

DOCUMENTS relating to Ordinance No. 111714,  
relating to the control of harassment based  
on a person's sexual orientation.

Honorable President:

Your \_\_\_\_\_  
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Filed July 26, 1984 Tim Hill, City Comptroller

By Theresa Dunbar Deputy

**ACTION OF THE COUNCIL**

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

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Your  
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## Memorandum



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To All Councilmembers From Sam Smith RECEIVED  
Date June 8, 1984 Subject Malicious Harassment Ordinance JUN 8 1984  
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Attached is the final version of C.B. 104274,  
which the Housing, Recreation and Human Services Committee  
voted unanimously to pass at its June 7, 1984 meeting.

SS:ksr  
6/8/84

ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the control of harassment based on a person's  
2 sexual orientation and other protected categories; adding a new  
3 section 12A.06.160 to the Seattle Municipal Code to define a new  
4 criminal offense.

5 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

6 Section 1. There is added to the Seattle Municipal Code a new  
7 section 12A.06.160 as follows:

8 12A.06.160. Malicious Harassment

9 (1) A person is guilty of malicious harassment if he or she mali-  
10 ciously and with the intent to intimidate or harass another  
11 person because of that person's sexual orientation, gender,  
12 marital status, political ideology, age, or parental status:

- 13 (a) Causes physical injury to another person; or  
14 (b) By threat places another person in reasonable fear of  
15 harm to his or her person or property or harm to the  
16 person or property of a third person, PROVIDED HOWEVER,  
17 That it shall not constitute malicious harassment for a  
18 person to speak or act in a critical, insulting, or  
19 deprecatory way so long as his or her words or conduct  
20 do not constitute a threat of harm to the person or pro-  
21 perty of another person; or  
22 (c) Causes physical damage to or the destruction of the pro-  
23 perty of another person.

24 (2) "Threat" means to communicate, directly or indirectly, the  
25 intent to:

- 26 (a) Cause bodily injury to another; or  
27 (b) Cause damage to the property of another; or  
28 (c) Subject another person to physical confinement or  
restraint.

"Sexual Orientation" includes heterosexuality, homosexuality,  
and bisexuality.

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(4) Every person who, in the commission of malicious harassment, shall commit any other crime, may be punished therefor as well as for the malicious harassment, and may be prosecuted for each crime separately.

Passed by the City Council the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1984 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1984.

President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council.

Approved by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1984.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor.

Filed by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1984.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Comptroller and City Clerk.

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Published \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk.

Your City, Seattle



Memorandum

Date June 5, 1984 E. BENSON

To Councilmember Sam Smith  
From Doug Whalley, Law Department *DW*  
Subject Malicious Harassment

Attached is a copy of the revised Malicious Harassment Ordinance. The ACLU (Jerry Sheehan), Dorian Group (Attorney Robert Rohan) and the Office of Women's Rights (Linda Taylor), approve this proposal.

Amendments include:

1. Addition of gender, marital status, political ideology, age and parental status as protected classes. Additional classifications of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin and physical handicap are included in the State felony law, so they cannot be included in our ordinance. The case of State v. Mason, 34 Wn App 514 (1983) held that cities may not enact ordinances which define a felony offense. A memo on that issue is attached, if further information is needed.
2. Section (1)(b) has additional language starting with "PROVIDED HOWEVER..." that clarifies our intent not to include critical speech alone within the ordinance. Only specific threats of harm are covered.
3. A definition of threat is added as Section (2). The language comes from current ordinances.

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6 (c) Subject another person to physical confinement  
7 or restraint; or

8 (d) Do any other act which is intended to harm  
9 substantially any person with respect to his or  
10 her health, safety, business, financial con-  
11 dition, or personal relationships;

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- (c) Causes physical damage to or destruction of the property of another person.

(2) "Sexual orientation" includes homosexuality, heterosexuality and bisexuality.

(3) Every person who, in the commission of malicious harassment, shall commit any other crime, may be prosecuted for each crime separately.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days from and after its passage and approval, if approved by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect at the time it shall become a law under the provisions of the city charter.

