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**[Human Rights]: Columbia - Sanctuary City**

1 message

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**Bekki Brewer** <rebekilee@gmail.com>  
To: HumanRights@como.gov

Mon, Nov 6, 2023 at 10:17 PM

Just wanted to share my support of having Columbia become an LGBTQ sanctuary city.

Thanks  
Bekki Brewer

Sent from my iPhone



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## [Human Rights]: Columbia Sanctuary City

1 message

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**Rylie Rustemeyer** <r.rustemeyer0504@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 27, 2023 at 11:21 AM

To: HumanRights@como.gov, "mayor@como.gov" <mayor@como.gov>, "ward1@como.gov" <ward1@como.gov>, "ward2@como.gov" <ward2@como.gov>, "ward3@como.gov" <ward3@como.gov>, "ward4@como.gov" <ward4@como.gov>, "ward5@como.gov" <ward5@como.gov>

Hello,

I'm a trans person who lives in Jefferson City who plans to move to Columbia next year. It is very important to me that the Commission on Human Rights, the Mayor, and City Council members support the Sanctuary City proposal because it will help keep me and the people I love safe. Please endorse this proposal to keep trans Columbians safe from legal and medical consequences of state-endorsed transphobia.

Sincerely,  
Ryan Rustemeyer



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## [Human Rights]: FOR LGBTQ+ SANCTUARY

1 message

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'seatster@yahoo.com' via Human Rights <humanrights@como.gov>

Mon, Nov 6, 2023 at 8:37 PM

Reply-To: "seatster@yahoo.com" <seatster@yahoo.com>

To: "HumanRights@CoMo.gov" <HumanRights@como.gov>

Dear human rights commission,

Please support the proposal for Columbia to become an LGBTQ+ sanctuary city.  
This is a major issue that really needs to be supported for the LGBTQ+ minority in our city.

Thank you!

Michelle Seat

Orr Street Studios Artist  
and Board Member



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## [Human Rights]: I support LGBTQ Sanctuary City Ordinance

1 message

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**rosalie metro** <rose.metro@gmail.com>  
To: HumanRights@como.gov

Tue, Nov 7, 2023 at 11:30 AM

Dear Human Rights Commission,

I support LGBTQ Sanctuary City Ordinance and I hope you will too! I want my LGBTQ friends and family to feel safer and be safer while living here.

Best wishes,  
Rose Metro



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**[Human Rights]: I support the Sanctuary City Ordinance**

2 messages

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**Jordan Mahaney** <jmahaney@gmail.com>  
To: humanrights@como.gov

Wed, Nov 8, 2023 at 7:52 AM

Hello,

I am writing to express my support for the proposal to make Columbia a Sanctuary City for the LGBTQ+ community.

I have family connections in Columbia who will benefit from this proposal. As a family, we can support each other only so much. We also need municipal support and protection from the wider community. I hope the proposal is implemented, all in your great city will benefit from the direct attention of those who need it most.

Thanks,  
Jordan Mahaney

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**Kristin Mengwasser** <kristin.mengwasser@como.gov>

Wed, Nov 8, 2023 at 2:44 PM

Bcc: astrid villamil <astrid.villamil@gmail.com>, Amanda Hinnant <amanda.hinnant@gmail.com>, Diamond Scott <diamondmscott@gmail.com>, Stephie Yoakum <stephanie.yoakum@gmail.com>, Paige Read <paigeread@gmail.com>, Meera Sood <msood16@gmail.com>, Cheryl L Miller LLC <cheryllmillerllc@gmail.com>

Please see below correspondence:

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## [Human Rights]: In support of Columbia's becoming a sanctuary city

1 message

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**Sarah Medcalf** <sarahbmedcalf@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 7, 2023 at 8:43 AM

To: humanrights@como.gov

To Whom it May Concern,

As a resident of Columbia and former local business owner, I am in support of making our city an LGBTQ sanctuary city. We need to make a safer place for queer folks in Mid-Missouri against onslaught of the renewed LGBTQ persecution nationwide.

