From: Orrantia, Jesus - City Council
To: Simonet, Stacy B - City Council Aide
Subject: FW: My Concerns Regarding the Councils Decisions
Date: Monday, August 31, 2015 12:48:07 PM

Stacy,

I believe that you are keeping copies of all correspondence related to Chic-fil-a. We received the one below from a gentleman who would like it to go to all of Council.

Thank you,

Jesús Orrantia
Council Aide
Office of Councilman Paul D. López, District 3
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From: Christopher Wynn [mailto:ciwissac@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 29, 2015 12:23 PM
To: Orrantia, Jesus - City Council
Subject: FW: My Concerns Regarding the Councils Decisions

Hello Mr. Orrantia,

I seem to be unable to get in contact with Mr. Lopez, so can you please relay this email to him and the Denver Council in whatever form is most appropriate.

Thank you,

Christopher Wynn

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From: Christopher Wynn
Sent: Saturday, August 29, 2015 12:12 PM
To: paul.lopez@denvergov.org
Subject: My Concerns Regarding the Councils Decisions

Hello Mr. Lopez,

As background, my name is Christopher Wynn, I am 23 years old, and I have lived in Colorado for over 20 years primarily in the Aurora area. I currently live outside of the Districts of the Denver Council, however, in light of these recent events I feel the need to express my opinions.

I am writing you in order to express my concerns over the direction of the Denver Council. My email is provoked by the recent delay of the Councils decision regarding the opening of a Chick-Fil-A in Denver International Airport; yet, although I am disappointed with the decision, the focus of my email is not in direct opposition to that choice in as much as it is concern over the mindset that potentially lead to that choice. As such, this email is intended to ultimately address the whole of the Denver Council, and I hope you may pass on my concerns.

I understand that the choice to delay the Councils decision on allowing a Chick-Fil-A to open in Denver International Airport was made with the intention of taking a pause to ensure adequate policies are in place to ensure that discrimination will not take place. I do not think this is an unreasonable precaution to take. However, I question the motive for the decision. A police officer, before searching a premises, must obtain a warrant based on the existence of probable cause for the search in question from a neutral and detached magistrate. Using that metaphor I consider the "probable cause" of this "investigation" to be expressed in the statement that Chick Fil A "had a history of funding opposition" to the full recognition of gay and lesbian couples.

My problem lies in that I have only found evidence of Chick-Fil-A engaging in funding and supporting activities targeted at promoting the values of which it is closely associated. While these values do not provide grounds for discrimination, by their nature, they do stand in contrast to the "full recognition" of the homosexual lifestyle so long as "full recognition" expects a declaration of biblical morality and a commitment to silence regarding any biblical opposition to the choice. Yet, contrary values and opinions are the nature of the American lifestyle and it is only in certain actions that they become considered discrimination.

I have not found any instance to where Chick-Fil-A has been found or effectively accused of engaging in the action of discrimination. Rather, it seems that you have directly associated the values which Chick-Fil-A promotes with discrimination, though the action of discrimination has not taken place nor been attempted. This is a dangerous way to govern. It results in the punishment of individuals and companies that hold particular values rather than the punishment of individuals and companies that commit wrong actions. To return to my metaphor, I feel that the Council lacks the "probable cause" to have taken this action. Furthermore, I question whether the Council is fit to act as "neutral and detached" if it has indeed adopted such an interpretation of Chick-Fil-A's values over a focus on Chick-Fil-A's actions.

This is a matter of discrimination; not a matter of values. I feel that it is important, in the role of government in which you and the Council stand, to ensure that those lines do not become blurred. Yet I thank you for your service and can imagine the stress and responsibility of the position in which you hold. Please carefully consider the merits of my concerns as you continue forward in governing our great state.

If possible I would like to hear your and the Council's thoughts regarding my concerns.

Regards,

Christopher Wynn

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