Subject: Re: Agenda for Tonight
From: Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>
Date: 5/25/2022, 3:41 PM
To: Stefanie Hawk <shawk@cheviot.org>
CC: All Council Email <council2k14@cheviot.org>

All,

If last night's agenda was to bring as much hate and anger, then blame it on one person then you achieve that. Thanks for the death threats. There was no inclusiveness to be found. I was called everything from the KKK to the father that never loved me and abused me to the mother that neglected me to all the problems that you've had in the world. This is exactly why I will vote no because of the divisiveness that this brings to our society. If you could look beyond the hate and anger you would see that Christians absolutely love who you are not what you do. This is a free country you allowed to do what you want but to try and make people agree with your behavior by screaming and yelling and belittling them, putting them down and name calling won't work it's what actually causes the divisiveness. There was a beautiful elderly woman who tried to explain the health risks associated with specific lifestyles put out by our government the CDC (<https://www.cdc.gov/msmhealth/for-your-health.htm>) but the taunting crowd shouted and yelled at her. Likewise an article by Harvard University (<https://developingchild.harvard.edu/science/deep-dives/lifelong-health/>) goes into detail on developing a child's lifelong health and nowhere does it discuss sexuality. Every culture and every psychologist out there knows that the longer a child keeps their innocence the better off they are in adulthood when it comes to sexuality. My point is that children are extremely impressionable and will literally become who you want them to be. When I say that I don't like the bar scene and I think it's an unhealthy lifestyle and I wish my children to stay away from it, is not hate speech. Also, stating that marriage is a healthier lifestyle than sleeping around is not hate speech either it's a fact. There was also a veteran Navy man who stepped up to talk and I could've had an incredible conversation with him for hours on end but that was never to happen because the crowd began to scream and shout once again. It was embarrassing to see the fanning of the flames and stoking of the crowd that showed it was full of rage and anger thanks to the current and former committee chair that lit the fuse. Claiming that your hate is justified because of your perception that I'm filled with hate is the problem because it's projection. Also, some enraged person called me a KKK member and wanted to pop my genitalia last night, this doesn't cause me to become angry, because first off it's not true and secondly I can tell that he has suffered serious abuse to want to abuse others. Bottom line, last night could've been completely avoided if anyone had the guts to call me and ask me about my thoughts and or my position on policy and politics, but then that might've solved the problem and you wouldn't have had the circus that you had last night. You can disagree with me all you want and we can have a discussion about that but that's just it there will be no discussion from the side showed up last night. We witnessed from the community that is supposed to be of love and understanding, the complete opposite as we were shouted and called names and had to have a police escort to our cars. It was an echo chamber for anyone and everyone that had been a victim at any time in their life, which we all have been, and brought it to the podium and unleashed it on one single person who you have made out to be some kind of scapegoat. Pride leadership of Cincinnati was there and literally blamed his father's abuse on me and the entire city of Cheviot claiming that until the city accepts his behavior he will not be satisfied. Think for a minute, to need the entire city or society to accept you

for who you are or you will never be happy? I really feel bad for him because he will find out as I did it will never happen. The bully tactics used against others who have a difference of opinion and ideology was on full display last night. Hawk Sam and Kim I hope you understand the light of this brought to our city which was completely unnecessary and an attempt to shame/bully lawmakers for your personal agenda. You brought all left-wing radical Saul Alinsky ideologies which are to crush and destroy anyone with opposing ideas. This is how you tear apart a nation by dividing them into groups and singling out the ones that disagree with and destroy them. Thank you "cancel culture" and "wokeness" you had a great night.

In then end I hold no malice or contempt for you and as my wife told me she is praying for everyone and so will I.

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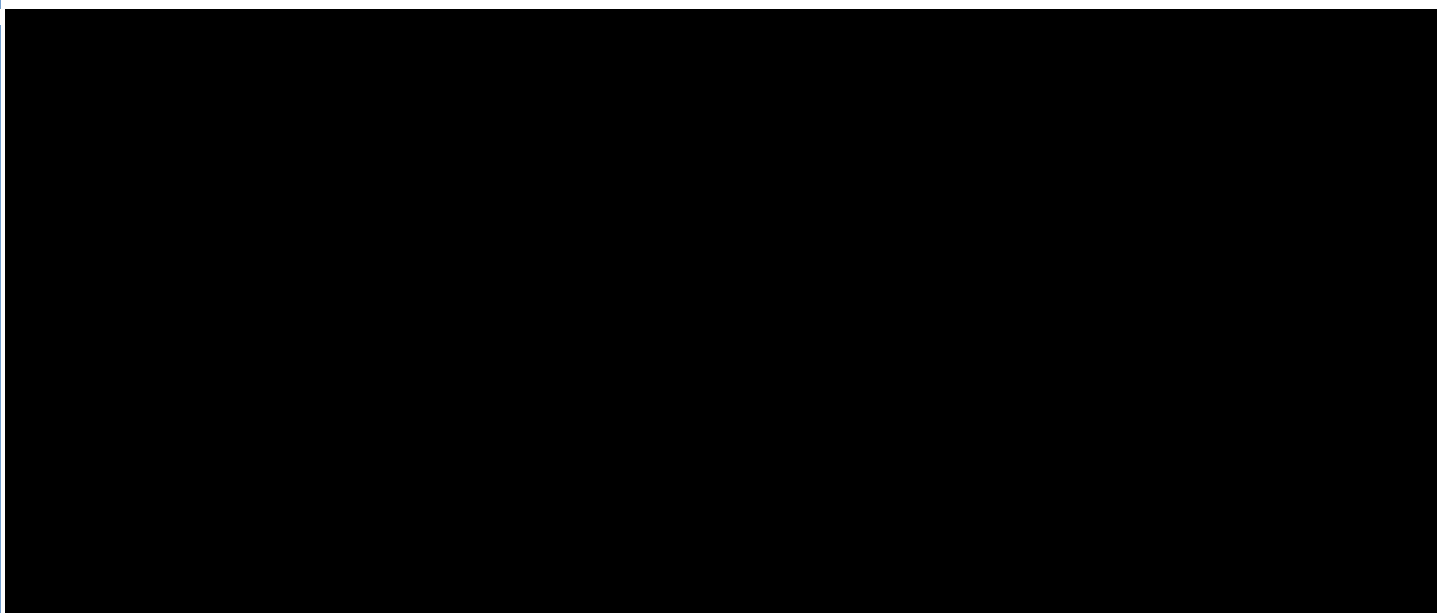
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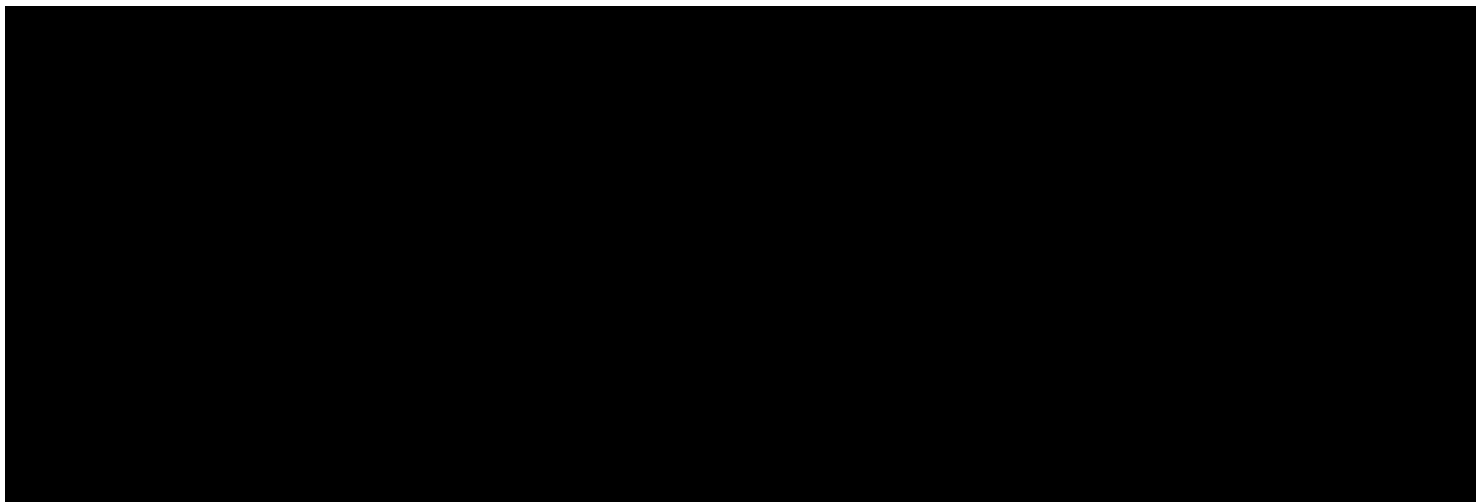
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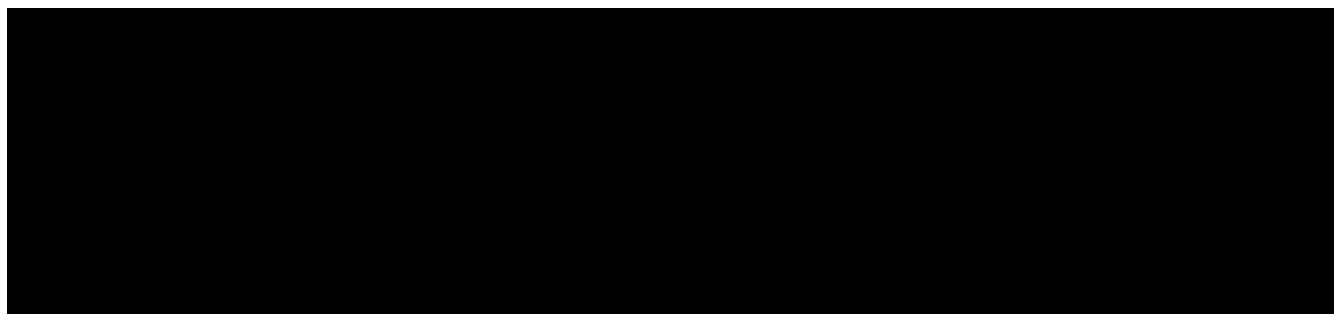
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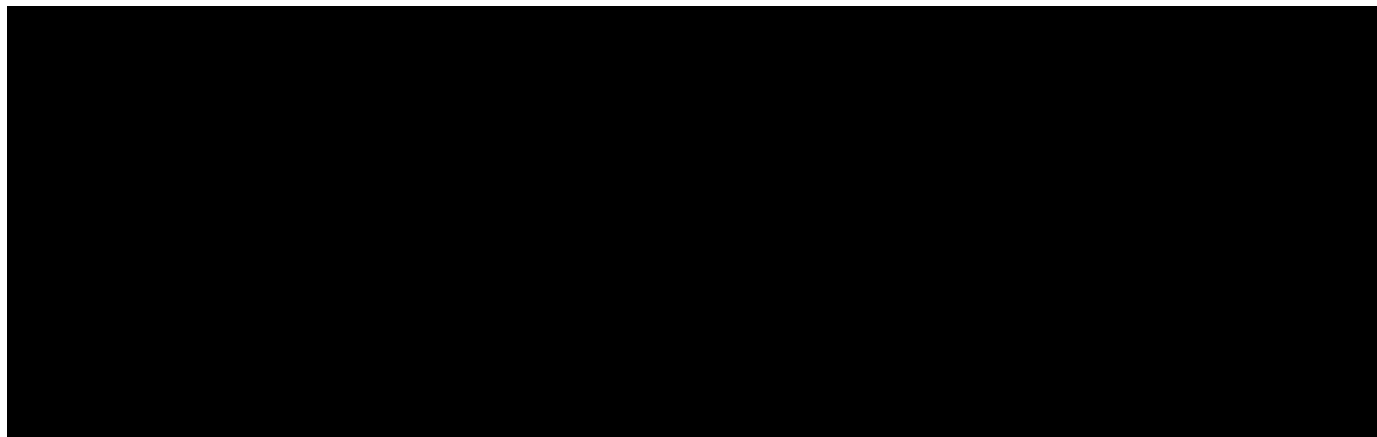
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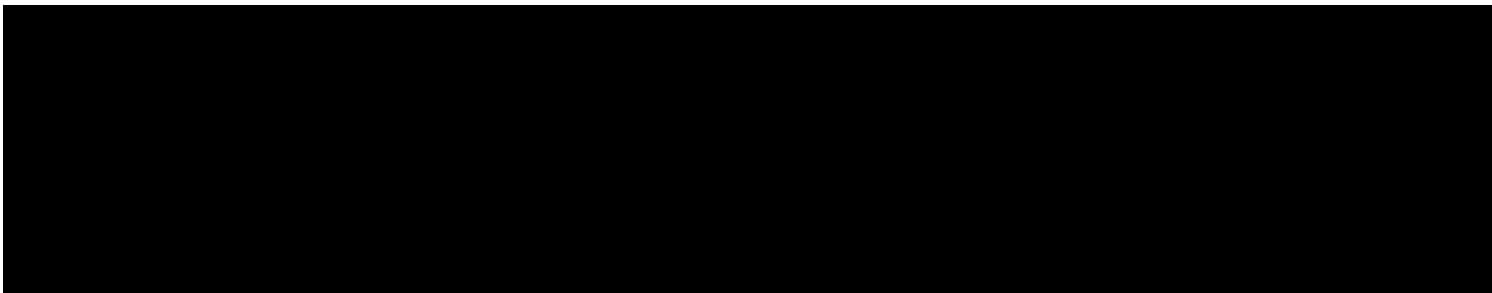
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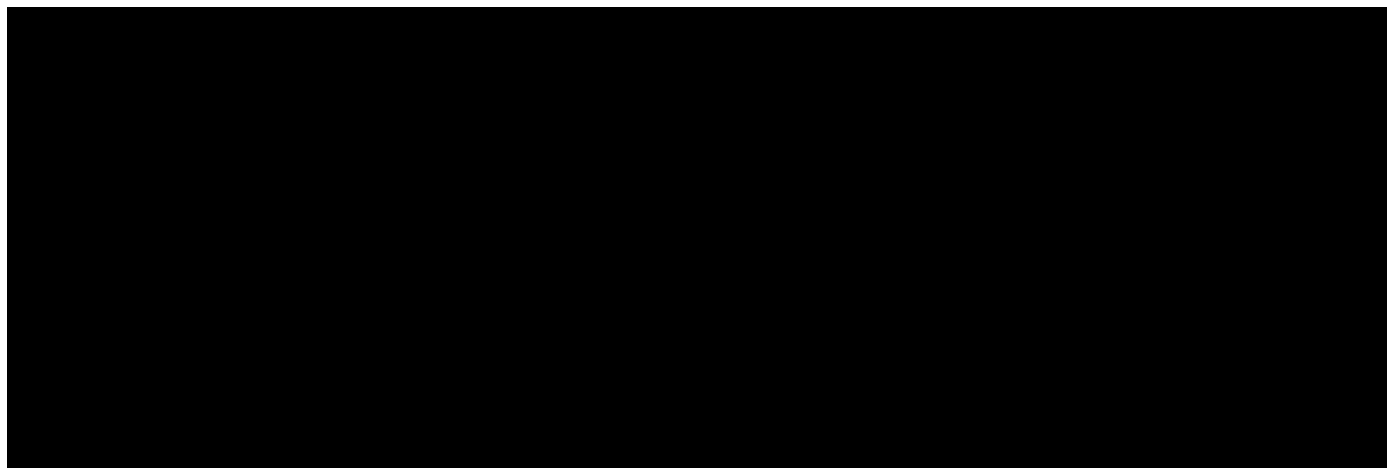
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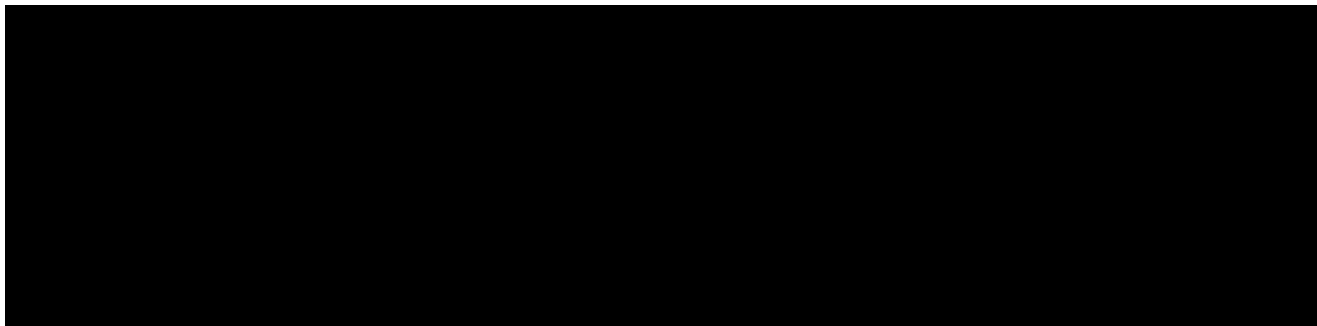
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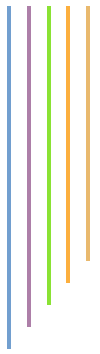
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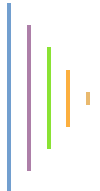
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Perhaps I could have controlled the crowd better, but there's only so many times one can bang a gavel and call for order.