Thank you,  
Sarah Medcalf

Sent from my iPhone



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## [Human Rights]: LGBT Sanctuary City Ordinance

1 message

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**Mel Constantine Miseo** <melinaconstantine@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 6, 2023 at 8:45 PM

To: humanrights@como.gov

Hello,

I am writing to express my support for an LGBTQ sanctuary city ordinance. We have so many youth, families, and trans adults in Columbia that are being actively harmed by the laws put in place by the misinformed state government. Please protect our community.

Mel Constantine Miseo, PhD



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**[Human Rights]: LGBTQ Sanctuary City**

1 message

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**Sarah Banks** <sarahbanks531@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 27, 2023 at 10:36 AM

To: HumanRights@como.gov

Dear Mayor Buffaloe and Members of the City Council,

I am writing to advocate for the swift passage of the proposed LGBTQ Sanctuary City Ordinance. One thing I value about Columbia, is the fact that it is already a beacon of diversity, free-thought, and enlightenment in an often-dark state.

As the mother of two sons - one who is transgender and one who is black - I am thankful that the City of Columbia consistently works to make our city a better place for ALL of its citizens.

It would be such a relief to our family to have this ordinance passed. It is truly a harmful and damaging thing for a trans child to live in Missouri - my trans teen can only talk of leaving this state for one where he doesn't have to fear persecution from its government. I hope that you will make the swift passage of this ordinance your utmost priority.

Thank you!

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Sarah Banks

she/her... [and why this matters](#)





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## [Human Rights]: LGBTQ Sanctuary City ordinance

1 message

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**Sam Christensen** <samjaec1@gmail.com>  
To: humanrights@como.gov

Wed, Nov 8, 2023 at 6:07 PM

I am in support of this ordinance. I think it would help preserve safety for our LGBTQ community here, and draw more like-minded Missourians to Columbia.



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**[Human Rights]: LGBTQ Sanctuary City proposal**

1 message

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**T&M Ross** <tim.meghon@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 7, 2023 at 10:26 AM

To: humanrights@como.gov

We are writing to express our support for designating Columbia as an LGBTQ Sanctuary City. We are parents of two sons: a trans young adult, and a gay teen. This year has been exhausting for families like ours. When it looked like our trans son's health care was in jeopardy, we seriously investigated moving to a safer state. We ended up choosing to stay (for now) once we found out that he would still be able to access care since he is no longer a minor. Unfortunately, we know many families with trans kids who were not so lucky.

Now that our older son has finished school, he plans to move to Kansas City, in large part because of the proactive stance KC city officials have taken against the anti-LGBTQ rhetoric coming from Jeff City.

We believe that a diverse populace helps enrich Columbia and makes it a better place to live. The attacks on the LGBTQ community this year have been shocking and demoralizing—our younger gay son has faced much more bullying at school than his older brother did just a few years ago—and we fear with 2024 being an election year, it's only going to get worse. Please do the right thing and let people like our sons know that they are valued and welcome here.

Respectfully submitted,  
Meghon and Tim Ross  
[205 S Garth Ave 65203](#)



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## [Human Rights]: LGBTQ Sanctuary City

1 message

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**Samantha R** <samanthanbr@hotmail.com>

Tue, Nov 7, 2023 at 8:16 AM

To: "humanrights@como.gov" <humanrights@como.gov>

As the mother of a trans child, I am writing to strongly encourage the Columbia City Council members to pass the ordinance to make our city an LGBTQ sanctuary city.

If you do not, we will lose many, many residents who add to the beautiful tapestry of this diverse community. There are scores of trans people and families looking to relocate to safer areas to receive gender-affirming care and/or decent levels of basic human respect for their identities.

Education, acceptance and diversity make Columbia strong. Let's make sure that everyone here is protected and celebrated, no matter what their sexuality or gender identity.

