

Written Testimony - Agenda Item 237

Agenda Item	Name or Organization	Position	Comments	Attachment	Created
237	Muslim Community	Oppose	<p>Dear City Council,</p> <p>There are more than 15,000 Muslims living in Portland, Oregon. Muslims follow the faith of Islam and the consensus among Muslim scholars surrounding issues of gender identity is that there are men and women and no other genders and that those who are born a man or woman and later decide to identify differently are going against the fitrah (natural state that Allah creates people in). In any case practicing Muslims reject LGBTQ+ ideology it's entirely inconsistent with Islam and as Muslims we consider adherents to this ideology to be morally bankrupt. See this letter signed by over 150 Imams in North America setting the record straight: https://navigatingdifferences.com/clarifying-sexual-and-gender-ethics-in-islam/</p>	No	03/15/24 10:20 AM
237	Anonymous	Support	<p>Oregon, especially Portland has become a sanctuary for LGBTQIA+ residents, especially trans refugees and their families. As of Decemeber 2023 Oregon has more LGBTQ+ residents per capita than any other state in the U.S., report "The state's 253,300 LGBTQ+ residents account for 7.8% of its overall population." Trans Day of Visibility is already celebrated by the LGBTQIA+ community and officially recognizing it as a city would be a great way to show support & welcome our new trans community members.</p>	No	03/20/24 7:24 AM