I had envisioned a run of the mill meeting where we'd discuss it and move on. I hadn't discussed it or emailed anyone in advance because I've had it drilled into me to not break the sunshine laws. I was out of town this past weekend on a family trip and the morning I left I awoke to someone sending me a screenshot of your now removed post. (Attached for anyone who missed it.) The internet did what the internet does best and despite being removed it was shared everywhere. People from all over the city, distant family members and even reporters were asking me about it. Brian, YOU brought the crowd last night. It just wasn't the crowd you wanted.

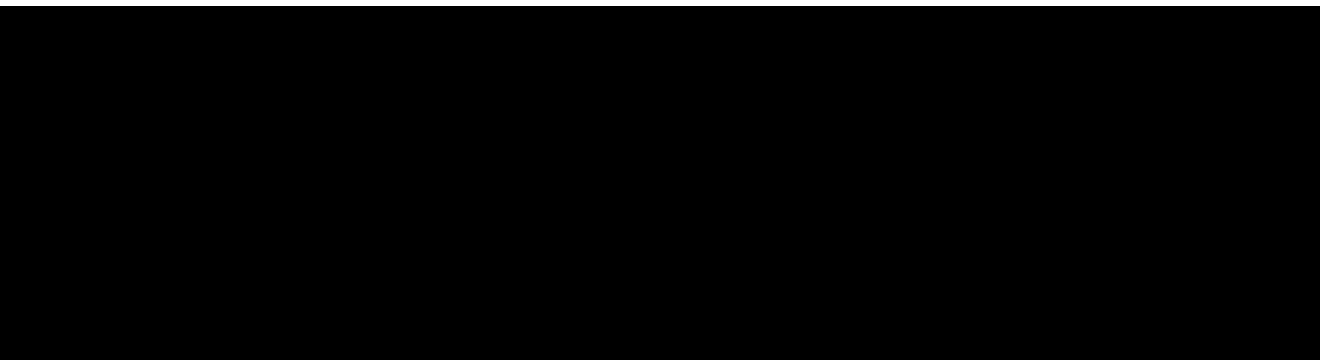
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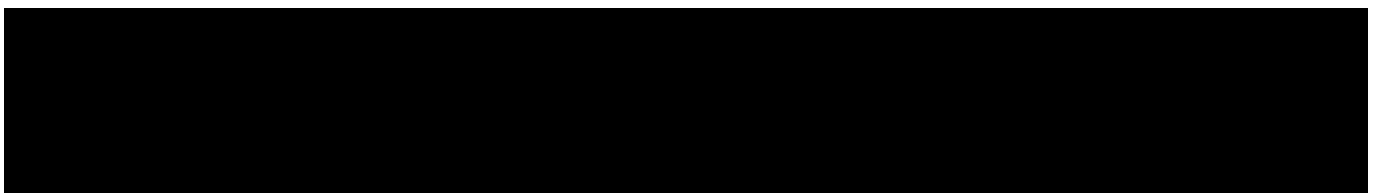
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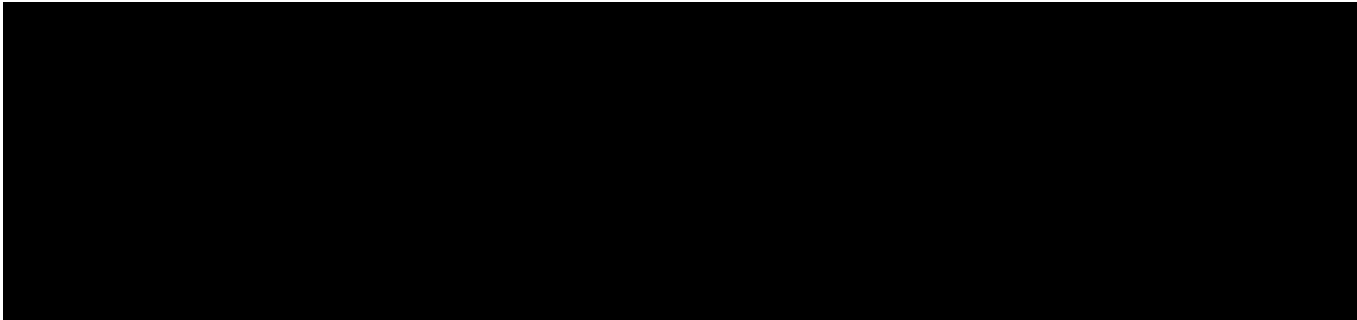
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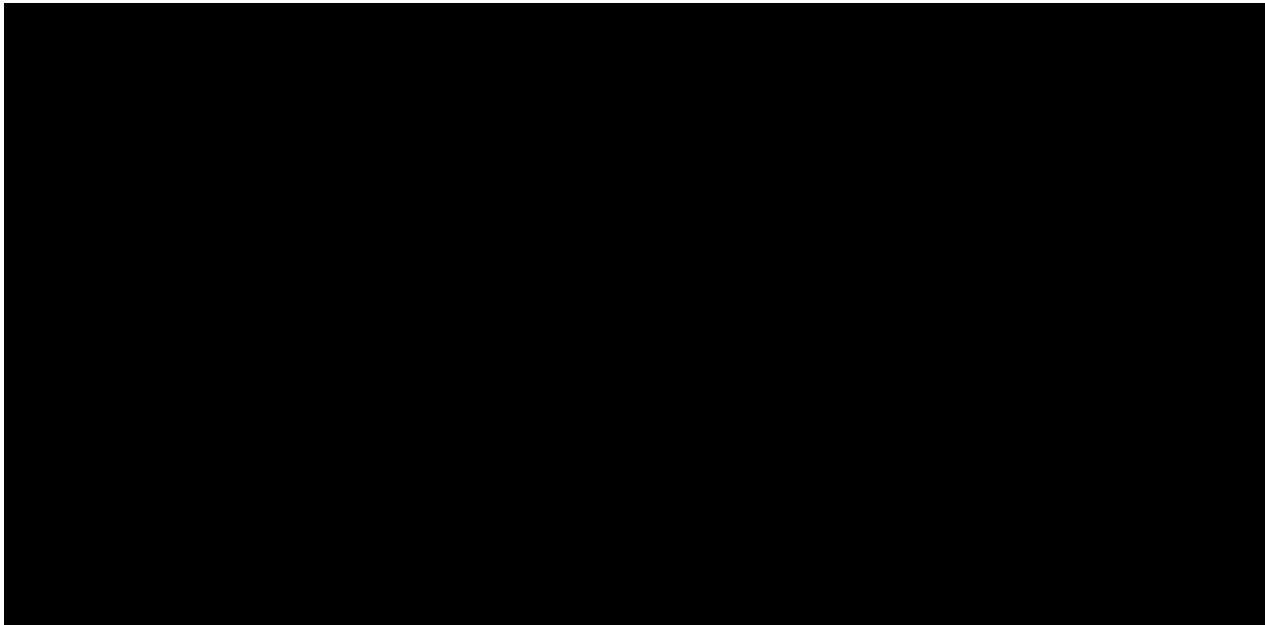
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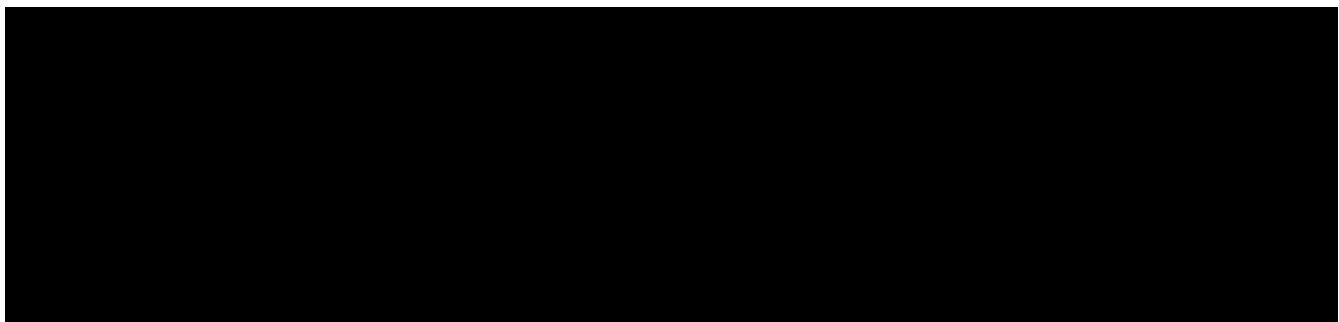
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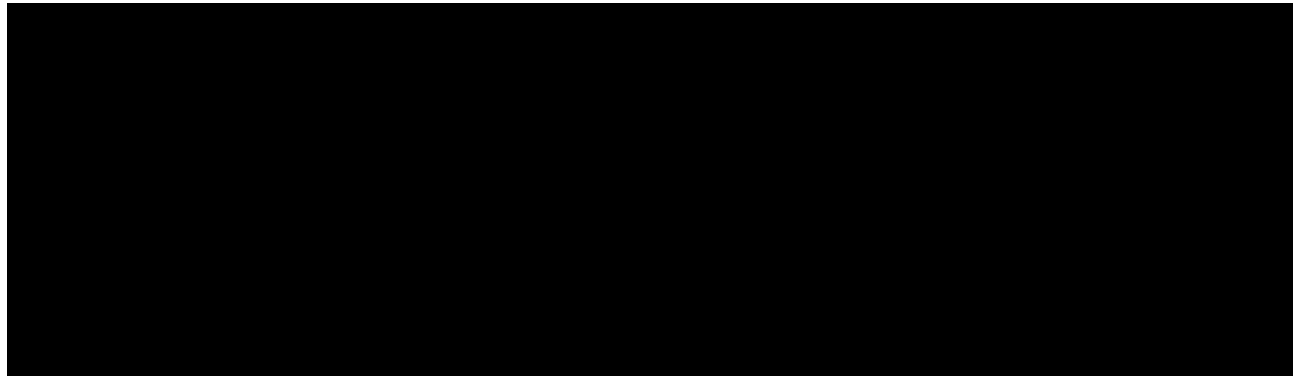
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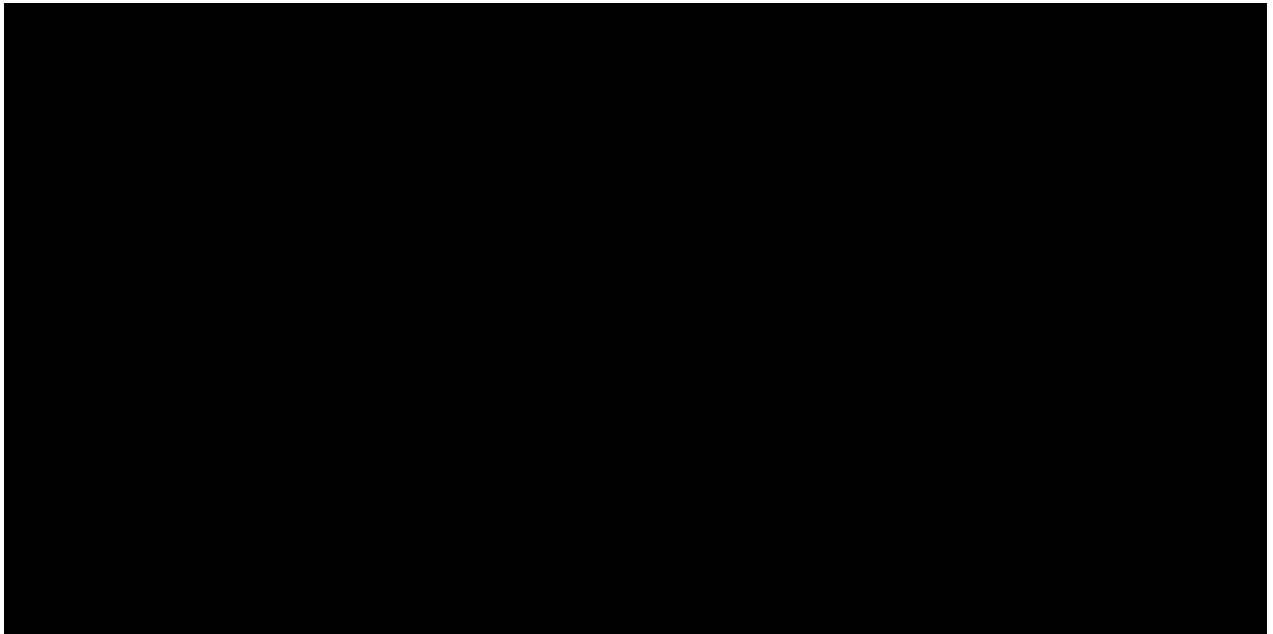
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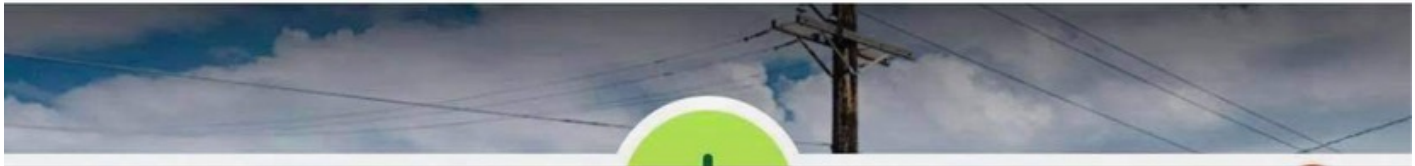
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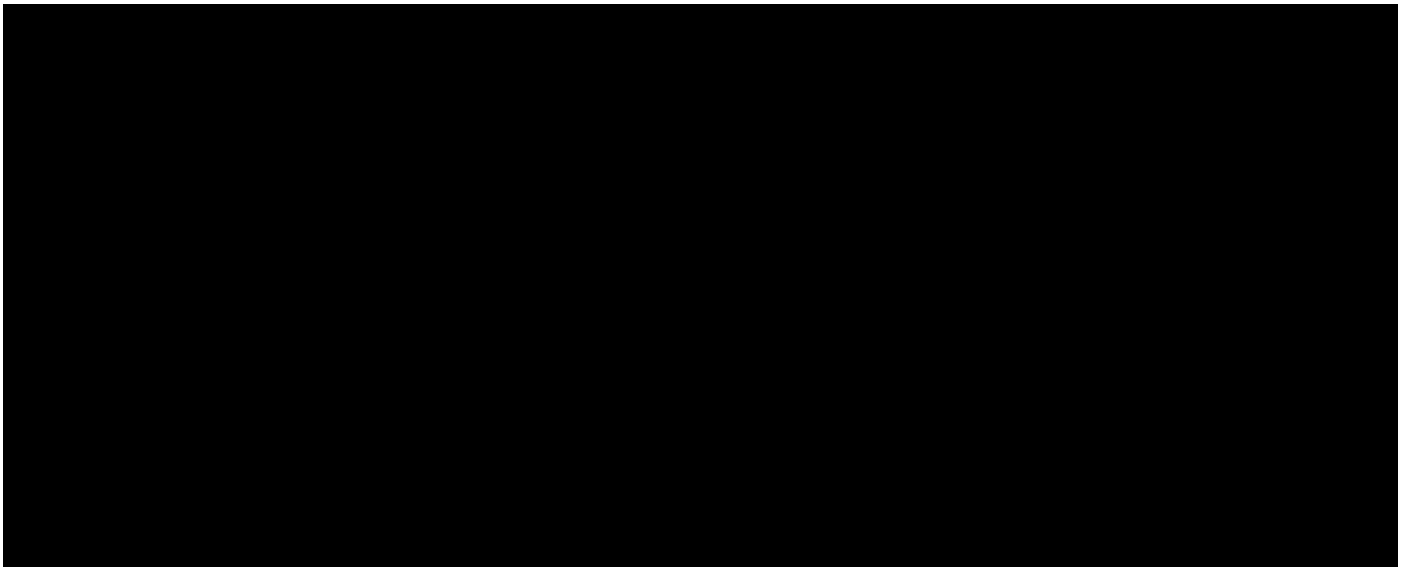
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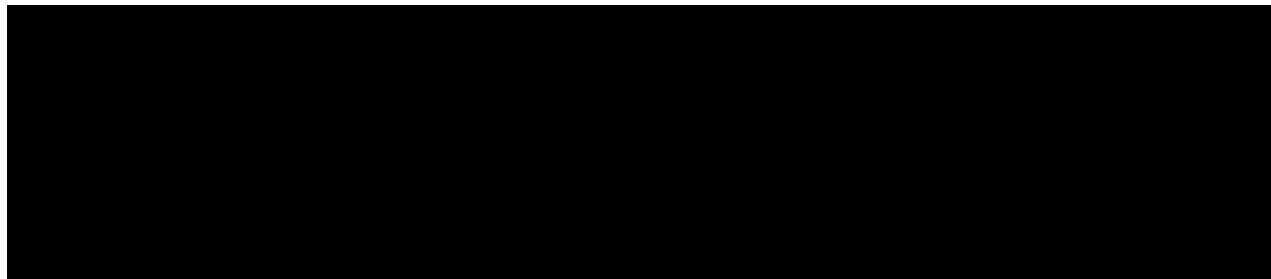
