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Good morning,

I'm writing to ask that you might follow Vice Mayor Bill Shacklett's example and publicly show support for the LGBTQ+ folks in our community (whether on behalf of the city or you yourself), especially in light of the recent shooting in Colorado. I understand that you are doing a livestream tomorrow evening, which is great -I'll definitely be tuning in- but the public needs a very clear statement with regards to Tindall's letter.

I think Tindall/the city failed to dialogue with TN Equality Project, and considering the recent legislation from the TN GOP and commentary associated with The Daily Wire in Nashville - not to mention World Outreach Church - there is a very real threat to queer people, generally. If there needs to be a compromise with TN Equality Project regarding future events, so be it, but please make it clear that you are willing to discuss any issues with the organization rather than banning them outright.

I'm also willing to dialogue further, if you ever want to or feel like it. I'm especially passionate about the issue of keeping church and state separate in terms of policy decisions, as a person who believes in God and Jesus and in upholding the humanity, dignity, and preciousness of every person, regardless of their sexuality or identity or beliefs. I also believe that to truly uphold these things is social justice- and, relatedly, that the Sermon on the Mount is a beautiful meditation on what it looks like to do so.

Thank you,
Alex Sager
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Please excuse my brevity - email sent via mobile!