Passed by the City Council the.....day of....., 19 .....,  
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this.....day of  
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President.....of the City Council.

Approved by me this.....day of....., 19 .....

Mayor.

Filed by me this.....day of....., 19 .....

Attest:.....  
City Comptroller and City Clerk.

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By.....  
Deputy Clerk.

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(b) By words or conduct places another person in reasonable fear of harm to his person or property or harm to the person or property of a third person; or

(c) By words or conduct seeks to discredit, demoralize or belittle another person; or

(d) Causes physical damage to or destruction of the property of another person.

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MAY 18 1984

May 16<sup>th</sup>

GEORGE E. BENSON

Dear Mr. Benson:

This is written to ask you to oppose any more laws giving special benefits and protection to the gay community.

The Mayor and the gays opposed the Naval Task Force for Seattle. Does he want to give them the city and keep our military away so they won't hurt the poor gays? Seattle is getting more like San Francisco every day as our good solid citizens move out.

No group needs any more protection than another under our laws and if the gays want to flaunt their life style then they should be ready to accept the consequences. Sincerely,  
R.W. Ahern

June 5, 1984

Dear Mr. Benson:

I am writing to you regarding the proposed ordinance C.S. 169274 relating to the control of harassment based on a person's sexual orientation.

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CITY OF SEATTLE  
MR. BENSON

As a citizen of the city of Seattle I would like for you to know that I find this ordinance very offensive, a duplication of laws we already have, extra expense, and that I am very much opposed to it.

I believe that this is the feeling of the majority of Seattle taxpayers. Please do not legalize sin. Thank you for considering us.

Sincerely  
Paul W Eneberg  
(and I agree → Galinda Eneberg)

2307-NW 97

1125 23rd Ave. E.  
Seattle, Wa. 98112  
May 18, 1984

George Benson, Councilman  
Seattle City Council  
600-4th  
Seattle, Washington

Dear George:

I am writing to ask you to vote against the proposed Ordinance making it a finable, criminal offense to insult a homosexual. I understand you are voting on this on Wednesday. I wish as much as you that no one should be a victim of verbal abuse. However, to give special privileges, protection and fines for the homosexual individuals of our city is bending over too far backwards to please a very vocal group.

As a woman, I do not have this privilege of police running around giving out fines whenever I am insulted merely walking down the street. I shop at the same grocery store as Councilman Smith. I don't see someone ready to hand out fines for the criminal offense for ugly words spoken to him because he is a Black. And how about the Cerebral Palsy Center down here? When they go for picnics in the park and are mocked and made fun of, are there policemen handing out fines? I could go on and on. I work with the Cambodian refugees. They are sweet and beautiful people. Have they always met with the freedom and friendship you would expect in America? And how about the original Americans themselves: the American Indian? Where would you find enough policemen in the world to enforce such an ordinance making words alone a criminal offense?

George, as my neighbor and friend, I think you know I care about all people: not just a very vocal group. There are many others I have mentioned who are not as vocal, but just as deserving of our respect.

You cannot legislate respect. This is a ridiculous ordinance, and I hope you will vote against it.

Sincerely yours,

*Mrs. Dennis Kane*  
Mrs. Dennis F. Kane

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	FROM	Kristian Erickson	AREA CODE - TELEPHONE NO. - OR OPER.											
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	FROM	Bill Simmonds	AREA CODE - TELEPHONE NO. - OR OPER.											
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GEORGE E. BENSON

Dear Councilman Benson,

It is hard to believe that the members of our city Council would consider special protection, for a small minority group, above and beyond the protection that other citizens of Seattle receive. We are referring to a proposed ordinance by Chief Criminal deputy Doug Whalley to provide a civil penalty for using belittling language toward homosexuals.

The majority of citizens still believe that homosexuality is a deviate life style with damaging consequences of disease (AIDS) and overt behavioral problems.

Reports of overt activities of homosexuals in public rest rooms and certain Seattle parks already keep other citizens from utilizing these facilities. Are you as a city councilman going to encourage more overt activity by this small organized group and despoil our city?

