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Mr. Mayor,
I respectfully request you respond to the LGBTQI+ community and our thoughts on the recent ban of BORO Pride.

I moved to Murfreesboro only a few years ago specifically in hopes I could live in a Southern town that would accept my rights and who I am. BORO Pride does not have to be a closed book , but rather, a conversation between the city and its people.

We have every right to express ourselves right next to any other members of the community. Unless, of course, you believe us not to be worthy enough to be listened to.

Like it or not, we live in this town, we teach and attend at the schools, we raise children and work the jobs that keep Murfreesboro going. What makes us any different than any other community then?

I do agree, any public events should be monitored for decency and respect. However, this ban closes the doors and attempts to erase our presence.
Really it speaks more to who you all are as a council if you cannot have a two way conversation about a public event. Do not cower to that level as we do not hesitate to support all people in our community and others.

Give BORO pride a chance.