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I am socked as I am sure thousands are that you are considering denying the restaurant's request to open a store at the airport based only on an individuals opinion based on Biblical scriptures regarding homosexuality - marriage.

There is nothing in the company's charter that implies discrimination against anyone. I challenge you to identify one instance whereby this company has discriminated based on a person's lifestyle, etc. You cannot. Your move to disqualify this company is based only on discrimination on your part and hate for a company because of one person who has voiced his privately held convictions. Contrary to the company's founder, you are in a position to act on your discrimination and/or hatred.

If this is the standard that you are using for any company to gain a business license or serve the public then the same standard needs to be applied to public officials like your selves. You then must identify any thought or speech you had spouted in the past that may offend someone. If you have, then you must resign your position. It would not matter how good of an impartial job you may be doing because you may have voiced personal thoughts on a subject that may be construed that you hate someone. This is America and private convictions that do not, in practice, discriminate against someone is honored as a matter of free speech and you should honor that as you do with your own speech.