There was a time when their own shame kept homosexuals from flaunting their life style on others. It is sad that they now feel they can pressure whoever they want to for whatever they want.

Please do not degrade our city further



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by encouraging this social and behavioral problems.

Sincerely,  
Irene Armstrong  
Carrie Vosko  
Rita Kane

Irene Armstrong  
6536 51st Ave N.E.  
Seattle, Wash. 98115

Reports of overt activities of harassment in public rest rooms and certain public parks already keep other citizens from utilizing these facilities. Are you or a city commission going to encourage more overt activity by this well organized group and depict our city? There was a time when their own names kept harassment from blighting their life style or other. It is sad that they fear that they can pursue tobacco they want to for whatever they want. Please do not depict our city further.

# Homosexuality

## Definition

A sexual love affair between two persons of the same sex or lusting after the same sex, often referred to as gays and lesbians (female). It is a behavioral sin that creates tremendous emotional and social problems.

## Biblical Statement

The Word of God calls homosexuality an abomination because it is in rebellion to God's original plan of one man and one woman united together for life, who are commanded by God to be fruitful and multiply, thus establishing the home and the priesthood in the home (Lev. 18:22; 20:13).

## Scripture

Lev. 20:13, "If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them."

1 Cor. 6:9, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolators, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind."

1 Tim. 1:10, "for whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for men-stealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine." (The law was made for such.)

Rom. 1:21, 26, 27, "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. . . For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: . . . women did change the natural use. . . (and) men (left) the natural use of the woman. . ."

Rom. 6:11-14, 22, "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Let not sin therefore reign* in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but *yield yourselves unto God*, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members are instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. . . But not<sup>4</sup> being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."

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Judith A. Bornstedt <sup>George E. BENSON</sup>  
10221 - 41st Ave. S.W.  
Seattle, WA 98146

May 21, 1984

Seattle City Council  
Room 1106  
Seattle Municipal Bldg  
600 Fourth Ave.  
Seattle, WA 98104

Attention: George E. Benson

Dear Councilman Benson:

I am a registered voter in King Co., and I am writing to voice my strong disapproval of the proposed "Homosexual Harassment" Ordinance being considered by the Seattle City Council.

I feel this is a direct move to inhibit freedom of speech, and I adamantly disagree with this proposal.

Sincerely,

*Judith A. Bornstedt*

215 Columbia  
Seattle WA

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Councilmen, City of Seattle:

This letter is to express my concern about the pending ordinances on homosexual harassments, and to urge you to vote against the proposals.

I feel that all people have rights to respect, dignity and privacy, no matter what their orientation, as American citizens and citizens of our fine city.

But I fear that to single out a particular set of society for special constraints on us all, no matter how well-meaning, has the serious potential of limiting general freedom of expression. In a misguided effort to limit the harmful excesses of a bigot, it can also be used to limit the freedom of unbiased criticism — criticism of a person for other reasons, e.g. their performance on a job or a political view — by asserting that these expressions are based on the person's sexual orientation:

"He's only saying that about me (my performance, my views) because I'm a homosexual." "She said that only because I'm gay." "Therefore he/she ought to be restrained by law from saying that about me." No, we ought to be able to criticize.

This restriction on freedom of speech could become intolerable in its assumptions<sup>of intent</sup>. Even if freedom permits the insensitive clod to express untoward, obnoxious disrespect, the freedoms we enjoy ought not to be restricted on account of them. It is essential to our society that we remain free to express thoughts without restraint other than slander or libel. We already have carefully ordered libel & slander laws to protect citizens from damage by speech, in sensitive balance with freedom of speech. Let's not go overboard, trying to "protect" us from the clods, and then have to defend ourselves from lawsuits of the "protected."