Thank you,

Samantha Renner

Sent from my iPhone



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**[Human Rights]: LGBTQ+ Sanctuary City**

1 message

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**Max** <gingerlinus69@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 6, 2023 at 10:48 PM

To: humanrights@como.gov

To Whom it May Concern,

I'm a transgender individual living in Columbia, Missouri, and I fully support the ordinance to declare Columbia an LGBTQ+ sanctuary city. As I near graduation from Mizzou, I look to the future of what Columbia as I consider if I want to stay in the city or move after graduation. Columbia being deemed a sanctuary city would be a huge reason for me to stay, and if the ordinance is quickly shut down, that would be a huge reason for me to leave as soon as possible. I want to be somewhere that I feel safe and respected, and so far, Columbia has welcomed me with open arms. Please, open your arms to the LGBTQ+ community in Columbia and give us the dignity we deserve. We love Columbia, and we want Columbia to love us back. Please support the ordinance and protect LGBTQ+ Missourians in a time of persecution and isolation.

Thank you,

Max Carmony  
They/them/theirs



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**[Human Rights]: LGBTQIA Sanctuary City**

1 message

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**Jennifer Harper** <jen@paulharper.net>  
To: HumanRights@como.gov

Tue, Nov 7, 2023 at 11:39 AM

I am writing to support the LGBTQ+ sanctuary city ordinance.

My name is Jen Harper and I am a resident of Columbia, Missouri. I have been a public servant and worked for the state for over 20 years. I am also a coordinator for the Parents for Parents group at the Center Project, which is a group for parents, family, and caregivers of LGBT individuals.

I believe that it is important to support this ordinance.

We need to protect our community. For years we have had families and individuals who have moved to our community because we are a safer community for LGBTQ individuals. But in the last few years we have moved in the other direction. I know many families that have left Missouri, lifelong Missourians that have to leave their home state to protect their family. We need to stop the flight out of Missouri to more LGBTQIA friendly states.

As a parent of a college age child that identifies as LGBTQIA a lot of thought goes into whether particular schools are safe. Other parents are discussing academic programs and activity opportunities but parents like myself are trying to choose a college where my child is physically safe. I am the member of a national parent group of LGBTQIA children and there are lots of discussion threads on this topic. There are almost 40,000 parents in this group and right now Missouri does not fare well in this discussion. We need to turn this around, I would love be able to tell parents they should send their kids to Columbia, but I can't right now. Having 3 colleges in a sanctuary city would be a huge step to draw in these kids.

For the reasons stated in the proposal, I ask that you vote to recommend that the city council pass this ordinance.

Thank you,  
Jen Harper

Sent from my iPhone



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**[Human Rights]: Make Columbia a LGBT+ sanctuary city**

1 message

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**Lacey Caselman** <lacemariecaselman@gmail.com>  
To: humanrights@como.gov

Tue, Nov 7, 2023 at 8:25 AM

Please support the measures to make this happen. Trans and Queer people deserve to be safe and cared for.  
Lacey Caselman



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**[Human Rights]: Make Columbia a Sanctuary City**

1 message

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**Neil Carr** <neilcarr75@gmail.com>  
To: humanrights@como.gov

Tue, Nov 7, 2023 at 7:12 AM

It's the only humane thing to do.

Sent from my iPhone



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**[Human Rights]: Please support**

1 message

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**Jennifer Fellabaum-Toston** <bobcatressgreen@gmail.com>  
To: humanrights@como.gov

Tue, Nov 7, 2023 at 8:28 AM

Good morning,

I am writing in support of the LGBTQ Sanctuary City Ordinance presented to City Council last night. This is a vital step towards ensuring an equitable future for all Columbians.

Thank you,

Jennifer Fellabaum-Toston  
Columbia resident since 2005





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## [Human Rights]: Sanctuary City Ordinance

1 message

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**Emilia Godwin** <egodwin415@gmail.com>

Sat, Dec 2, 2023 at 4:23 PM

To: humanrights@como.gov, mayor@como.gov, ward1@como.gov, ward2@como.gov, ward3@como.gov, ward4@como.gov, ward5@como.gov, ward6@como.gov

I am an LGBTQ ally who lives in Columbia and it is very important to me that the Commission on Human Rights, the mayor, and the City Council supports this proposal because it will help keep the people I love and my community safe. Please endorse this proposal to keep trans Columbians safe from legal and medical consequences of state-endorsed transphobia.



