From: Shane McFarland
To: Kristin Demos; Craig Tindall
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]- Thank you
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Kristin,

Thank you for your email. I appreciate your comments.

I have been involved in elected office for almost 20 years. I have tried my absolute best to represent everyone regardless of race, gender, religion, sexual preference, or any other factors. The City's responsibility is to deliver services to our residents and I have tried to do my level best to stay out of all the political chaos that surrounds our world and make sure that every person in Murfreesboro feels welcome, respected and represented.

I wanted to give you that context in regards to BoroPride. I was on record responding to constituents who didn't want the festival to occur that it was not appropriate to deny use of our Parks and Recreation facilities if a group meets the requirements as set forth by the City. It is not the City of Murfreesboro's obligation to determine who can and can't use those facilities based upon whether we agree with their mission, political stance, views or other thoughts. I emailed and told several people that BoroPride had a right to use those spaces as long as they upheld the rules just like everyone else.

Here's where I have an issue. I was sent the videos of the "drag" show at the end of the festival. The videos I saw were not representative of what the event application portrayed or what was billed as a "family friendly" event. This has nothing to do with whether I agree or disagree with the festival, but can we not all agree that having a "show" like this is not appropriate for a Parks and Recreation venue where children are present? For example, we wouldn't allow a college fraternity to have a bikini contest at a family park. The intended use of a parks and recreation venue is not for someone to be performing "mock" sexual acts on stage with children present. I think that is just common sense and something if you asked the majority of the community, they would agree.

I am going to continue to represent ALL residents in Murfreesboro….not just the ones I agree with. I do think we all can make these decisions together and use common sense about what is appropriate and reasonable for use of our parks and recreation facilities.

I believe we can all work together and find ways to make sure everyone can be accommodated.

Sincerely,

Shane

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Sent: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 3:20 PM
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Mr. Tindall and Mayor McFarland-
I wanted to share my sincere thanks to you, especially you, Craig and all of City Council for standing up to protect our children by issuing a letter and revoking privileges to the organization that held the recent Pride Festival exposing children to over sexualized and lewd behavior. Although every group has a right to assemble, I was literally stunned at the videos that surfaced of what occurred at a "family friendly" event. I recognize that by merely enforcing an ordinance you face extreme and loud criticism from cancel culture- and I have to imagine that you knew your decision to revoke privileges would be met with backlash- and you still chose to stand up for our children! I am so thankful for and proud of your leadership on this! We are seeing many municipalities across our Country turn a blind eye to such behaviors in order to avoid backlash/ cancel culture and I am so proud to live in a community where our leaders are willing to stand up for our children and do what is right.

I know that in your job, you are more likely to hear more criticism than "thanks", but I wanted to be sure to encourage you both and say thank you. I truly believe the health of any community is revealed in how we care for the most vulnerable, our children, and you took a stand by calling what is wrong, "wrong" and that will benefit our community for generations to come.

Best,

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"In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your path." Proverbs 3:6