

Resolution No. 01-22 (Amended)

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE BANNING OF CONVERSION THERAPY

WHEREAS, contemporary science recognizes that being lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender is part of the natural spectrum of human identity and is not a mental disease, disorder, or illness; and

WHEREAS, The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry has found there is no therapeutic intervention that could shift a person's sexual orientation, gender identity, and/or gender expression; and

WHEREAS, The American College of Physicians wrote a position paper in 2015 stating: "The College opposes the use of 'conversion,' 'reorientation,' or 'reparative' therapy for the treatment of LGBT persons;" and

WHEREAS, the American Psychiatric Association in 2018 called upon lawmakers to "ban the harmful and discriminatory practice" of conversion therapy; and

WHEREAS, a report from the Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law found that an estimated 20,000 minors in states without protections will be subject to conversion therapy by licensed healthcare professionals in states without such a ban; and

WHEREAS, there are 20 states plus the District of Columbia that ban conversion therapy; and

WHEREAS, there are 5 states and 1 territory that partially ban conversion therapy for minors; and

WHEREAS, the Canadian parliament unanimously approved a ban on conversion therapy and forbade travel to the United States to receive such therapy;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Lafayette City Council condemns the practice of conversion therapy and urges the Indiana General Assembly to pass legislation thereby banning conversion therapy throughout the State of Indiana; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the council calls on Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb to support and sign any relevant legislation that would ban the practice of conversion therapy in the State of Indiana; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council calls on the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency and each of its constituent boards and commissions to adopt rules clarifying that the practice of conversion therapy violates the standards of practice of regulated health professions and that licensed professionals practicing conversion therapy on minor persons are subject to discipline; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the City of West Lafayette is directed to submit the resolution to be delivered to all members of the Indiana General Assembly, Governor Eric Holcomb, and the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency upon passage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of West Lafayette is invited to be a signature in support of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be in full force and effect upon adoption and compliance with IC 36-3-4-14.

INTRODUCED ON FIRST AND ONLY READING ON THE 7 DAY OF February, 2022.

MOTION TO ADOPT MADE BY COUNCILOR DeBoer, AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR Thomas.

DULY RESOLVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA, ON THE 7 DAY OF February, 2022, HAVING BEEN PASSED BY A VOTE OF 8 IN FAVOR AND 1 OPPOSED, THE ROLL CALL VOTE BEING:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Blanco	✓			
Brown		✓		
Bunder	✓			
DeBoer	✓			
Kang	✓			
Leverenz	✓			
Parker	✓			
Sanders	✓			
Thomas	✓			

Peter Bunder
Peter Bunder, Presiding Officer

Attest:

Sana G. Booker
Sana G. Booker, Clerk



PRESENTED BY ME TO THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA ON THE 8 DAY OF February, 2022.

Sana G. Booker
Sana G. Booker, Clerk

THIS RESOLUTION APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME ON THE 8 DAY OF
February, 2022.

[Signature]
John R. Dennis, Mayor

Attest:

Sana G. Booker
Sana G. Booker, Clerk