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## [Human Rights]: Sanctuary City Ordinance

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'Grace Arth' via Human Rights <humanrights@como.gov>

Sat, Dec 9, 2023 at 9:16 PM

Reply-To: Grace Arth <apples443@icloud.com>

To: ward1@como.gov, ward2@como.gov, ward3@como.gov, ward4@como.gov, ward5@como.gov, ward6@como.gov, mayor@como.gov, humanrights@como.gov

I am an LGBTQ ally who lives in Columbia and it is very important to me that the Commission on Human Rights, the mayor, and the City Council supports this proposal because it will help keep the people I love and my community safe. Please endorse this proposal to keep trans Columbians safe from legal and medical consequences of state-endorsed transphobia.

Sent from my iPhone



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## [Human Rights]: Sanctuary City Ordinance

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**Addie** <addiemiller7405@gmail.com>

Sun, Dec 3, 2023 at 1:08 PM

To: ward1@como.gov, ward2@como.gov, ward3@como.gov, ward4@como.gov, ward5@como.gov, ward6@como.gov, mayor@como.gov, humanrights@como.gov

I am an LGBTQ ally who lives in Columbia and it is very important to me that the Commission on Human Rights, the mayor, and the City Council supports this proposal because it will help keep the people I love and my community safe. Please endorse this proposal to keep trans Columbians safe from legal and medical consequences of state-endorsed transphobia.



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## [Human Rights]: Sanctuary City Ordinance

1 message

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**emily robinson** <emily.brooke.1616@gmail.com>

Fri, Dec 8, 2023 at 4:58 PM

To: ward1@como.gov, ward2@como.gov, ward3@como.gov, ward4@como.gov, ward5@como.gov, ward6@como.gov, mayor@como.gov, humanrights@como.gov

I am an LGBTQ ally who lives in Columbia and it is very important to me that the Commission on Human Rights, the mayor, and the City Council supports this proposal because it will help keep the people I love and my community safe. Please endorse this proposal to keep trans Columbians safe from legal and medical consequences of state-endorsed transphobia.

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## [Human Rights]: Sanctuary City Ordinance

1 message

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**Dean Goodman** <deangoodman36@gmail.com>

Mon, Dec 4, 2023 at 11:42 AM

To: ward1@como.gov, ward2@como.gov, ward3@como.gov, ward4@como.gov, ward5@como.gov, ward6@como.gov, mayor@como.gov, humanrights@como.gov

I am an LGBTQ ally and bisexual man who lives in Columbia and it is very important to me that the Commission on Human Rights, the mayor Barbara Buffalo, and the City Council supports this proposal because it will help keep the people I love and my community safe. Please endorse this proposal to keep trans Columbians safe from legal and medical consequences of state-endorsed transphobia.



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## [Human Rights]: Sanctuary City Ordinance

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**Liam Donohue** <villager97liam@gmail.com>

Wed, Dec 6, 2023 at 11:34 AM

To: ward1@como.gov, ward2@como.gov, ward3@como.gov, ward4@como.gov, ward5@como.gov, ward6@como.gov, mayor@como.gov, humanrights@como.gov

I am an LGBTQ ally who lives in Columbia and it is very important to me that the Commission on Human Rights, the mayor, and the City Council supports this proposal because it will help keep the people I love and my community safe. Please endorse this proposal to keep trans Columbians safe from legal and medical consequences of state-endorsed transphobia.



