



Department Source: City Manager

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: October 21, 2019

Re: Youth Advisory Council letter in support of recent City Council action on conversion therapy

Executive Summary

In August 2019, the Chair of the City of Columbia Commission on Human Rights reached out to the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) asking them to consider drafting a letter to the City Council regarding the then-proposed ordinance that would ban the practice of conversion therapy on juveniles.

Discussion

In August 2019, the Chair of the City of Columbia Commission on Human Rights reached out to the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) asking them to consider drafting a letter to the City Council regarding the then-proposed ordinance that would ban the practice of conversion therapy on juveniles. The YAC discussed this at their September 10th meeting and voted to draft a letter to the City Council in support of the ban.

Due to the timing of their meetings, YAC would not be able to produce a letter before the City Council would take action on this item - YAC is made up of local high school students and only meets once a month from September through May. YAC felt, however, that this was an important item impacting youth in Columbia and wanted to provide a letter supporting City Council's unanimous vote to ban the practice of conversion therapy on juveniles and thanking them for their action.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: N/A

Long-Term Impact: N/A

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Primary, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Primary, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History

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City of Columbia

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| 10/7/19 | B295-19: Amended Chapter 16 of the City Code to prohibit the practice of conversion therapy on juveniles. |
| 5/20/19 | REP43-19: Proposed amendment to Chapter 16 of the City Code to prohibit the practice of conversion therapy on juveniles. |
| 2/18/19 | REP10-19: The Human Rights Commission recommended the City Council pass an ordinance prohibiting licensed professionals from practicing conversion therapy on juveniles. |
| 2/8/19 | R28-19: Expressed support for HB516 to prohibit mental health professionals from engaging in conversion therapy with a person under the age of 18. |

Suggested Council Action

This is informational only.