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To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#); [Wheeler, Mayor](#); [Commissioner Mapps](#); [Ryan, Dan](#); [Commissioner Rubio](#); [Commissioner Hardesty](#)
Subject: The Texas Emergency Resolution and a Double Standard of Equitable Diversity in Portland
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To Members of the Portland City Council;

A women's right to individually choose is an important issue especially when population growth and the over human population of the planet is the underlying cause of climate change.

Thank you for setting the example with the emergency resolution that has the intent to ban city business and employee travel related to the state of Texas thereby boycotting Texas for their judgmental political views as it applies to excluding choice.

This resolution also has the effect of legitimatizing the equality of diverse political views for the people of Portland. This includes people boycotting paying the Portland Arts Head Tax until such time as the decades old historical public art heritage statues toppled by mob rule - George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Harvey Scott and any others - along with the elk and fountain on Main Street are fully restored and reinstalled in a respectful open public place of honor.

Just like with a women's right to choose, the people in Portland have the right to decide what public art they like and what they don't like, but not tear down what others appreciate because judgmentally it does not fit their personal political agenda or beliefs. If the diversity in art is not fully honored, respected and represented, the City should be sterilized of all statues of named figures along with any other public art somebody finds distasteful and/or offensive. Additionally, if the statues that were toppled are not reinstalled, any staff personnel in the offices of City Council members that have a checkered public past should be immediately discharged.

Respectfully,

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