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## [Human Rights]: Sanctuary City Ordinance

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**Kendall Stennis** <kstennis08@gmail.com>

Thu, Dec 7, 2023 at 9:08 PM

To: ward1@como.gov, ward2@como.gov, ward3@como.gov, ward4@como.gov, ward5@como.gov, ward6@como.gov, mayor@como.gov, humanrights@como.gov

I am an LGBTQ ally who lives in Columbia and it is very important to me that the Commission on Human Rights, the mayor, and the City Council supports this proposal because it will help keep the people I love and my community safe. Please endorse this proposal to keep trans Columbians safe from legal and medical consequences of state-endorsed transphobia.

Sent from my iPhone



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**[Human Rights]: Sanctuary**

1 message

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**Maureen Dickmann** <maureendickmann@gmail.com>  
To: HumanRights@como.gov

Tue, Nov 7, 2023 at 2:47 PM

I'm a voter in the 4th ward & want to register enthusiastic support for Columbia becoming a sanctuary city. Please make it happen  
Maureen Dickmann  
206 S Garth  
65203

Sent from my iPhone





Kristin Mengwasser &lt;kristin.mengwasser@como.gov&gt;

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**[Human Rights]: Support LGBTQ sanctuary city**

1 message

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**Amy Lake** <amylake@gmail.com>  
To: HumanRights@como.gov

Tue, Nov 7, 2023 at 5:47 AM

I support the effort to make Columbia, Missouri a sanctuary city for LGBTQ people. My daughter is transgender and 22, and moved to Colorado last year because of the anti-trans legislation in Missouri. Even though the legislation does not affect her directly as a 22-year-old, she does not feel safe in Missouri, or Columbia. It has affected the climate in the state, and the way people treat her. She fears more regressive legislation targeting her age group. She would prefer to be living here in Columbia but feels she cannot do so safely. Please help make Columbia a safe and livable place for LGBTQ people by making it a sanctuary city.

Amy Lake  
205 Orchard Court  
Columbia, MO 65203  
573-239-0654



Kristin Mengwasser <kristin.mengwasser@como.gov>

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## [Human Rights]: Support the LGBT Sanctuary Ordinance

1 message

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**Rylie Rustemeyer** <redfirefly0209@gmail.com>  
To: HumanRights@como.gov

Wed, Nov 8, 2023 at 2:49 PM

I'm a trans person who lives in Columbia and it is very important to me that the Commission on Human Rights supports this proposal because it will help keep me and the people I love safe. Please endorse this proposal to keep trans Columbians safe from legal and medical consequences of state-endorsed transphobia.



Kristin Mengwasser &lt;kristin.mengwasser@como.gov&gt;

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**[Human Rights]: Tuesday, November 7 Meeting — In Support of the LGBTQ Sanctuary City Ordinance**

1 message

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**'Paul Harper' via Human Rights** <humanrights@como.gov>  
Reply-To: Paul Harper <PaulHarper@centurylink.net>  
To: HumanRights@como.gov

Mon, Nov 6, 2023 at 9:05 PM

I am writing in support the LGBTQ+ sanctuary city ordinance.

I am Paul Harper. I am a resident of Columbia, Missouri. I am an attorney and an elected official (school board). I am also a coordinator for the Parents for Parents group at the Center Project, which is a group for parents, family, and caregivers of LGBT individuals.

I believe that it is important to support this ordinance.

We need to protect our community. We have many families and individuals who have moved to our community because we are a safer community for LGBTQ individuals. We need to show them that they matter. We also need to stop the drain from our community. Many families with LGBTQ children and LGBTQ individuals have left due to the political atmosphere here in Missouri.

We need to live up to our goals and values. The City of Columbia's goals for inclusions and equity states, "Cultivate a community focusing on equitable access, inclusive engagement, equal opportunity and treatment for all." To live up to our ideals, we need to ensure that the LGBTQ community is not singled out for discrimination. This legislation puts our goals and values in action and ensures that the LGBTQ community is not targeted for discrimination.

For all of the reasons stated in the proposal, I ask that you vote to recommend that the city council pass this ordinance.

Thank you.

Paul Harper  
573-291-7866

Sent from my iPhone