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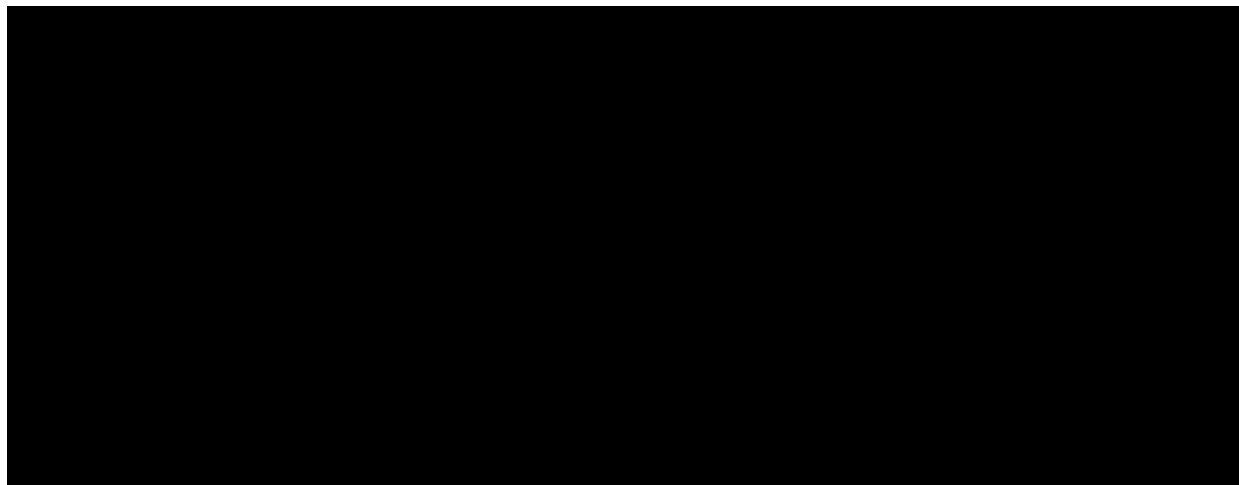
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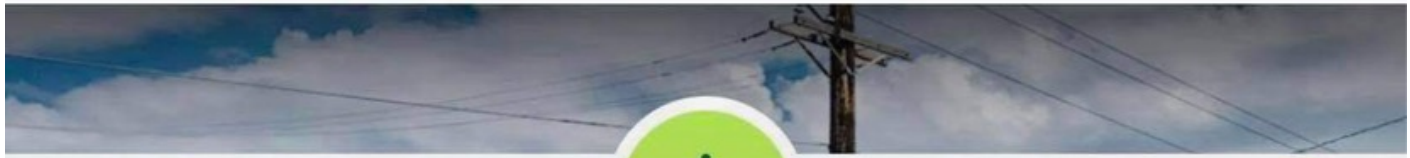
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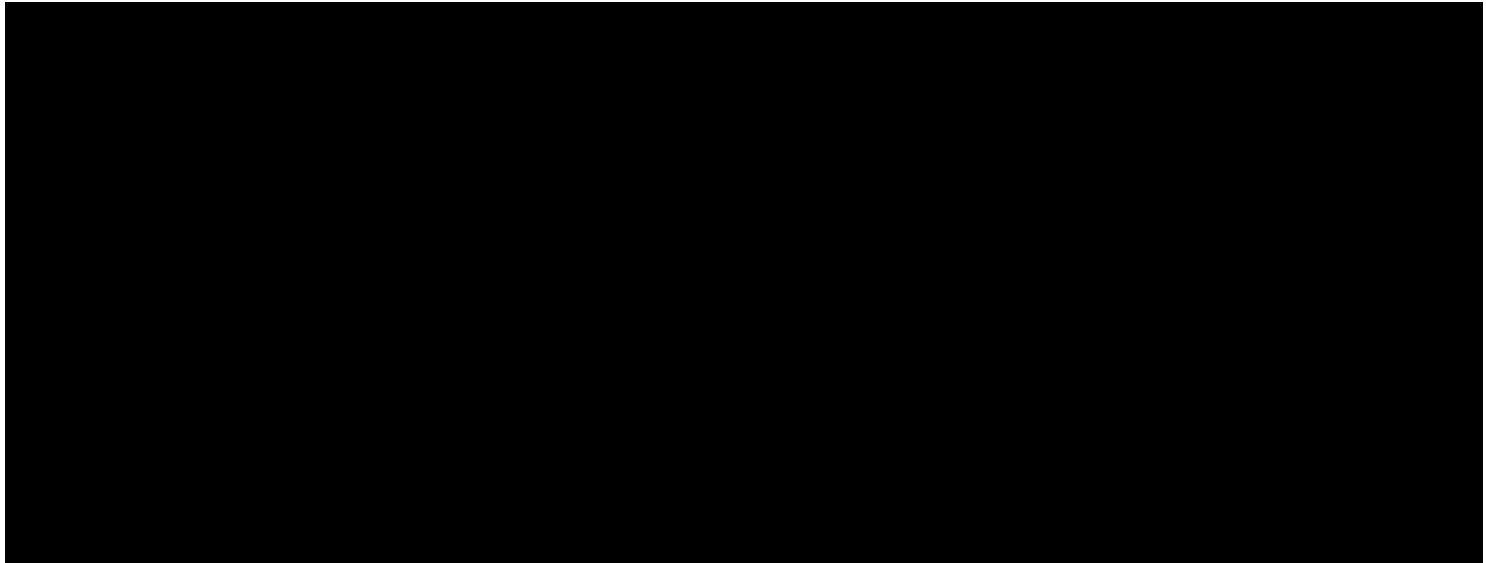
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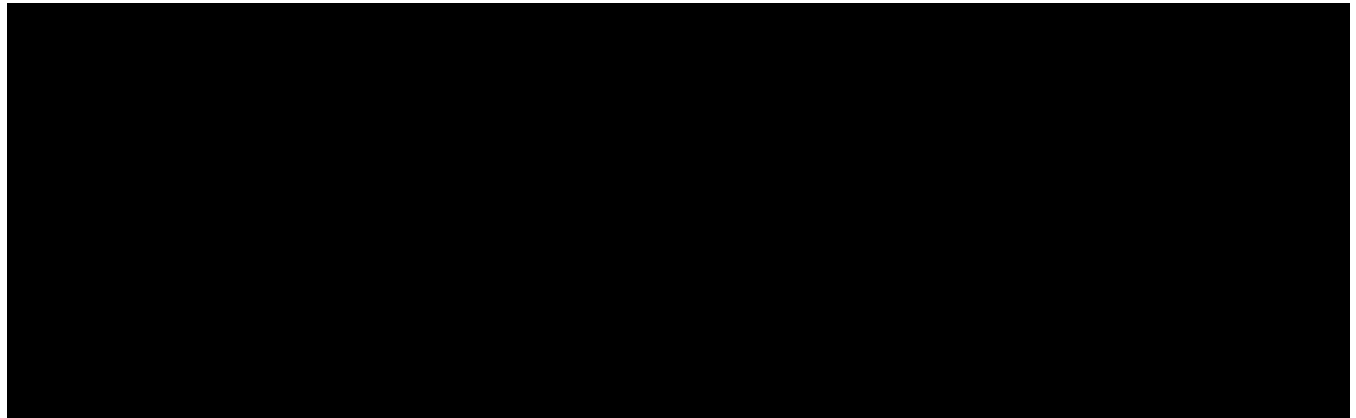
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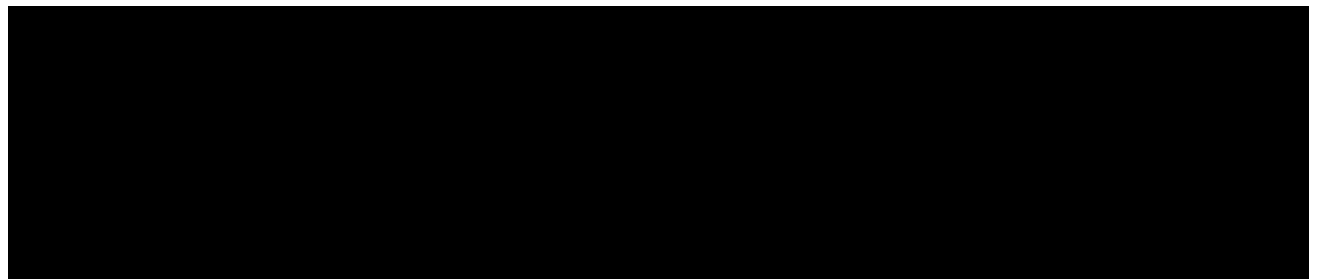
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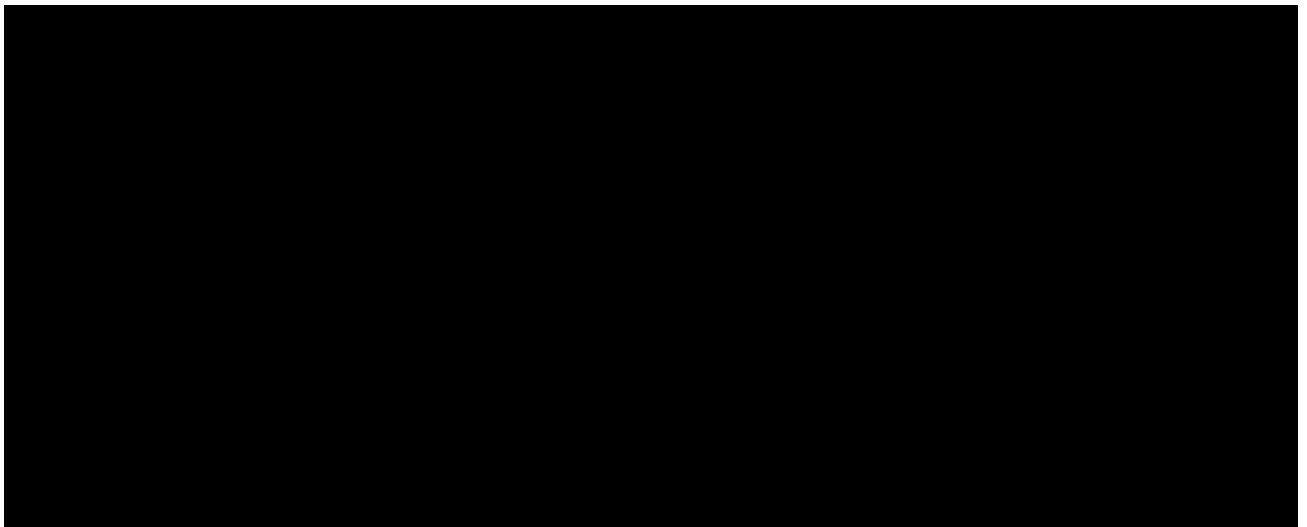
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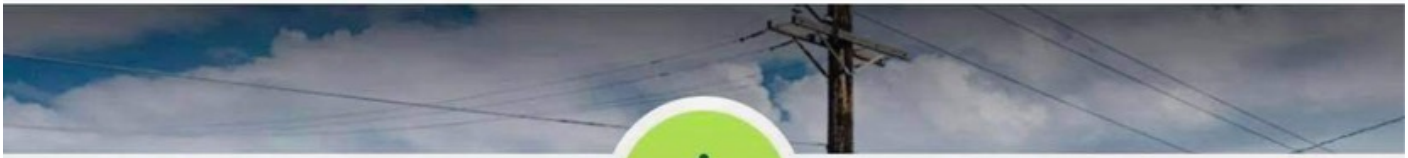
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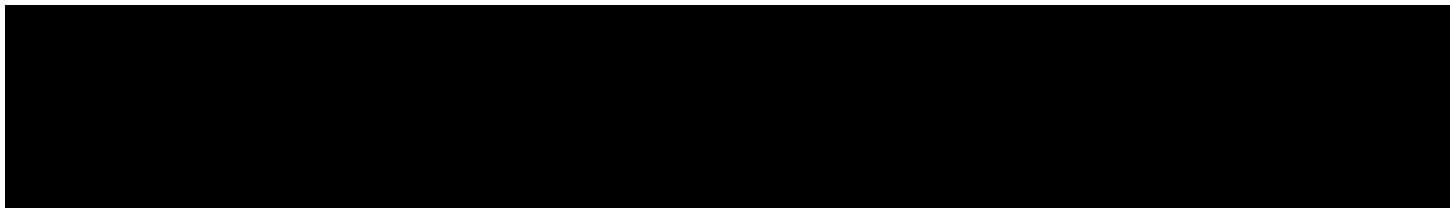
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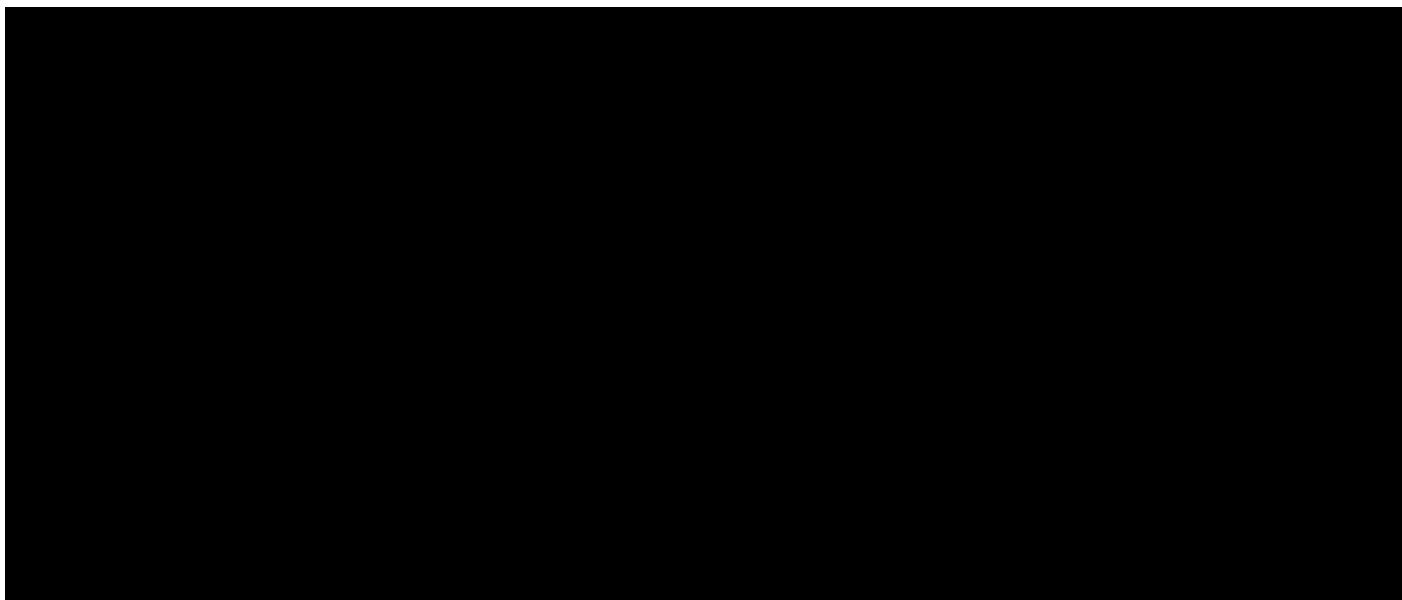
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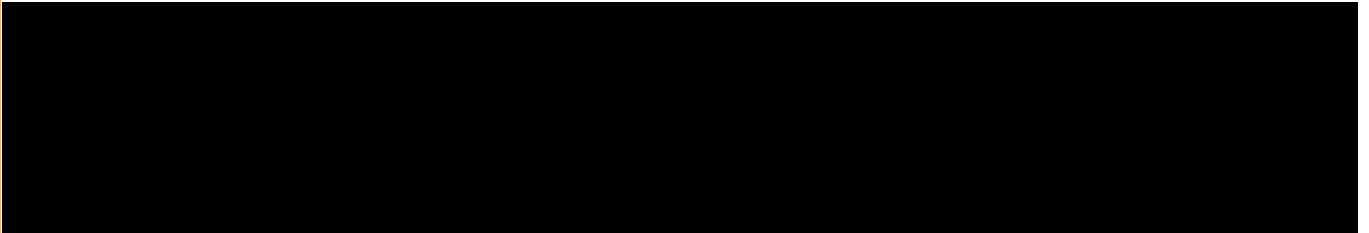
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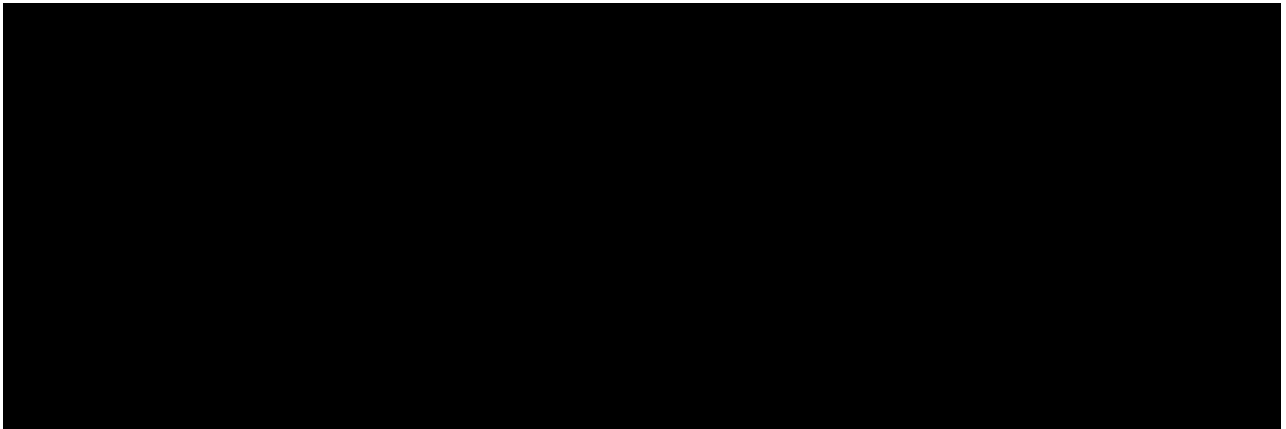
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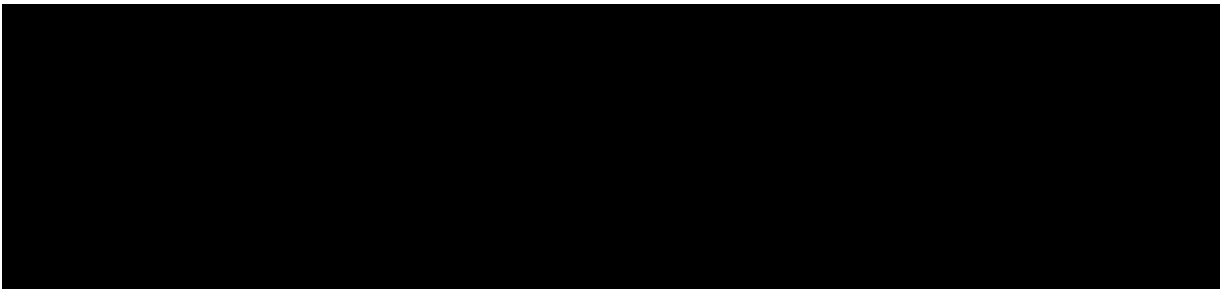
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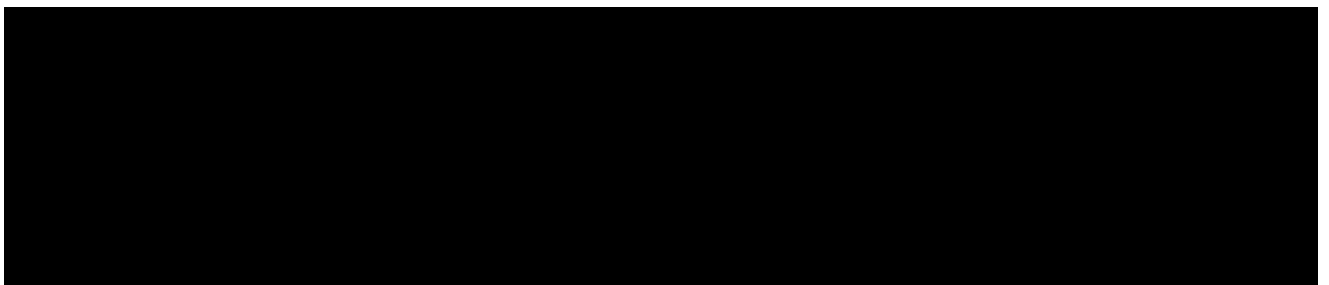
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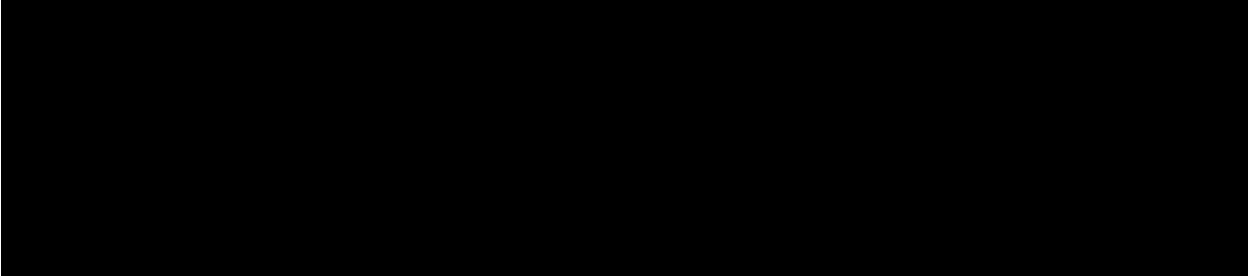
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On May 25, 2022, at 3:41 PM, Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org> wrote:

