

To Ellen Nash

Chairperson of the Leon L. Williams
Human Relations Commission
November 9th, 2021; 3:30pm

Greetings Ms Nash

I am writing this Memorandum as a point of record in regards to the Leon L. Williams San Diego County Human Relations Commission Meeting held on November 9th, 2021 from 10am to 12pm.

This is my recollection of what occurred during the voting process regarding the Transgender Community. A vote was placed in regards to the Human Relations board supporting Transgenders. I offered a vote of Abstention. As a matter of fact I offered the same vote twice. There is a gentleman identified as Gina that inquired why did I vote in Abstention before I casted my second vote.

As I am very familiar with Robert's Rules of Order, It clearly states; **Unless there is good reason not to vote**, all directors should vote on all motions. Although it is the duty of every member who has an opinion on a question to express it by his vote, he can abstain, since he cannot be compelled to vote. (Robert's Rules, 11th ed., p 407.)

As I explained why I voted in Abstention it appeared as if I committed a deadly sin. As you know, my response was that I thought that one who engages in Transgender Behaviors , that behavior is an Abomination before the Lord. My understanding of a Transgender is a Man dresses and behaves as a Woman and Vice Versa. I have served as an Associate Pastor for 18 years at my previous church and as a Senior Pastor at my present Church for 10 years. I am a Student of the Bible and it clearly states in the Book of Deuteronomy "A woman must not wear man's clothing, nor is a man to put on a woman's clothing. For all that do so are abominations to the Lord your God." Deuteronomy 22:5 MEV (Modern English Version).

The binary of male and female is Gods idea, if we are meant to embrace, by divine design, our biological and creational difference as men and women, then it only stands to reason that the confusion of these realities would be displeasing to God and very disrespectful to him as well.

Not only is this abomination stated in Deuteronomy but it is stated in Leviticus 18:22, Romans 1:18-32, 1st Corinthians 6:9,10 and the fact that when men and women embrace obviously other-gendered expressions of identity it is a disgrace.

1st Corinthians "Does even nature itself not teach you that if a man has long hair it is a shame to him? But if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her, for her hair is given her for a covering." 1 Corinthians 11:14-15

It was brought to my attention that the Human Relation Commission was made up of different people, ethnically speaking and including Transgenders and those from the LGBT Community. As I stated before, I spoke with Board Supervisor Joel Anderson in regards to my Beliefs after he asked me to Join this Commission. I forgot the actual date that I started on this Board, however long that it has been, I have been cordial to all. I haven't expressed my concerns regarding my beliefs until I was asked why I voted in

Abstention. I LOVE all people, but I hate ALL SIN and since the Bible says Transgenderism, Homosexuality, etc is an Abomination in the eyes of God, I can Still love and work with them that engage in such behaviors, but I will not tolerate the sexual behaviors in my presence . Additionally, If I am asked my opinion regarding any of the aforementioned behaviors I will give what I know to be Inerrant, Infallible and Authoritative word of God, the Chapter and verses from God's sacred Text. I felt assaulted by the entire Commission board, especially those stating that I was proclaiming hate speech.

Proclaiming that a certain belief is wrong or that a certain activity is sinful, based on biblical principles, is increasingly being included in the definition of hate speech.

What people fail to realize of this expanded hate speech definition or admit, is that to tell someone the truth is an act of love, not hate.

Is it hateful for a teacher to tell a student that his/her answer is wrong?

Is it hateful for a building inspector to tell a construction company that they are building on a faulty foundation? Of course, the answer to these questions are no.

However, that is precisely the illogic that is being applied to current hate speech legislation. Telling someone that his/her religious views are wrong is somehow hateful. Telling someone that his/her lifestyle is immoral is somehow hateful. The logic is not, in any sense, consistent with how truth is determined in other areas of society.

Let me make this perfectly clear, I do not hate homosexuals, adulterers, liars, Gossipers, pornographers, transsexuals, or fornicators. Rather, I simply believe that those who commit such acts or should I say Practice such Behaviors in this manner are making immoral and UNGODLY decisions. Telling someone that he/she is in the wrong is not hateful. In reality, refusing to tell someone the truth is what is truly hateful. Declaring the speaking of truth, presented respectfully, to be hate speech, is, in fact, the ultimate demonstration of hate.

Respectfully Submitted
In His Service
Pastor Dennis Hodges