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Hello,

I heard about the statement that was made recently to stop allowing the Boro Pride event, due to "conduct and speech of an inherently sexual nature".

I am appalled at this gross misuse of power to target an already marginalized and underrepresented group such as the LGBTQ+ community. Pride events are absolutely essential to our community to allow people to express themselves and their identity in a safe, controlled environment.

The existence of gay, bi, lesbian, and other LGBTQ peoples is not inherently sexual and it is not fair for any government to limit our right to assembly. I hope you all will reconsider the allowance of these types of events, as you have the potential to severely and negatively impact these vulnerable populations if you don't. Those in positions of political power should not let their religious morality come into play when making judgments that affect their community.

Regards,
Ashley Hayward