All,

If last night's agenda was to bring as much hate and anger, then blame it on one person then you achieve that. Thanks for the death threats. There was no inclusiveness to be found. I was called everything from the KKK to the father that never loved me and abused me to the mother that neglected me to all the problems that you've had in the world. This is exactly why I will vote no because of the divisiveness that this brings to our society. If you could look beyond the hate and anger you would see that Christians absolutely love who you are not what you do. This is a free country you allowed to do what you want but to try and make people agree with your behavior by screaming and yelling and belittling them, putting them down and name calling won't work it's what actually causes the divisiveness. There was a beautiful elderly woman who tried to explain the health risks associated with specific lifestyles put out by our government the CDC (<https://www.cdc.gov/msmhealth/for-your-health.htm>) but the taunting crowd shouted and yelled at her. Likewise an article by Harvard University (<https://developingchild.harvard.edu/science/deep-dives/lifelong-health/>) goes into detail on developing a child's lifelong health and nowhere does it discuss sexuality. Every culture and every psychologist out there knows that the longer a child keeps their innocence the better off they are in adulthood when it comes to sexuality. My point is that children are extremely impressionable and will literally become who you want them to be. When I say that I don't like the bar scene and I think it's an unhealthy lifestyle and I wish my children to stay away from it, is not hate speech. Also, stating that marriage is a healthier lifestyle than sleeping around is not hate speech either it's a fact. There was also a veteran Navy man who stepped up to talk and I could've had an incredible conversation with him for hours on end but that was never to happen because the crowd began to scream and shout once again. It was embarrassing to see the fanning of the flames and stoking of the crowd that showed it was full of rage and anger thanks to the current and former committee chair that lit the fuse. Claiming that your hate is justified because of your perception that I'm filled with hate is the problem because it's projection. Also, some enraged person called me a KKK member and wanted to pop my genitalia last night, this doesn't cause me to become angry, because first off it's not true and secondly I can tell that he has suffered serious abuse to want to abuse others. Bottom line, last night could've been completely avoided if anyone had the guts to call me and ask me about my thoughts and or my position on policy and politics, but then that might've solved the problem and you wouldn't have had the circus that you had last night. You can disagree with me all you want and we can have a discussion about that but that's just it there will be no discussion from the side showed up last night. We witnessed from the community that is supposed to be of love and understanding, the complete opposite as we were shouted and called names and had to have a police escort to our cars. It was an echo chamber for anyone and everyone that had been a victim at any time in their life, which we all have been, and brought it to the podium and unleashed it on one single person who you have made out to be some kind of scapegoat. Pride leadership of Cincinnati was there and literally blamed his father's abuse on me and the entire city of Cheviot claiming that until the city accepts his behavior he will not be satisfied. Think for a minute, to need the entire city or society to accept you for who you are or you will never be happy? I really feel bad for him because he will find out as I did it will never happen. The bully tactics used against others who have a difference of opinion and ideology was on full display last night. Hawk Sam and Kim I hope you understand the light of this brought to our city which was completely unnecessary and an attempt to shame/bully lawmakers for your personal agenda. You brought all left-wing radical Saul Alinsky ideologies which

are to crush and destroy anyone with opposing ideas. This is how you tear apart a nation by dividing them into groups and singling out the ones that disagree with and destroy them. Thank you “cancel culture” and “wokeness” you had a great night.

In then end I hold no malice or contempt for you and as my wife told me she is praying for everyone and so will I.

Sincerely

Brian Smyth
[513.888.1538](tel:513.888.1538)
Cheviot City Council

On May 24, 2022, at 5:08 PM, Stefanie Hawk <shawk@cheviot.org> wrote:

Council,

Attached is the agenda for tonights meeting. I apologize for late delivery and will have hard copies available. I have been traveling with family the last few days and forgot to take my laptop with me, and I just got back in town late this afternoon.

Hopefully we can have a productive meeting tonight.

Sincerely,

--

Stefanie Hawk
Cheviot City Council
Member At-Large

8:09 ↗



Done

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Brian P. Smyth  →  RESIDENTS... 