— Donald J. Gerards

4546 E. Laurel Drive N.E. I V E D  
Seattle, WA 98105 MAY 31 1984  
May 30, 1984

GEORGE E. BENSON

Councilman George E. Benson  
Seattle City Council  
600 4th  
Seattle, WA 98104

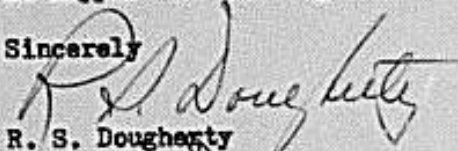
Dear Sir:

We wish to encourage you and the other members of the City Council to vote to adopt legislation adequate to give strong protection against harassments and threats of violence to homosexuals in Seattle.

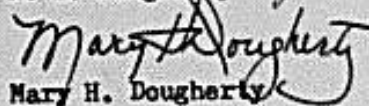
As active members of two Protestant churches in Seattle, one of us a retired United Methodist pastor and the other a retired social worker, we are concerned that the positions voiced by the so-called "fundamentalist" Christians, as represented in the Seattle press, be considered the positions also of Christians in general. We enjoy close relationships with the homosexual community in Seattle and are aware of the undeserved abuse and harassment directed towards many of their number. We find this reprehensible from both a Christian and from a humane perspective, and believe it is the responsibility of government concerned with human rights to do all in its power to prevent such abuse.

We think you might be interested in hearing from active church persons in support of such legislation.

Sincerely



R. S. Dougherty



Mary H. Dougherty

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS  
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GEORGE E. BENSON

Councilmembers  
Seattle City Council  
Seattle, Wa.

Your time spent in reading this letter is greatly appreciated and I believe that fairness and the rights of others will be protected by the decisions that you make on the enclosed matter of this letter.

Councilmembers I would like to address the matter of a new proposed ordinance that will heard in the near future, on protection of gays in the Seattle area. My petition is that a fair hearing be done on the ordinance, however there are only a limited number of groups being heard from. Those being; Jim Holm president of the Dorian group, and a member from the ACLU. Therefore it is my belief that this proposed ordinance is being drafted with a political bias not seen in many years. I petition the council and chairman that any action on this matter include a attorney from the Christian legal defense association. This matter includes christians as well and we should have the right to any closed door hearings. I ask that any hearings be postponed till an attorney can be found sit in on this matter of Sexual harrasment toward gays.

Sincerely;

*Robert Spears*

Robert Spears  
1211 SW 139  
Seattle, Wa. 98166

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JUN 1 1964  
GEORGE L. BLANK

THE CITY OF SEATTLE MUST  
BE GOING NUTS!

IT'S THE QUEER A SPECIAL  
BREED OF CAT SINGLED OUT  
FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT??

SEATTLE TIMES MAY 15, 1964

**Gays: Two steps in opposite directions**

Two developments last week focused attention on the plight of gays.  
In the first, the U.S. Army finally succeeded in kicking Sgt. Perry Watkins out for being an admitted homosexual — a battle it had been fighting since 1981, the year regulations changed to prevent homosexuals from re-enlisting.  
Watkins, a 16-year veteran from Tacoma with an exemplary record, was four years shy of being eligible to retire. His discharge came after he arrived in New Jersey from West Germany, where he had been stationed the past year.  
\* The city of Seattle, meanwhile, was moving in the opposite direction, considering an ordinance that would make it a crime — punishable with a fine and jail term — to threaten a homosexual with harm.  
The city attorney's office is also reviewing another proposal that would provide a civil penalty for using "belittling language" toward gays.

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\* ARE THEY QUEERS TOO!!

HOW ABOUT PENALYZING

\* QUEERS FOR THEIR FILTHY  
LANGUAGE AND ACTIONS  
IN PUBLIC??

\* YOU CAN THREATEN A POLICEMAN  
AND/OR A STRAIGHT CITIZEN AND  
GET AWAY WITH IT. ???

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GEORGE E BENSON

COUNCILMAN GEORGE BENSON

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER TO URGE YOU NOT TO VOTE FOR THE AMENDMENT PENDING IN COUNCILMAN SMITH'S COMMITTEE ON EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT TO INCLUDE "GAYS" AND "HOMOSEXUALS" -- WHICH IS DUE TO COME TO A VOTE BEFORE THE FULL COUNCIL VERY SOON!

