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To: dencc - City Council
Subject: Chick Fil A at DIA
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This is a copy to the Denver City Council Members that I sent today, August 26, to Council-Person Kneich.

Dear Ms. Kneich,
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Please reconsider blocking Chick Fil A's request to open a restaurant at DIA. Discrimination cuts both ways. Chick Fil A executives celebrate unions between men and women. Now I am 71 years old and have been married to the same man for almost 50 years, so forgive me for being a blunt old woman.
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I have never heard same sex attracted persons say that marriage between men and women should be celebrated! Just as you probably have a distaste for the sexual practice of heterosexual intercourse, understand that most heterosexual persons do not routinely practice sodomy or mutual masturbation.
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Christianity has a standard that it upholds for sexuality. Monogamous marriage between a man and a woman is meant to protect their offspring and to keep sex as a sacred institution so it is not abused. Intercourse is taught as something sacred and exclusive between one man and one woman. Christians are taught that sodomy and masturbation are not correct for anyone. The line is drawn very thin so as to avoid human concupiscence that easily diverges into sexual abuse-- at least that is the Christian tradition. Is that so bad?
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So if a baker is asked to celebrate sodomy and/or masturbation it becomes immoral for him, you see. But that is the only case when a business owner would exercise their right to hold firm to a traditional form of marriage, because sodomy and masturbation are wrong for heterosexuals to practice too. So if it's wrong for everyone, then it cannot be discriminatory.
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You are a city council person and the tradition of Christian morality may not be known to you, but it is 4000 years old. Persons, gay or heterosexual, who present themselves before a Catholic priest for marriage and openly admit they will practice sodomy or masturbation will not be allowed to marry in a Catholic Church, for instance. Those are the standards and there are others.
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Now, could an ex-felon run for Denver City Council? Why not? That

somehow seems wrong to me, but that is the case, isn't it?

Neither could an underage person although I know some very intelligent and mature teenagers. It's about standards and not about discrimination. Of course, the kinds of acts I brought up, sodomy and masturbation, bring out a certain distaste in heterosexual people generally as perhaps, you would have to admit, does heterosexual intercourse for you. But that is your right. No one can tell you otherwise, nor does anyone I know want to.

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Chick Fill A is an openly Christian business (my daughter in law owns one in Aurora) and they never discriminate or are told to discriminate against gay customers or employees. The policy seems to be to respect but not promote. Chick Fill A should not have to promote gay marriage any more than you would promote, no doubt, traditional marriage between one man and one woman. It's just common sense. I'm so sorry if anyone has ever offended you for your choices, but believe me, I have had to suffer lots of discrimination for mine. It's called life.