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CRITICAL MEETING EVERYONE MUST ATTEND**TUESDAY MAY 24 - 7:00pm Cheviot City Hall**

If you have ever been remotely concerned about your city then you must attend this meeting. this is a special committee meeting called for to discuss a resolution brought forth by the only on elected official on city Council. The resolution and this councilmember want to dedicate the city of Cheviot for the month of June LGBTQ+ month. I promise you if this goes forward there will be half naked debauchery led parades in the streets as well as replacing the American flag with the Rainbow flag. If you don't believe me Just look at what I did to the city of Cincinnati. this is part of the grooming process for our families and children it has to stop

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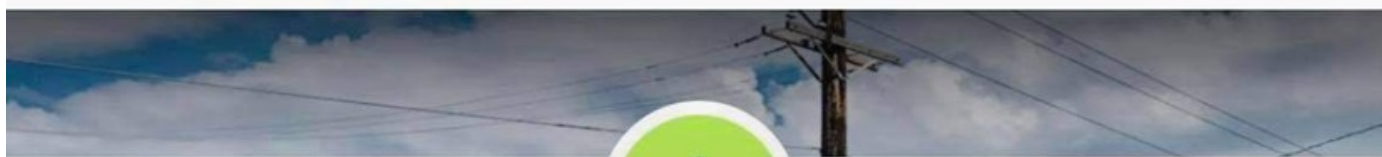
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Subject: "grooming" comments

From: Patrick Coffield <patrick.coffield@gmail.com>

Date: 5/26/2022, 12:43 PM

To: bsmyth@cheviot.org

Mr. Smyth,

I know that right now the car right is mistakenly using the term "grooming" a lot. I see that you e used it in relation to pride month being declared in Cheviot. That word doesn't mean what you think it does and I figured someone ought to at least tell you.

Grooming is when an individual makes contact with an minor for the purposes of sexually abusing or assaulting them.

Grooming had nothing to do with LGBTQ+ folks at all. Using the term in that manner shows that you aren't fit for city council, or you're just ignorant. I'm hoping it's the latter.

Either way, with your hateful comments concerning LGBTQ+ folks, I'll be sure to bring them up again next election so everyone at least is aware that city council of Cheviot had a transphobic and homophobic person on it's board.

Subject: Re: "grooming" comments
From: Patrick Coffield <patrick.coffield@gmail.com>
Date: 5/27/2022, 7:59 AM
To: Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

Duder, what you're saying is that anyone that is LGBTQ+ wants to groom children for abuse or abuse children. It's false, always has been. Since the freaking 80s right wing nut jobs have claimed this kinda thing and what has history shown us? The very folks that claim LGBTQ+ are trying to abuse children are the ones doing the abusing.

Daily Kos has a series detailing the sexual abuse cases of anti LGBTQ+ politicians with THIRTY parts. A full list if you want to peruse them...

What's hiding in your closet, on your laptop, Mr. Smyth?

Link:

https://m.dailykos.com/history/user/CajsaLilliehook?sort_by=time&sort_direction=asc

On Thu, May 26, 2022, 7:49 PM Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org> wrote:
correction...

Grooming is **when someone builds a relationship, trust and emotional connection with a child or young person so they can manipulate, exploit and abuse them**. Children and young people who are groomed can be sexually abused, exploited or trafficked. Anybody can be a groomer, no matter their age, gender or race.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk> › grooming

What Parents Need to Know About Sexual Grooming | NSPCC

Brian Smyth
513.888.1538
Cheviot City Council

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Subject: Quote Request
From: Ken Schneck <editor@thebuckeyeflame.com>
Date: 5/28/2022, 4:46 PM
To: Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

Greetings Councilmember Smyth –

It would seem we are back again writing another piece about Cheviot.

I wanted to do our due diligence and see if there was anything you wanted to add to your public statement on Facebook, specifically regarding this statement: *“Bottom line, last night could’ve been completely avoided if anyone had the guts to call me and ask me about my thoughts and or my position on policy and politics, but then that might’ve solved the problem and you wouldn’t have had the circus that you had last night.”*

Apart from the meeting and the way things transpired, do you support designated June as Pride Month in Cheviot? If not, how do you reconcile that with past votes to designate other recognitions in your community.

Thanks for considering,
Ken

Ken Schneck, PhD
Editor
[The Buckeye Flame](#)
“igniting LGBTQ+ Ohio”

Professor of Education
Director – [Leadership in Higher Education Program](#)
Baldwin Wallace University

Subject: relink.org - May Newsletter
From: "relink.org" <info@relink.org>
Date: 5/31/2022, 11:04 AM
To: bsmyth@cheviot.org

May 2022

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Verse of the month

"But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

Empower: *Learn & Grow*

Youth Counseling proves to be the most needed in Ohio

Family Resources - Search Utilization 5-20_ Chart 1.png

In April 2022, relink.org added Family Resource Services. Since the launch, we have made 2009 community resource connections. Youth counseling proves to be an area of great need. We will continue to track the data on these new services to determine the greatest needs throughout the state. If you provide any family resource services, please contact our Statewide Data Coordinator, Bill Picha, at wpicha@relink.org.

Visit relink.org

Connect: *Outreach & Education*

Since May is Mental Health Awareness Month, relink.org would like to highlight our Behavioral Health category on needs.relink.org. We have over 2000 providers divided between Treatment, Counseling, and Emergency Hotlines in Behavioral Health. This is absolutely vital because 1 in 5 adults experiences mental illness. In Ohio alone, over 2 million adults are affected by mental illness so far in 2022. The estimated number of adults with serious suicidal thoughts is over 11.4 million - **an increase of 664,000 people from last year.**

If you or someone you know is experiencing mental illness, go to needs.relink.org and click on behavioral health for resources. If you have any events coming up around this topic,

please email bhall@relink.org. We would love to share your event details on our social media.

On May 12th, The Dalton Foundation and relink.org hosted a webinar called Special Considerations for the Reentry Population When Discussing SUD. Ruchelle Pride from the [Office of Justice Policy and Programs](#) and Dr. Bryan Borland from [Basecamp Recovery Center](#) in Columbus shared some great information regarding cutting-edge programs being launched in Franklin County to help individuals coming out of jail and prison thrive and avoid the pitfalls of falling back into an addictive pattern. With fentanyl-laced drugs being more and more common, the population reentering is especially vulnerable to overdose and death. We hope you have a moment to listen to this recording that discusses this cutting-edge work.

Watch the video below to learn from Dr. Borland and Ruchelle Pride

[Special Considerations for SUD Treatment in Pregnancy and Adolescence Webinar](#)

Community Impact

Find Local Organizations for Clothing and Donations

The weather is getting warmer and it is time to go through and clean out the house. Have you ever thought where should I donate clothes I am not wearing, or furniture we are replacing? What non profits take women's clothes and which ones take men's? You can easily find this information in relink.org. Simply go to our website and click on Find Resources Now. You can then put in your zip code, choose a mile radius and click on Basic Needs. In a few simple clicks you can find a place to rehome your goods, for others who are in need. You can even print off a list. We all want items that we are not using anymore to go to someone who will be blessed to receive them, and relink.org can help make that happen.

Clothing Donation

"I recently was discouraged when I loaded up several bags of clothing my kids had outgrown and drove them to a local nonprofit, just to find out that they could not accept them right now. It was a process getting the clothes in the car, plus loading up my kids to make the donation. I did not know where else to take them, so I turned around to go back home when I remembered relink.org. A friend of mine had mentioned in Bible study a few weeks prior that you could find nonprofits to give to through the website. I pulled up relink.org on my phone and found another place I could take them to and called them quickly to see if they were accepting donations. They were! I was so thankful that I did not have to go home and unload items or spend time googling a bunch of places." ~Jessica K.

Restore: *Information*

Human Trafficking Resources

Ohio is among the top ten states with the highest rates of human trafficking, according to a report by the Ohio Attorney General. In 2020, there were a total of 149 potential human trafficking victims, including 146 potential victims of sex trafficking and 3 potential victims of labor trafficking.

The relink.org team had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Celia Williamson, who is the Executive Director of The Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute of the University of Toledo. Dr. Williamson founded the first anti-trafficking program in Ohio in 1993 and opened the Human Trafficking and Social Institute in 2015 to further the mission of combating human trafficking and supporting victims through research, education, and engagement.

The Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute provides several programs and initiatives that help in the prevention of human trafficking. The following resources are affiliated with and endorsed by the Institute.

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Subject: Cheviot Pride Month

From: "Dan" <Dan1el@fuse.net>

Date: 6/3/2022, 12:16 PM

To: <skeller@cheviot.org>, <ksmyth@cheviot.org>, <bsmyth@cheviot.org>, <dvoss@cheviot.org>

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Let me be clear. This is not an anti LGBTQ rant. I frankly don't care if someone is or is not. It is none of my business, until you throw it in my face. Communities are built by blending in, people living and working together. Elevating one subgroup over all others is not blending in. There is no justifiable reason for a municipality to celebrate someone's sexual proclivities. Cheviot does not need a "Pride Month" to be welcoming. I have neighbors, customers, and probably friends in the LGBTQ+ community. I cannot be sure how many, because *it is not a topic of discussion*. If they were not already feeling welcome, they would not be living, working, and doing business here.

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Cheviot has other more important quality of life issues that are not being addressed! I suggest that Cheviot become a leader instead of a follower, and say NO. No Pride declarations, proclamations, or flags on city property.

Dan Luers

Subject: WCPO Request - Monday
From: "Otilie, Madeline" <Madeline.Otilie@wcpo.com>
Date: 6/1/2022, 11:19 AM
To: "bsmyth@cheviot.org" <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

Hi Councilmember Smyth,

I hope you're doing well. I'm a reporter with WCPO.

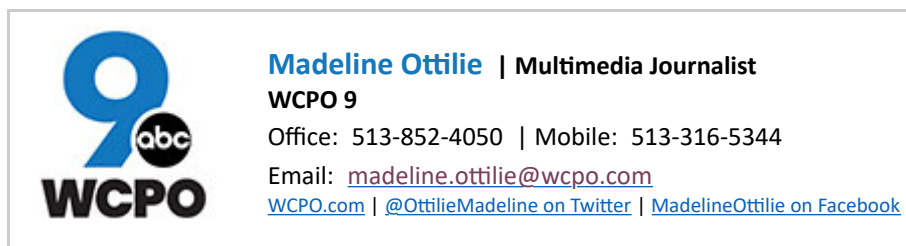
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Best,

Madeline



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From: "Dan" <Dan1el@fuse.net>
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To: <council2k14@cheviot.org>

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From: "Otilie, Madeline" <Madeline.Otilie@wcpo.com>
Date: 6/6/2022, 10:20 AM
To: "bsmyth@cheviot.org" <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

Hi Councilmember Smyth,

I hope you're doing well! I'm just following up to see if you had any comment on this ahead of the meeting. We'll be previewing the council vote tomorrow and discussing the committee meeting.

If so, please let me know by the end of the day to meet our deadline. Thank you!

Best,

Madeline



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From: Otilie, Madeline <Madeline.Otilie@wcpo.com>
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 11:19 AM
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Subject: Cheviot Pride Demonstration June 7th, 2022
From: david voss <dvoss@cheviot.org>
Date: 6/4/2022, 12:41 PM
To: "council2k14@cheviot.org" <council2k14@cheviot.org>

06-04-2022

Council and Administration:

I received a text relative a planned demonstration at the council meeting on June 7th, 2022. It is being sponsored by the supporters of Cheviot Pride.

David W. Voss

Subject: RE: Tuesday Pride Vote
From: "Kathleen Zech" <kzech@cheviot.org>
Date: 6/7/2022, 11:43 AM
To: "'Brian P Smyth'" <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

Brian,

I pray every night that God guides me to do what is best for the People and City Of Cheviot. Not what is best for me, or my friends, my political party, but what is best for Cheviot!! I took an oath to do just that! I take it very seriously. I consider, listen and research so I can understand the problem at hand. I have worked all these many years to keep our Cheviot a family friendly safe City.

As you say, Cheviot has always been welcoming to all walks of life and has never had a real problem. At least, not until recently when you initiated and invited this controversy to our City with your posts on all forms of Social Media.

I am no expert, but I believe the Gay Community is a segment of our society that, for the most part, are just trying to live their lives as God made them. From the research that I have done, I find that science has proved that most people of this persuasion are born this way. They have a different make up than heterosexuals. The only thing different about them and you is their sexuality, that is wired into them from birth.

I believe God made us all, God loves us all and I don't believe God makes mistakes!
So I try to accept all, - as God made them, - not insist that they be just like me.
Christian Moral values dictate that we not judge all members of a given community for the actions of a few.

The only thing that is asked of us is to recognize June as "Pride Month" in the City, as it is pretty much acknowledged globally.
They are not asking that we allow debauchery in the streets, or any of the sorted things you researched and described in your email. They were not even asking to have a Parade – (although, you may have made that a possibility). Negative actions always cause re-actions.

As you say, "AS LAWMAKERS WE SHOULD NOT DIVIDE OUR PEOPLE....."
Boy! Do I agree with that!

I, too, have heard from many, many residents on this issue and other controversies you have been involved in. The Residents, (both Democrats and Republicans) feel this is definitely having a negative effect on how Cheviot is viewed and that your actions are causing the divide and discord in the City that they love.

You have the capabilities to be such an asset to Cheviot. You have so much energy! If only you dedicated your energies more toward promoting the positives first, rather than what you view as the negatives.

Very Sincerely,
Kit

From: Brian P Smyth [mailto:bsmyth@cheviot.org]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2022 6:40 PM
To: kitty zech <kzech@cheviot.org>
Subject: Tuesday Pride Vote

Kitty,

I have received multiple phone calls from local churches as well as residents that find it morally reprehensible for council to dedicate the city to a groups sexual desire and behavior. Also one church said that they were going to speak to legal counsel because the resolution includes religious groups. News articles and social media have been highlighting the debauchery and violent behavior that LGBTQ have been involved in across the country. Police have been called to many establishments in order to remove children from the presence of drag queen shows. Texas house rep Bryan Slaton is currently drafting legislation to ban drag shows in the presence of a minor.

Every pride parade around the country displays drag shows of half naked men and promoting sexual acts which is totally inappropriate for children.

The transgender part of LGBTQ is another huge problem as we are watching men physically destroy women in every sport for obvious reasons. A current MMA trans fighter almost killed a woman then screamed and warned all women he/she is coming for them. This is not the example we want to set for our families.

Cheviot has always been welcoming to all walks of life and has never had a problem. Cheviot has many church's in and around our city limits. It would absolutely be wrong if we on council promoted an ideology that is against the basic Christian moral values. the term "Pride" is number one of the 7 deadly sins and it is the cause of all the others. Pride violates the first commandment "Thou shalt have no other gods before me"

As lawmakers we should not divide our people and this proposed resolution is extremely divisive.

I pray that God gives us all on council the strength to stand together and keep our city a family friendly safe city.

Thank you

Brian Smyth
513.888.1538
Cheviot City Council

Subject: Thank you for standing up
From: Brian Ezell <brian.ezell@protonmail.com>
Date: 6/7/2022, 2:37 PM
To: "bsmyth@cheviot.org" <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

Mr. Smyth,

I wanted to send a note of encouragement to you about your willingness to stand for Truth in the face of insanity with regard to the Pride Month vote for Cheviot.

Don't back down on this issue and proudly vote NO on the resolution tonight. I pray that others will join you and this is stopped.

Regards,
Brian Ezell
513-444-5076

Subject: RE: Tuesday Pride Vote
From: "Kathleen Zech" <kzech@cheviot.org>
Date: 6/7/2022, 12:48 PM
To: "'Brian P Smyth'" <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

By recognizing that they exist is by no means promoting a life style.

