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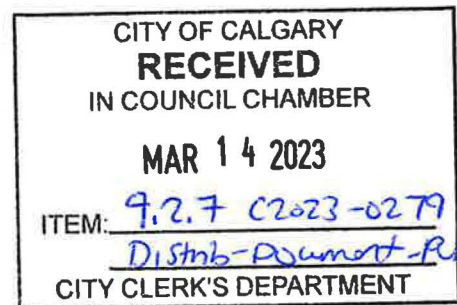
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First name (required) Dustin

Last name (required) Klaudt

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Mar 14, 2023

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Proposed bylaw to protect against hateful protest in city facilities

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)

In favour

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I want to commend City Council on their initiative to protect 2SLGBTQI+ Calgarians from homophobic and transphobic harassment and hateful protests both with the street harassment bylaw and the proposed hateful protests bylaw. The new bylaw imposing sanctions on hateful protest in city facilities is a good start in remedying the problem of ongoing hateful protests, street harassment, and threats. However, I fear that it is not sufficient to completely remedy the ongoing problem (which is also plaguing other communities across Canada. In addition to these steps, Council should refer to staff the question for consideration of whether it has the power under its enabling legislation to impose wider protective zones that would protect 2SLGBTQI+ focused businesses (such as Twisted Element or other nightclubs) from hateful protests and further protecting community events (such as Pride) from hateful protests by the creation of similar safe zones. The City should take the further step of advocating by letter to the provincial and federal governments that they take similar steps in creating safe zones from hateful protests utilizing their powers to regulate property (the province) and criminal law (the federal government) to further protect Calgarians and other Canadians from such hateful protests.

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Bylaw 17M2023

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I believe it is important for people to be able to speak about their positions without insulting or intimidating those who hold different opinions. I have been at events protesting drag brunches where speakers shouted that people in drag, trans people, and their supporters were going to burn in the fires of hell, and should have a millstone around their neck and drown. This is religious intimidation and an incitement to violence. I absolutely believe that people should be able to protest in public, but they should be required to speak in a way that does not insult, deride, or intimidate those with opposing views. This bylaw will ensure that Calgarians have freedom of expression while protecting those with whom they disagree from personal attacks.

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Last name (required) Schnell

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Safe and Inclusive Access Bylaw

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Notice

In supposedly protecting the rights of accessibility to City owned facilities the City is restricting the rights of free speech, freedom of religion, and freedom of assembly, which are protected under Federal and Provincial statute. Which means according to Section 7.0 of the Municipal Government Act, restricting free speech, freedom of religion, and freedom of assembly is outside the purview of a Municipal council. Also item 9.2.7 contains 2 new bylaws (17M2023 and 18M2023) which have had no public hearing or committee oversight. How can a bylaw like 17M2023 which restricts free speech, be rammed through council, without any meaningful discussion or oversight? If someone expresses an objection or disapproval of an idea they can be sentenced to a year in jail? Is council changing CPS and Bylaw to be 'thought police'?

Free speech is the cornerstone of democracy and suppressing free speech is the hallmark of tyranny. Free speech is enshrined in the Bill of rights and the Canadian Charter of freedom and includes expression for and against any idea or action. So this bylaw is criminalizing free speech and threatening large fines and jail terms for exercising it, This seems to me to be enshrining proscribed speech over free speech and should these bylaws pass, it deserves an investigation into whether this crosses over into Criminal malfeasance on the part of council.

BYLAW NUMBER 17M2023

“specified protest” means an expression of objection or disapproval towards an idea or action related to race, religious beliefs, colour, gender, gender identity, gender expression, physical disability, mental disability, age, ancestry, place of origin, marital status, source of income, family status or sexual orientation **by any means, including graphic, *verbal*, or written means**, but **does not include** messaging at an event scheduled by a library or recreation facility

3. (1) A person must not engage in **specified protest on publicly accessible property...**
[Protesting on public sidewalks has always been a hallmark of free speech and freedom to assemble]

6. (2) Any person who is convicted of an offence pursuant to this Bylaw is liable on **summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.** **[Criminalizing free speech by municipal bylaw = malfeasance in my opinion]**

[Notice 13 March 2023]

Art Matsui

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Last name (required) Heninger

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Since Jyoti Gondek took office she has consistently tried to remove the ability of the public to protest things that they believe are important and critical. If someone is in agreement with her on all things she is a believer in diversity, equity and inclusion. If someone does not agree with her and the agenda she is pushing, she wants to threaten them with a financial fine and jail time. I personally have a problem having Jyoti Gondek and the Calgary Police Service deciding what is harassment and what is not. I have never felt more harassed in my life than I have during the "pandemic" and especially in my home city with Jyoti Gondek as the mayor. Where will this stop? This bylaw should not be put into place as it takes away freedom for tax payers to voice their opinion. That is NOT acceptable in a democratic country, province and city. Her current bylaw request (and all the future ones that will be based off this one) are going to continue to remove freedoms that have always been provided to citizens. I am opposed to this bylaw. So, is Jyoti going to send CPS to my home as I oppose her opinion on this and have me arrested? This is where the bylaw is headed when she is deciding who is acceptable and who is not.