I BELIEVE I SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST ANY GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS I DISAGREE WITH! ACCORDING TO THE BILL IN ITS PRESENT FORM I COULD NOT ATTEND A PUBLIC PTA MEETING AND OBJECT TO A TEACHER TEACHING MY CHILDREN THAT "HOMOSEXUALITY IS OK" -- IF THE TEACHER WAS GAY -- HOWEVER I COULD OBJECT TO THE WAY THE PRINCIPAL PUNISHES MY CHILDREN OR THE WAY THE COACH WORKS HIS KIDS TOO HARD.

I BELIEVE WE SHOULD NOT BE PREJUDICED AGAINST ANYONE BECAUSE OF THEIR SEX, RACE AND RELIGION -- BUT TO INCLUDE "GAYS" IN THIS DEFINITION IS WRONG

EVEN THOUGH I BELIEVE IT IS WRONG FOR THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER APPROVING THIS AMENDMENT I BELIEVE IT IS WORSE TO CONDONE THOSE WHO WANT TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST "GAYS".

ADOPTION OF THIS ORDINANCE WILL RESULT IN THE "FIRST CRACK IN THE DAM" AND SOON WE WON'T BE ABLE TO HOLD BACK THE SOCIAL BREAKDOWN OF OUR COMMUNITY.

BEING GAY IS NOT NATURAL -- AND BY APPROVING THIS AMENDMENT YOU ARE PUTTING YOUR STAMP OF APPROVAL THAT BEING GAY IS ACCEPTABLE AND THAT THEY SHOULD BE PROTECTED UNDER LEGISLATION WHICH WAS SET UP TO PROTECT THE "TRULY WORTHY".

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.  
Gary C. Trotter



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JUN 4 1984

GEORGE E. BENSON

June 1, 1984

Councilmembers  
City of Seattle  
Seattle, Wa.

I'm enclosing this as a reminder of what type of society you are helping to shape for your children and mine. For the sake of use all please defeat the proposed ordinance for "Sexual Harrasment". It started at home, will it end at city hall?

## POSTSCRIPTS

■ Boy George, lead singer of the pop group Culture Club, says he's bisexual but that anyone who thinks he's a "little wimp of a guy" is mistaken. "I'm not the least bit effeminate. I'm very masculine. And I'm confident — not arrogant, confident," the flamboyant singer said in an interview in Rolling Stone magazine. Boy George said his last relationship was with a woman, more than a year ago. Marriage, he said, is "illogical. I could see myself living with somebody and having children. I want to have children, because every man wants to have a child. But I'm not bothered that I might have to adopt one."



Boy  
George

Sincerely;

*Robert Spears*

Robert Spears  
1211 SW 139th #274  
Seattle, Wa. 98166



**CALVARY TEMPLE**  
ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

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JUN 4 1984  
GEORGE E. BENSON

June 1, 1984

Councilman George Benson  
1106 Municipal Building  
600 Fourth Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear George,

I write to express my strong opposition to the "Malicious Harassment" ordinance proposed section 21A.06.160 based on a person's sexual orientation.

I do not understand the thinking behind this. I see it as giving legal protection to homosexuals and placing them in a preferred status category. Are there not laws which exist already to protect all people from harassment?

I beg of you to vote against this and not lead our city into another step giving preferential treatment to homosexuals.

Thank you for hearing me.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Anderson  
Pastor

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*God bless you, George!*

**Pastor**  
Charles A. Anderson  
**Associates**  
Howard E. Flaherty  
Pastoral Care  
Temple Seniors  
Randy Beal  
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Mr George Benson  
Seattle City Council  
1106 Seattle Municipal Bldg  
600-4th Ave  
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Mr Benson

Just a note about the proposed  
Ordinance CB 104274 in relation to  
Control of harassment based on  
individuals sexual orientation.

As a citizen of the City of Seattle  
I find this ordinance offensive.  
It is a duplication of laws  
already in existence & an  
extra expense. I am opposed  
to it.