From: Brian P Smyth [mailto:bsmyth@cheviot.org]
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2022 12:06 PM
To: Kathleen Zech <kzech@cheviot.org>
Subject: Re: Tuesday Pride Vote

Kitty

I promoted and championed the skirt game that raises up to \$1 million for children and families of Delhi. I did not bring the hate and anger to the city.

We are all free to live our lives how we choose nobody is questioning that whatsoever but I will not as a lawmaker promote that lifestyle. I lived in that world in Hollywood for decades and I know a lot about that lifestyle. this is also why we decided to move here to Cheviot because it's better environment to raise your children.

As a Christian it is absolutely clear in the Bible what pride is; I will follow God's direction for my family with no judgment towards others.

Brian Smyth
513.888.1538
Cheviot City Council

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Date: 6/7/2022, 5:31 PM
To: "'Brian P Smyth'" <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

No one is asking that u like them, they are asking that we at least try to understand.

From: Brian P Smyth [mailto:bsmyth@cheviot.org]
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2022 12:51 PM
To: Kathleen Zech <kzech@cheviot.org>
Subject: Re: Tuesday Pride Vote

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On Jun 7, 2022, at 12:48 PM, Kathleen Zech <kzech@cheviot.org> wrote:

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From: Brian P Smyth [<mailto:bsmyth@cheviot.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2022 12:06 PM
To: Kathleen Zech <kzech@cheviot.org>
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From: Kerry Smyth <coachkerrys@gmail.com>
Date: 6/7/2022, 8:01 AM
To: Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

I sent this to Voss:

Hey David, I'd like to go over a few things so that the meeting can run smoothly in the rare possibility that things don't go the way they normally do with the LGBTQ resolution:

Remember that all resolutions are:

- 1.) Motioned to be Introduced
- 2.) Seconded
- 3.) Voice voted to approve introduction
- 4.) Discussed
- 5.) Motioned for adoption
- 6.) Seconded
- 7.) Voice voted for adoption

There is a slim chance that some curveballs might be thrown at you and I'd really like for you to be ready for them:

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5.) After discussion, you'll need a motion to adopt, a second and a voice vote. Brian MAY then request from you a roll-call vote before announcing passage. This isn't to prevent it from passing but to get names on the record of who voted yea and nay.

let me know if you have any questions!
thanks,

Kerry

On Mon, Jun 6, 2022 at 7:21 PM Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org> wrote:

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Date: 6/7/2022, 2:48 PM

To: "BSmyth@Cheviot.org" <BSmyth@Cheviot.org>

Mr Smyth, You are entitled to your opinion regarding pride celebrations & I support you. You are not the only person who feels it's inappropriate. By opposing the celebration you are not being homophobic, you have the right to your opinion according to your conscience.

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Cheviot pride month
From: Sharon Auciello <sharon.auciello@gmail.com>
Date: 6/7/2022, 12:13 PM
To: bsmyth@cheviot.org

Bryan,

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God help us!

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Thank you for your fight against this matter!

God Bless You,

Sharon
Sent from my iPad

Subject: Re: Pride Resolution

From: firstname lastname <ksmyth@cheviot.org>

Date: 6/7/2022, 4:11 PM

To: Lindsay Jones <ljones@cheviot.org>, Kathleen Zech <kzech@cheviot.org>, council2k14@cheviot.org

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From: Kerry Smyth <coachkerrys@gmail.com>
Date: 6/6/2022, 7:14 PM
To: Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

Is this a letter you sent to a bunch of people?

On Mon, Jun 6, 2022 at 6:42 PM Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org> wrote:

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513.888.1538
Cheviot City Council

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Date: 6/7/2022, 12:58 PM

To: <council2k14@cheviot.org>

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Subject: Re: Cheviot
From: firstname lastname <ksmyth@cheviot.org>
Date: 6/8/2022, 5:48 AM
To: Sharon Auciello <sharon.auciello@gmail.com>
CC: firstname lastname <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

Mrs. Auciello,

I should have included the emails of those who DID vote yes so that you can be sure to email them as well. Here they are:

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To be clear, I supported Brian on this for a variety of reasons. Cheviot is and always has been a very welcoming city for everyone, including LGBT members. Even former Councilwoman Gail Griffin, a lesbian herself, said so. There was never a reason for Cheviot to declare June "Pride Month." If there were, Councilwoman Griffin could have certainly motioned to do so during her tenure on Council. She didn't. The mayor could have made a proclamation. In his decades in office, he never did.

The stated reason for making this resolution was to counteract the public statement of one single council member (Brian Smyth) who criticized the attempt by the LGBT community to cancel the Delhi Skirts Game fundraiser. He never brought the issue to Council. His criticism was done on social media only. He has the right to do that.

In fact, in the 5 months Brian has been on Council, he has never made a single motion or comment in any meetings that would indicate that he has an agenda against the LGBT community. For Councilwoman Hawk to introduce a resolution as an attack by the City of Cheviot on Brian was wrong and a disservice to her assertion that this was about a goodwill gesture to that community. It also dragged the rest of Council and the city into an issue that didn't exist beyond of a few outside grievances towards Brian. It created chaos in the city. Let me be clear here - the chaos and division was caused by Ms. Hawk dragging all of Council and the city into an unneeded resolution.

She wanted all of council to be on the record of where they stand on the "Brian" issue, and used an angry mob, mostly made up of non-Cheviot residents to coerce the other's votes.

And now there is a great new divide in Cheviot. Everyone I've talked to believes it was caused by Brian. Looks like Ms. Hawk's tactics worked, but it was to the great detriment to the city of Cheviot.

I too am disgusted, but not for the reasons the mob would think.
I'm disgusted in the way Ms. Hawk introduced the resolution. She could have just read it as a goodwill gesture. She introduced it as an attack on Mr. Smyth.
I'm disgusted at the way Ms. Hawk ran her committee meeting about it.

I'm disgusted with the bullying of the LGBT community.

I'm disgusted that most of the pressure to pass this came from people outside of Cheviot.

I'm disgusted that a member of council got heckled for saying "I'm sort-of for it," and then watched in real time as she was pressured into revising that statement into "I'm totally for it" to placate the mob.

I'm disgusted that in my absence, President Pro Tempore David Voss was incorrectly told he has no vote on the matter. He does.

I'm disgusted that members of our Council didn't see this for what it was - a personal attack on a fellow council member. I fear this will only get worse.

Sincerely,

Kerry Smyth
President of Council
City of Cheviot

On June 7, 2022 10:50 PM Sharon Auciello <sharon.auciello@gmail.com> wrote:

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Disgusted,

Sharon

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Re: Cheviot

From: Lindsay Jones <ljones@cheviot.org>

Date: 6/8/2022, 9:41 AM

To: jeilermann@cheviot.org, Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

CC: council2k14@cheviot.org

Yes, I received the same email. It seems it was copied and pasted with just the name changed according to who it was being sent to.

On June 8, 2022 7:27 AM jeilermann@cheviot.org wrote:

Did you get this same email? Seems odd she would call me out by name.

On June 8, 2022 7:19 AM Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org> wrote:

thank you Jen I'm getting blown up right now with a lot of those emails as well

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On Jun 8, 2022, at 8:11 AM, jeilermann@cheviot.org wrote:

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J.

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From: Sharon Auciello <sharon.auciello@gmail.com>

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From: Courtney Wheaton <cswheaton@sbgvtv.com>
Date: 6/8/2022, 1:55 PM
To: Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

So you just aren't going to answer questions? I know who did vote yes already. They weren't the ones who made the comments.

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From: Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 8:27:16 AM
To: Courtney Wheaton <cswheaton@sbgvtv.com>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Questions Local 12

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Courtney

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On May 23, 2022, at 2:14 PM, Courtney Wheaton <cswheaton@sbgvtv.com> wrote:

Do you feel that your comments will alienate some of the people you represent? why or why not?

In Cincinnati they didn't replace one flag with the other. Do you think it's important to be factual when providing statements to the public?

The resolution is symbolic for equality , but doesn't actually change much. Do you feel that your posts can invoke fear or creating division?

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Subject: Re: Thank you for standing up
From: Brian Ezell <brian.ezell@protonmail.com>
Date: 6/8/2022, 10:28 AM
To: Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

Thank you, Brian.

Would you be open to meeting up in the near future? I would just like to know more about how you got elected to city council and how you can influence things.

I lived in Cheviot/Bridgetown for 10 years but have since moved to Delhi and would like to see how I can get involved in my local politics.

Let me know!

Thanks,
Brian
513-444-5076

On Wed, Jun 8, 2022 at 8:22 AM, Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org> wrote:

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On Jun 7, 2022, at 3:44 PM, Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org> wrote:

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Don't back down on this issue and proudly vote NO on the resolution tonight. I pray that others will join you and this is stopped.



Regards,
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Subject: Re: Pride Resolution

From: Kimberlee Erdman Rohr <krohr@cheviot.org>

Date: 6/7/2022, 6:01 PM

To: Lindsay Jones <ljones@cheviot.org>

CC: Kathleen Zech <kzech@cheviot.org>, council2k14@cheviot.org

On Jun 7, 2022, at 3:57 PM, Lindsay Jones <ljones@cheviot.org> wrote:

Thanks for sharing Kitty! I emphatically agree with much of what you have said! I will follow suit and have attached my reply below. I have bolded a sentence that I did not bold in my reply to Brian but I feel is the most important part of the whole email.....

Hey Brian!

I can understand the religious community's concerns surrounding pride month. But, my own understanding and interpretation of God's teachings have been that it is not my place to judge and that I am supposed to be kind, loving, accepting, etc. of every human life. Judgement comes for each of us when we leave this world and there are plenty of ways to sin or live one's life in sin. IF LGBTQ pride is a sin of damnation, I don't get to decide that.

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we do with our body parts... I've heard you speak a couple times about how much you love and care for your wife and I believe that would be really upsetting to you too. Relationships and marriages are so much more than that.

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Lindsay

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Date: 6/8/2022, 8:10 AM
To: "council2k14@cheviot.org" <council2k14@cheviot.org>

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From: Sherri Owens <sowens@zoomtown.com>
Date: 6/8/2022, 9:01 AM
To: Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

So disappointed in those who voted yes. I have to wonder if any of them have ever witnessed a gay pride parade in person. I have! Disgusting!! I WILL absolutely email those who voted yes. Thank you for sending the list. Don't give up!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 8, 2022, at 8:31 AM, Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org> wrote:

Sherri

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On May 6, 2022, at 8:04 AM, Sherri Owens <sowens@zoomtown.com> wrote:

I inadvertently sent an email to Kerry instead of to you concerning the channel 9 news story stating that you had used an unacceptable 'slur.' I just want you to be aware of the fact that many of us find it completely impossible to 'keep up' with the current terms that are added every day to the 'unacceptable terms' that we are supposedly no longer 'allowed' to use. Free speech still exists in my opinion and those who are so easily offended simply need to 'get over themselves.' We (my husband and I) are behind you on this. Just wanted you to know

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Re: We support u!
From: David Rogers <patriot198130@yahoo.com>
Date: 6/8/2022, 8:33 AM
To: Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

Thanks for the update Brian. I wish you would have called me. My advice would have been to claim you were elected by the taxpayers and therefore you make a motion to put it on the ballot and let the taxpayers decide.

That way you get the monkey off your back and I'm pretty sure it would have went down in flames. Btw....I'm not surprised at all by Kitty's vote, she always votes whichever way the wind is blowing.

Thanks,

David Rogers

On Wednesday, June 8, 2022, 8:24 AM, Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org> wrote:

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On May 25, 2022, at 2:21 PM, David Rogers <patriot198130@yahoo.com> wrote:



[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

On Wednesday, May 25, 2022, 1:18 PM, Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org> wrote:

David

Thank you so much for your support I will call you here shortly

Brian Smyth
513.888.1538
Cheviot City Council

> On May 25, 2022, at 12:06 PM, David Rogers

<patriot198130@yahoo.com> wrote:

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> Hi Brian

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> I was an elected Cheviot Councilman (2x) and negotiated labor contracts with all the unions and finance chair. I was also President of the Cheviot Republican club for a number of years and then ran for Mayor against Laumann & lostwe now live out in Indiana

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> My family and I support you, and I know how you can beat the opposition your facing. Please call me and we can discuss

>

> Thanks,

>

> David Rogers

> C: 812-350-0079

Subject: Re: Council meeting.
From: Dennis Owens <dwowens44@gmail.com>
Date: 6/8/2022, 8:55 AM
To: Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

Brian, thanks for the updated detail. It is shameful that they caved to the mob, though not surprising. They surely do not represent the citizens to whom they are responsible. Don't give up the fight. Right is often out shouted by such mobs. I still believe there are many who do not approve of this outcome.
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Isn't Voss still on council? Surely he should take a stand. What is their problem? Also, when is the next meeting?

Dennis Owens

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On May 25, 2022, at 3:51 PM, Dennis Owens <dwowens44@gmail.com> wrote:

Brian, we are currently in TN but saw the uproar via Cincinnati Enq.

I appreciate your are taking heat based on your principles and beliefs. I am hopeful that council will not fall victim to the woke attacks.

Question: what obligation does Cheviot residents have to non-residents demands? I always believed that

Council meets concerning it's residents, not the Cincinnati metro area. Meetings, while open, are not held to address greivences of outsiders.

Hang in there, I am positive you are not alone.

Standing for morality is lonely in a country determined to destroy it from the bottom up.

Dennis Owens

On Fri, May 6, 2022, 8:21 AM Dennis Owens <dwowens44@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Brian, I incorrectly sent this to Kerry.

Brian as a Cheviot resident for nearly 40 years I appreciated your response to chanel 9. If you and others in public office cave to the ever changing language of the Woke in our country, it will only invite additional ways their feelings can be hurt. Please encourage fellow councilmen (persons) to avoid being sucked into the silencing of free speech and expression. Be strong.

Dennis Owens

Subject: Fwd: LOOP: Pro-life center in Buffalo firebombed

From: Sherri Owens <sowens@zoomtown.com>

Date: 6/8/2022, 9:43 AM

To: bsmyth@cheviot.org

Mr. Smyth, PLEASE read the 6th article down (*Pride Exposes Kids To Nudity*) from this 'feed' I get regularly. It absolutely reinforces what you (and many other residents of Cheviot) expect to happen now that our community has voted to recognize June as 'Pride Month.'

----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject: LOOP: Pro-life center in Buffalo firebombed

Date: Wed, 08 Jun 2022 02:46:49 -0700

From: The Loop from CatholicVote <theloop@catholicvote.org>

Reply-To: theloop@catholicvote.org

To: Sharon Owens <sowens@zoomtown.com>

 **THE LOOP by CATHOLICVOTE**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

ANOTHER PRO-LIFE CENTER FIREBOMBED Unknown assailants firebombed CompassCare, an upstate New York pro-life care center, on Tuesday. The criminals caused major damage to the building and left behind graffiti that read "Jane was here," which could indicate the attack was an act of terrorism by the pro-abortion group Jane's Revenge. CompassCare CEO Jim Harden said his team's morale remains high, and that he is confident the "people of God" will not allow the center to "remain homeless." CompassCare is accepting donations to recover from the hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage. [READ](#)

DHS WARNS OF UPCOMING VIOLENCE The Department of Homeland Security's National Terrorism Advisory System on Tuesday warned of a worsening "heightened threat environment" in the United States. "In the

coming months, we expect the threat environment to become more dynamic as several high-profile events could be exploited to justify acts of violence against a range of possible targets," the warning stated. Among the department's list of potential targets were public gatherings, faith-based institutions, schools, racial and religious minorities, and "perceived ideological opponents." [READ](#)

MASSIVE MIGRANT CARAVAN A massive migrant caravan, mostly comprised of Venezuelans, is currently making its way toward the U.S.-Mexico border. Authorities near the border are reportedly worried that the group, which plans to enter the United States, could overwhelm the border patrol. Lt. Christopher Olivarez told an interviewer that he is concerned about the "depleted resources from Border Patrol," who "need the extra help ... as far as manpower, technology, and infrastructure." [READ](#)

ADMIN MAY FIRE THOUSANDS OF BORDER AGENTS The Biden administration could terminate thousands of Border Patrol agents for not submitting to COVID shots, despite agencies on the border struggling to manage the gravest illegal migration crisis in national history. A court decision that could come as soon as this Friday may allow the Biden administration to begin firing the border officers. One agent told the Washington Examiner that "dozens and dozens" of his colleagues have already applied for early retirement over the threat of the Biden vax mandate. [READ](#)

POLL: AMERICANS VS. LGBTQ A SAVE poll conducted by YouGov revealed Monday that a majority (63%) of Americans oppose the Education Department's plan to add "gender identity" to "sex" in anti-discrimination law applying to schools. The Biden administration is set to begin forcing schools to comply with the new LGBTQ definition in order to qualify for routine funding such as taxpayer-funded school lunch dollars. The poll also found that 61% of Americans support requiring parental consent before school counselors begin "gender-affirming" guidance for minors. [READ](#)

'PRIDE' EXPOSES KIDS TO NUDITY A column in an online parents' advice magazine admitted that "pride" events are "filled with sights that may be new to kids, like public nudity and kink." The column added that "Pride parades aren't the most sober of places" either, before going on to encourage parents to take their kids to the events. The article also quoted Jenifer McGuire, an associate professor at the University of Minnesota, who said her own children have come to "expect nudity and other surprises" as she takes them to LGBTQ events regularly. [READ](#)

MANDATORY 'DRAG 101' IN K-12 SCHOOLS? California Democratic State Senator Scott Wiener on Tuesday publicly floated the idea of adding "Drag Queen 101" as part of the K-12 curriculum in public schools. "Attending Drag Queen Story Time will satisfy the requirement," he suggested. Wiener in the past pushed to soften sex offender sentences for sodomy with a minor, and advocated for the repeal of a law against deliberately infecting a sexual partner with HIV/AIDS. [READ](#)

EDIFY Prayer is fundamental to our relationship with God. But what is prayer? And how can we pray more effectively? Matthew Leonard explains. [SHARE](#)

MIDDLE OF THE LOOP STORY

BEE PROMOTES CV'S 'HIDE THE PRIDE' "NotTheBee," a news blog run by the crew who operate the famous satire site The Babylon Bee, shared CatholicVote's "Hide the Pride" campaign with its audience Tuesday. Hide the Pride is a parent-led movement to remove inappropriate "Pride" books from the children's section in public libraries across America. CatholicVote has made resources available for anyone to participate, including "a template of a letter that organized groups of parents can send their libraries after all the books have been removed," NotTheBee reported. "It would be totally irresponsible for us to post said template in full for your use, so here it is," they added, and posted the letter. [READ](#)

TEXAS PREPS FOR POST-ROE BABY BOOM The Texas Pregnancy Care Network (TPCN) Executive Director John McNamara says his team is preparing to serve tens of thousands more if the Supreme Court strikes down Roe vs. Wade. Texas is poised to ban virtually all abortions if Roe is removed, which would result in many more baby birthdays. TPCN operates 175 locations across the Lone Star State, including crisis pregnancy centers and maternity homes. "This is not just about saving the baby," said McNamara. "This is about setting young parents up for long-term success in their parenting." [READ](#)

KIDS' DRAG SHOW CANCELED Mayor Jacques Gilbert of Apex, North Carolina, announced Saturday that a children's "Drag Queen Story Hour" had been canceled after locals voiced their disapproval. "...I met with

representatives from the organizations hosting the event, the Apex Festival Commission, and presented the feedback I have received from citizens," he wrote. "Today I was notified that the Apex Festival Commission has taken the feedback into careful consideration and has decided to remove the Drag Queen Story Hour from the event." [READ](#)

CATHOLIC 101 Why is the color green used for ordinary time? Well, first we need to understand something about the word "ordinary." Msgr. Bill King writes: "At its etymological root, the word 'ordinary' has a rich meaning, far beyond the usual understanding of humdrum, commonplace, or everyday." [READ](#)

SAINT OF THE DAY St. Medard was born around 456 in Salency, France. He was ordained at the age of 33, and did not wish to be made a bishop, but reluctantly became the Bishop of Vermand in 530. Medard was one of the most honored bishops of his time, his memory has always been venerated in northern France, and he is the hero of numerous legends. [READ](#)

DAILY PSALM "Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope." (Psalm 16:1) [READ](#)

DAILY READINGS Today's Mass readings. [READ](#)

TRUTH In a rapidly progressive society, we must not fall victim to the redefinition of sin. [SHARE](#)

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Subject: Re: Fwd: Cheviot

From: Stefanie Hawk <shawk@cheviot.org>

Date: 6/8/2022, 9:50 AM

To: jeilermann@cheviot.org, "council2k14@cheviot.org" <council2k14@cheviot.org>

Jenny,

i received that email as well. Most of the emails/messages/calls I've gotten have been supportive, but there will always be someone unhappy with you if you take a stand.

Best,
Stefanie

On June 8, 2022 8:10 AM jeilermann@cheviot.org wrote:

Just wanted to share this with all of you.

J.

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

From: Sharon Auciello <sharon.auciello@gmail.com>

To: jeilermann@cheviot.org

Date: June 7, 2022 10:02 PM

Subject: Cheviot

Ms. Eilermann,

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People can be who they want to be, but don't shove it in our face!!

How disrespectful!

This whole world is screwed up and you are not helping to bring it back to any morals or values, oh, those are out the window too! No wonder kids are so messed up!

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Disgusted,

Sharon

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Re: Cheviot
From: jeilermann@cheviot.org
Date: 6/8/2022, 8:27 AM
To: Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>
CC: council2k14@cheviot.org

Did you get this same email? Seems odd she would call me out by name.

On June 8, 2022 7:19 AM Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org> wrote:

thank you Jen I'm getting blown up right now with a lot of those emails as well

Brian Smyth
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Cheviot City Council

On Jun 8, 2022, at 8:11 AM, jeilermann@cheviot.org wrote:

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Subject: Re: Thank you!
From: pschneider_9332 <pschneider_9332@fuse.net>
Date: 6/8/2022, 8:33 AM
To: Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

Our Republican "friends".

Thanks for the update. And God continue to bless!

From: Brian <bsmyth@cheviot.org>
To: pschneider_9332 <pschneider_9332@fuse.net>
Date: Wednesday, 8 June 2022 8:25 AM EDT
Subject: Re: Thank you!

Peggy

those who DID vote yes for gay pride month , so that you can be sure to email them. Here they are:

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Stefanie Hawk (D) - shawk@cheviot.org

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On May 25, 2022, at 1:19 PM, Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org> wrote:



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On May 25, 2022, at 12:23 PM, pschneider_9332 <pschneider_9332@fuse.net>
wrote:

I am more than happy to "look backward" if the alternative is trannyism run amok.

Subject: Re: SURPRISED? NO

From: Stefanie Hawk <shawk@cheviot.org>

Date: 6/9/2022, 12:09 PM

To: Sherri Owens <sowens@zoomtown.com>, Kitty Zech <kzech@cheviot.org>, Lindsey Jones <ljones@cheviot.org>

CC: Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

Sherrie,

Thanks again for raising your concerns. I spoke with the organizers of the Pub Crawl and I don't believe there are any plans to host a drag show out on the street of Harrison. It will be inside Dean's Hops & Vine. Since it's located within the bar itself, it's a 21+ event.

This also isn't the first Drag Show in Cheviot. Legends's has been hosting them for years without incident.

If that's not something in which you or your family want to participate, you may also wish to avoid Westwood's Second Saturday event this weekend where I believe they will be hosting a Drag show at the park surrounding the Westwood Townhall.

I'm always happy to discuss any concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Councilmember Hawk

On June 9, 2022 11:18 AM Sherri Owens <sowens@zoomtown.com> wrote:

To:

Ms. Kitty Zech,

Ms. Lindsey Jones

Ms. Stefanie Hawk

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Subject: June Gay Pride

From: Sherri Owens <sowens@zoomtown.com>

Date: 6/8/2022, 4:40 PM

To: John Hardig <jhardig@cheviot.org>, Lindsey Jones <ljones@cheviot.org>, Amy Richter <arichter@cheviot.org>, Kitty Zech <kzech@cheviot.org>, Stefanie Hawk <shawk@cheviot.org>

CC: Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

To:

Mr. John Hardig

Ms. Lindsey Jones

Ms. Amy Richter

Ms. Kitty Zech

Ms. Stefanie Hawk

We have lived in Cheviot for 36 years now and raised our family here. We have appreciated the values that have been a part of this community during all of those years. At the recent Cheviot City Council meeting, I am aware that each of you voted 'yes' to designate June as 'Gay Pride Month' in the city of Cheviot. I fear that such a vote will allow our wonderful city to experience displays of debauchery such as have never been seen on our streets before. Let me explain.

I have to wonder whether or not those of you who voted yes on this issue have ever attended a 'Gay Pride Parade.' We have! Never, in my life, have I ever seen such a shameless and wanton display of lewdness as was exhibited on the floats of that parade. My moral code of decency prevents me from going into great detail but I will mention the somewhat lesser offensive displays of vulgarity which we witnessed on the first few entrants (before we left the area).

Several floats had men wearing only their white Jockey style underwear and were quite obviously sexually aroused and yelling sexually explicit phrases at the crowd in attendance. Several participants wearing only thongs were simulating sexual encounters with other persons on the floats. I'll go no further in describing the various obscenities we witnessed that day in only the first few entrants in that parade.

The Cheviot Ohio Code of Ordinances contains ordinances that would clearly prohibit the kinds of behavior within the city limits of Cheviot that I have described above. I specifically am referring to:

Title XIII

Chapter 133.01 - 'Definitions'; Point (2) - 'Nudity' - 'Obscene', Points (2) and (5)

Chapter 133.04 - 'Public Indecency' - Numerous points would be violated

Chapter 133.05 - 'Voyeurism' - Numerous points would be violated

My question to each of you is this: If in fact, Cheviot is selected to have a 'Gay Pride Parade' down our city streets, are there plans to enforce these ordinances? If not, why not? As a tax paying resident of Cheviot, I believe I also have rights as well as those who might claim to have 'rights' (due to your recent vote on Council), to engage in public displays of indecency. I do however see the 'rights' they might choose to exercise, as a violation of the City Ordinances, while my rights would seem to be protected by those ordinances. Please explain to me exactly what the City's plans are concerning this dilemma that our fair city may soon face.

Thank you for your service to our community by serving on City Council.

Sharon A Owens

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Subject: RE: SURPRISED? NO

From: "Kathleen Zech" <kzech@cheviot.org>

Date: 6/9/2022, 1:55 PM

To: "'Sherri Owens'" <sowens@zoomtown.com>, "'Lindsey Jones'" <ljones@cheviot.org>, "'Stefanie Hawk'" <shawk@cheviot.org>

CC: "'Brian P Smyth'" <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

Hi Sherri,

I can understand your concern. I did not see the Enquirer, so I was unaware of the article until now.

First, I would like to clarify: I think you may have misunderstood me. I did not intend to imply I have greater concern for Cheviot than Councilman Smyth. But that I do believe his actions in publicizing his controversial/derogatory remarks, invited this attention to Cheviot. Constant Negative Comments/Actions are bound to bring Strong Re-actions, - especially when coming from a Cheviot leader over many forms of Public Media that reach so many. Major attention became focused on Cheviot and major controversy was stirred! This could have been handled so differently!

I am not alone in this belief. This is what I have heard from the many Residents who have contacted me over the last couple months and from the vast majority of those who attended the meetings.

You may be surprised to learn that this not the first Drag Show in Cheviot. Legends Bar has hosted them for years at their Bar. I have learned this one will be held at the Hops and Vine Bar. Westwood Town Hall will also host one this weekend. (That is not in Cheviot, of course.) It is one of Westwood's Pride Events. They are held in many communities in our area, across the USA, and around the Globe in the Month of June..

As legislators we cannot legislate morality or what we might perceive to be proper morality. The Constitution of the United States allows personal freedom to all as long as no laws are broken.

Whether we passed this Resolution or not, there was bound to be some issues arise.

Thank you for your concern and input. Please contact me anytime that you like.

Kitty Zech
Council at Large
City of Cheviot

From: Sherri Owens [mailto:sowens@zoomtown.com]

Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2022 11:18 AM

To: Kitty Zech <kzech@cheviot.org>; Lindsey Jones <ljones@cheviot.org>; Stefanie Hawk <shawk@cheviot.org>

Cc: Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

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Subject: Resolution that passed

From: Sherri Owens <sowens@zoomtown.com>

Date: 6/10/2022, 3:21 PM

To: Kitty Zech <kzech@cheviot.org>, John Hardig <jhardig@cheviot.org>, Lindsey Jones <ljones@cheviot.org>, Amy Richter <arichter@cheviot.org>, Stefanie Hawk <shawk@cheviot.org>

CC: Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>

To:

Mr. John Hardig

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Ms. Kitty Zech

Ms. Stefanie Hawk

After numerous contacts with Ms. Zech, I have decided that I do not have the time (nor does she, I assume) to continue this discussion. The Resolution in question passed the Cheviot City Council and what's done is done and can not be changed at this juncture. I also understand that an issue such as this Resolution presents a serious problem for anyone who must rely on the voting public for their job security. These kinds of votes will most always become a 'damned if you do, damned if you don't' vote by any person in the political realm. I could only hope that in situations like this current one in Cheviot, the politicians faced with such a difficult decision would, at that point, rely on their personal principles. Someone once said: 'He who gives up an ounce of principle for a pound of popularity, loses much'. I believe that to be true. Nothing would make me more happy than to have all of my concerns be completely in vain. Cheviot has been a wonderful place to raise our children (who are now adults) and my hope is that it will continue to be so for those who still have young children.

That being said, the correspondence and phone conversations that have transpired between myself and other Council Members is really no longer about the Resolution that passed. As I stated earlier, that's done and can not be changed. Thus, there is no point in continuing this time costly exchange.

There *are* just two things I have yet to say before considering this discussion closed.

1). To Ms. Zech: I found your most recent email more than a bit condescending. I am *well* aware that morals cannot be legislated. I am also *well* aware that — as you stated — 'The Constitution of the United States allows personal freedom to all as long as no laws are broken.' Any American who is not aware of those two facts, is totally and completely uninformed. Nevertheless, those who serve in leadership positions of communities do have a degree of influence (although somewhat limited, of course) to not encourage and promote behavior that a segment of their citizenry finds offensive. I was aware that 'drag shows' are quite common in today's environment. My concern is that this recent Resolution will grant 'authorization' for such behavior to spill out onto the streets of Cheviot, as well as encourage other events in Cheviot — events such as "Story Time" at our Public Library during which 'LGBTQ+ friendly' books are read to children by 'drag queens' — which is becoming quite common in many cities.

2). Having lived in Cheviot for 36 years, I have always been under the impression that no particular

segment of society needed some kind of *special* invitation to feel welcome here. Cheviot has always welcomed anyone and everyone without some special resolution to do so. Now that I'm aware of this issue in our community, perhaps we need a special resolution so that other minority groups will also 'feel' welcome. Perhaps Council should consider a Resolution to welcome Italians or Jews or Muslims or Asians or 'born again' Christians or any other minority group, of which there are many. The door has been opened.

My sincere thanks to each of you who has taken the time to read my emails and a special 'thank you' to those of you who took the time to respond to the concerns I expressed for our extraordinary city of Cheviot. Have a good day.

Sharon A. Owens
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From: Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>
Date: June 8, 2022 at 7:07:19 AM EDT
To: Brian Smyth <brian@smyth.info>
Subject: Fwd: Cheviot

Brian Smyth
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Cheviot City Council

Begin forwarded message:

From: firstname lastname <ksmyth@cheviot.org>
Date: June 8, 2022 at 5:48:16 AM EDT
To: Sharon Auciello <sharon.auciello@gmail.com>
Cc: firstname lastname <bsmyth@cheviot.org>
Subject: Re: Cheviot

Mrs. Auciello,

I should have included the emails of those who DID vote yes so that you can be sure to email them as well. Here they are:

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To be clear, I supported Brian on this for a variety of reasons. Cheviot is and always has been a very welcoming city for everyone, including LGBT members. Even former Councilwoman Gail Griffin, a lesbian herself, said so. There was never a reason for Cheviot to declare June "Pride Month." If there were, Councilwoman Griffin could have certainly motioned to do so during her tenure on Council. She didn't. The mayor could have made a proclamation. In his decades in office, he never did.

The stated reason for making this resolution was to counteract the public statement of one single council member (Brian Smyth) who criticized the attempt by the LGBT community to cancel the Delhi Skirts Game fundraiser. He never brought the issue to Council. His criticism was done on social media only. He has the right to do that.

In fact, in the 5 months Brian has been on Council, he has never made a single motion or comment in any meetings that would indicate that he has an agenda against the LGBT community. For Councilwoman Hawk to introduce a resolution as an attack by the City of Cheviot on Brian was wrong and a disservice to her assertion that this was about a goodwill gesture to that community. It also dragged the rest of Council and the city into an issue that didn't exist beyond of a few outside grievances towards Brian. It created chaos in the city. Let me be clear here - the chaos and division was caused by Ms. Hawk dragging all of Council and the city into an unneeded resolution.

She wanted all of council to be on the record of where they stand on the "Brian" issue, and used an angry mob, mostly made up of non-Cheviot residents to coerce the other's votes.

And now there is a great new divide in Cheviot. Everyone I've talked to believes it was caused by Brian. Looks like Ms. Hawk's tactics worked, but it was to the great detriment to the city of Cheviot.

I too am disgusted, but not for the reasons the mob would think.

I'm disgusted in the way Ms. Hawk introduced the resolution. She could have just read it as a goodwill gesture. She introduced it as an attack on Mr. Smyth.

I'm disgusted at the way Ms. Hawk ran her committee meeting about it.

I'm disgusted with the bullying of the LGBT community.

I'm disgusted that most of the pressure to pass this came from people outside of Cheviot.

I'm disgusted that a member of council got heckled for saying "I'm sort-of for it," and then watched in real time as she was pressured into revising that statement into "I'm totally for it" to placate the mob.

I'm disgusted that in my absence, President Pro Tempore David Voss was incorrectly told he has no vote on the matter. He does.

I'm disgusted that members of our Council didn't see this for what it was - a personal attack on a fellow council member. I fear this will only get worse.

Sincerely,

Kerry Smyth
President of Council
City of Cheviot

On June 7, 2022 10:50 PM Sharon Auciello <sharon.auciello@gmail.com> wrote:

Mr. Smith,

Very disappointed in your vote on pride month!

Unbelievable that you would push this agenda on cheviot!

I can in no way see that there should be a celebration on your sexuality! They take religion out of schools, you are fired for praying if your a teacher, but you and schools can promote this sick agenda!

Tell me how this is right!!!

Never mind, you don't need to tell me because the world we are living in now, is what used to be WRONG is now RIGHT and what is RIGHT is now WRONG!!!

People can be who they want to be, but don't shove it in our face!!

How disrespectful!

This whole world is screwed up and you are not helping to bring it back to any morals or values, oh, those are out the window too! No wonder kids are so messed up!

Brian Smith is the only one on council that seems to have his head on straight and is fighting for what is right!

Disgusted,

Sharon

Sent from my iPad

From: Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>
Date: June 7, 2022 at 5:35:47 PM EDT
To: Kathleen Zech <kzech@cheviot.org>
Subject: Re: Tuesday Pride Vote

thats what im trying to stress to council I lived in the LGBTQ community (Hollywood) for over 10 years I know them extremely well.

Brian Smyth
513.888.1538
Cheviot City Council

On Jun 7, 2022, at 5:31 PM, Kathleen Zech <kzech@cheviot.org> wrote:

No one is asking that u like them, they are asking that we at least try to understand.

From: Brian P Smyth [mailto:bsmyth@cheviot.org]
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2022 12:51 PM
To: Kathleen Zech <kzech@cheviot.org>
Subject: Re: Tuesday Pride Vote

we know they exist because we see them. you can't demand that the government make people accept/like or agree with people it doesn't work like that. The government can't make Muslims like Christians.

Brian Smyth
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Cheviot City Council

On Jun 7, 2022, at 12:48 PM, Kathleen Zech <kzech@cheviot.org> wrote:

By recognizing that they exist is by no means promoting a life style.

From: Brian P Smyth [mailto:bsmyth@cheviot.org]
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2022 12:06 PM
To: Kathleen Zech <kzech@cheviot.org >
Subject: Re: Tuesday Pride Vote

Kitty

I promoted and championed the skirt game that raises up to \$1 million for children and families of Delhi. I did not bring the hate and anger to the city.

We are all free to live our lives how we choose nobody is questioning that whatsoever but I will not as a lawmaker promote that lifestyle. I lived in that world in Hollywood for decades and I know a lot about that lifestyle. this is also why we decided to move here to Cheviot because it's better environment to raise your children.

As a Christian it is absolutely clear in the Bible what pride is; I will follow God's direction for my family with no judgment towards others.

Brian Smyth
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Cheviot City Council

On Jun 7, 2022, at 11:43 AM, Kathleen Zech <kzech@cheviot.org> wrote:

Brian,

I pray every night that God guides me to do what is best for the People and City Of Cheviot. Not what is best for me, or my friends, my political party, but what is best for Cheviot!! I took an oath to do just that! I take it very seriously. I consider, listen and research so I can understand the problem at hand. I have worked all these many years to keep our Cheviot a family friendly safe City.

As you say, Cheviot has always been welcoming to all walks of life and has never had a real problem. At least, not until recently when you initiated and invited this controversy to our City with your posts on all forms of Social Media.

I am no expert, but I believe the Gay Community is a segment of our society that, for the most part, are just trying to live their lives as God made them. From the research that I have done, I find that science has proved that most people of this persuasion are born this way. They have a different make up than heterosexuals. The only thing different about them and you is their sexuality, that is wired into them from birth.

I believe God made us all, God loves us all and I don't believe God makes mistakes!
So I try to accept all, - as God made them, - not insist that they be just like me.
Christian Moral values dictate that we not judge all members of a given community for the actions of a few.

The only thing that is asked of us is to recognize June as "Pride Month" in the City, as it is pretty much acknowledged globally. They are not asking that we allow debauchery in the streets, or any of the sorted things you researched and described in your email. They were not even asking to have a Parade – (although, you may have made that a possibility). Negative actions always cause re-actions.

As you say, "AS LAWMAKERS WE SHOULD NOT DIVIDE OUR PEOPLE....."
Boy! Do I agree with that!

I, too, have heard from many, many residents on this issue and other controversies you have been involved in. The Residents, (both Democrats and Republicans) feel this is definitely having a negative effect on how Cheviot is viewed and that your actions are causing the divide and discord in the City that they love.

You have the capabilities to be such an asset to Cheviot. You have so much energy! If only you dedicated your energies more toward promoting the positives first, rather than what you view as the negatives.

Very Sincerely,
Kit

From: Brian P Smyth [mailto:bsmyth@cheviot.org]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2022 6:40 PM
To: kitty zech <kzech@cheviot.org>
Subject: Tuesday Pride Vote

Kitty,

I have received multiple phone calls from local churches as well as residents that find it morally reprehensible for council to dedicate the city to a groups sexual desire and behavior. Also one church said that they were going to speak to legal counsel because the resolution includes religious groups. News articles and social media have been highlighting the debauchery and violent behavior that LGBTQ have been involved in across the country. Police have been called to many establishments in order to remove children from the presence of drag queen shows. Texas house rep Bryan Slaton is currently drafting legislation to ban drag shows in the presence of a minor. Every pride parade around the country displays drag shows of half naked men and promoting sexual acts which is totally inappropriate for children.

The transgender part of LGBTQ is another huge problem as we are watching men physically destroy women in every sport for obvious reasons. A current MMA trans fighter almost killed a woman then screamed and warned all women he/she is coming for them. This is not the example we want to set for our families.

Cheviot has always been welcoming to all walks of life and has never had a problem. Cheviot has many church's in and around our city limits. It would absolutely be wrong if we on council promoted an ideology that is against the basic Christian moral values. the term "Pride" is number one of the 7 deadly sins and it is the cause of all the others. Pride violates the first commandment "Thou shalt have no other gods before me "

As lawmakers we should not divide our people and this proposed resolution is extremely divisive.

I pray that God gives us all on council the strength to stand together and keep our city a family friendly safe city.

Thank you

Brian Smyth
513.888.1538
Cheviot City Council

From: Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>
Date: June 3, 2022 at 2:06:09 PM EDT
To: Dan <Dan1el@fuse.net>
Subject: Re: Cheviot Pride Month

Dan,

I agree with everything you said except Folks on Council are afraid of the cancel culture. It is sad that folks are not standing on their principles. I attempted to give them an out by stating similarly as you did that this is outside the purview of lawmakers. They didn't agree with me and the cancel culture began to scream and yell. so now we are here now watching as an unelected councilwoman pushes her ideologies with the help of the media and the extreme anger of the left.

I ran on "family values" talking to folks in ward three every day about God, family and country. I will not back down from my deeply held Christian beliefs.

Thank you for reaching out please feel free to contact me anytime for any reason.

Brian Smyth
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Cheviot City Council

On Jun 3, 2022, at 9:16 AM, Dan <Dan1el@fuse.net> wrote:

I was stunned last Wednesday morning to find out that Cheviot was considering designating June as "Pride Month". A Council declaration or a Mayoral proclamation of Pride Month is offensive.

Let me be clear. This is not an anti LGBTQ rant. I frankly don't care if someone is or is not. It is none of my business, until you throw it in my face. Communities are built by blending in, people living and working together. Elevating one subgroup over all others is not blending in. There is no justifiable reason for a municipality to celebrate someone's sexual proclivities. Cheviot does not need a "Pride Month" to be welcoming. I have neighbors, customers, and probably friends in the LGBTQ+ community. I cannot be sure how many, because *it is not a topic of discussion*. If they were not already feeling welcome, they would not be living, working, and doing business here.

Some will try to make the argument that a Pride Month, or the Pride Flag is about unity and inclusivity. That ship sank decades ago. The behavior of the "80 plus" supporters at the recent council meeting proved that. Does the Cheviot City Council really hold up Cincinnati's City Council as role models? Failure to recognize Pride Month is not "looking backward". Municipalities have no business weighing in on what should be bedroom behavior. This feckless attempt to be seen as welcoming and woke screams *look at us we're cool!* Or, perhaps it is just an attempt to buy votes.

Cheviot has other more important quality of life issues that are not being addressed! I suggest that Cheviot become a leader instead of a follower, and say NO. No Pride declarations, proclamations, or flags on city property.

Dan Luers

From: Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>
Date: May 24, 2022 at 1:29:46 PM EDT
To: Brian Smyth <brian@smyth.info>
Subject: Fwd: You are a hero!!!!

Brian Smyth
513.888.1538
Cheviot City Council

Begin forwarded message:

From: Rick Singel <rms@drsingel.net>
Date: May 24, 2022 at 9:02:56 AM EDT
To: bsmlyth@cheviot.org
Subject: You are a hero!!!!

Brian, so refreshing to hear your honest point of view in the face of the bullying! SO proud of you!!!!

Keep up your work against the forces of darkness, Brian. Don't ever apologize. Don't step down. Run for office for the rest of your life.

YOU are what we need in this degenerate culture.

LOVED reading about you!!!!

Best—

Rick Singel

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From: Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>
Date: June 8, 2022 at 8:26:37 AM EDT
To: Payton Marshall <Payton.Marshall@fox19now.com>
Subject: Re: FOX 19 Cheviot Council

Payton

those who DID vote yes for pride month , so that you can be sure to email them. Here they are:

John Hardig (R) - jhardig@cheviot.org
Lindsey Jones (R) - ljones@cheviot.org
Amy Richter (R) - arichter@cheviot.org
Kitty Zech (R) - kzech@cheviot.org
Stefanie Hawk (D) - shawk@cheviot.org

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On May 23, 2022, at 2:31 PM, Payton Marshall <Payton.Marshall@fox19now.com> wrote:

Hello,

My name is Payton Marshall, I'm a reporter with FOX 19. I am reaching out to see if you, Mayor Keller or anyone from the City Administration could be available today (Monday May 23) for a quick interview to talk about your recent post regarding your concerns about pride.

I know there is a meeting tomorrow, but there has been a lot of emotional response from the community since the post, and I wanted to reach out to see if you could be available for to talk about this. Feel free to contact me on here or by cell at 513-473-8381.

Thanks,
Payton Marshall

From: Brian P Smyth <bsmyth@cheviot.org>
Date: June 8, 2022 at 8:28:16 AM EDT
To: Julie Bates <batesjm1@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Council Mtg Tuesday, 5/17/2022

Julie

those who DID vote yes last night for gay pride month , so that you can be sure to email them. Here they are:

John Hardig (R) - jhardig@cheviot.org
Lindsey Jones (R) - ljones@cheviot.org
Amy Richter (R) - arichter@cheviot.org
Kitty Zech (R) - kzech@cheviot.org
Stefanie Hawk (D) - shawk@cheviot.org

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Cheviot City Council

On May 18, 2022, at 8:13 AM, Julie Bates <batesjm1@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Brian,
I'm a long time resident of Cheviot. I was at the meeting last night. I have a few questions, I'm hoping you can clear up for me. I like how you stood up for our free speech.

When would be a good time for us to meet or talk?

Side note: Well it looks like your colleagues on the other side had their 2nd "grand performance" last night. This time, the Press was there to tape it. 🙄

Look forward to hearing from you.

Julie Bates

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