As a taxpayer & a voter I want  
you to know my feelings. Thank  
you for your consideration

Sincerely  
Mary Payne

704 Mary Ave. N.W.  
Seattle, Wa. 98107  
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Dear Councilman Benson:

GEORGE E. BENSON

The Council Committee chaired by Councilman Smith is currently considering an ordinance regarding malicious harassment. While I am strongly opposed to the ordinance, I am deeply disturbed with the procedure that is being followed to get this ordinance passed.

On May 23 Councilman Smith allowed oral testimony on this ordinance. At that time he invited the Dorian Group and the ACLU to work with the Office of Womens' Rights and the Law Department on redrafting the ordinance to, among other things, include other groups. Dan Scalf immediately asked if the Bill of Rights Legal Foundation (BRLF, a Christian legal services group) could be involved in redrafting the ordinance too. Councilman Smith replied that it would be acceptable only if the ACLU agreed. Since the ACLU was unwilling to work with the BRLF, the BRLF was barred from working on the redrafting.

Councilman Smith has announced that his committee will consider/vote on whatever amendments/redrafts are proposed by the ACLU and the Dorian Group at the June 7 Committee meeting. He has also said that he will only consider written testimony submitted by June 5 or perhaps June 6 at the latest. Conveniently, the ACLU and Dorian Group have been asked to submit their amendments/redraft on June 6, meaning that it will be impossible for the public to get a copy of the amendments/redraft under consideration in time to comment on them. Councilman Smith has also barred verbal testimony at the June 7 meeting.

It is my belief that Councilman Smith intends to pass the ordinance on to the Full Council for a vote the following Monday (June 11) and hopes to again bar verbal testimony regardless of how radical the changes in the ordinance have been and how little the proposed ordinance resembles the ordinance that the public commented on.

If this procedure is not a clear violation of the Open Meeting Law, it certainly violates the spirit of the law. When Councilman Smith advanced the date of the Committee meeting to June 7 from the June 13 date announced in the newspapers, many people felt it was a deliberate attempt to confuse the public to insure a low turnout at the Committee meeting.

I request two things. The first is that if the ordinance is placed on the Full Council agenda for June 11, I request that any action on it be tabled for at least a week for the Council to consider citizen input. I believe you will find this useful in uncovering serious legal flaws in the revised ordinance that would subject the City to expensive and embarrassing litigation. Secondly, I request that you provide an opportunity for verbal testimony on the revised ordinance. Certainly the public has had the opportunity to comment on the original ordinance, however this ordinance is expected to be modified so much that an additional opportunity for verbal testimony is warranted.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

*Philip Irvin P.E.*  
Philip Irvin P.E.

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... JUNE BENSON

Dear Mr. Benson:

I am writing to you regarding the proposed ordinance C.B. 104274 relating to the control of harassment based on a persons sexual orientation.

As a citizen of the City of Seattle I would like for you to know that I find this ordinance very offensive, a duplication of laws we already have, extra expense, and that I am very much opposed to it.

I believe that this is the feeling of the majority of Seattle taxpayers. Thank you for considering us!

Sincerely  
Amy & Laurits Danielson

6-4-84

Sir-

This letter is to let you know that  
I oppose stronuously the passing <sup>RECEIVED JUN 5 1984</sup> ordinance  
now before the City Council <sup>MEMBERS BENSON</sup>, entitled-  
"Harassment Based on Sexual Orientation."

The "belittling language" clause should be  
left out of this or any other ordinance in  
the future.

I am aware of when your term of office  
runs out. If you desire me to vote for you,  
please-my opposition to this or any other  
"Gay" ordinance should be carefully considered  
by you.

Please put me on your mailing list to  
receive the "Seattle City Council Hearings Calendar"

Thank you very much,

Mr + Mrs Carl E Jordan.  
541-20-78  
Seattle, WA  
98103

P.S. I am also opposed to the revision indicating  
"malicious mischief." I am a Senior citizen.

Mr. George E. Benson  
Seattle City Council  
1106 Seattle Municipal Bldg  
600 Fourth Ave.,  
Seattle, Wa 98104

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GEORGE E. BENSON

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Sincerely,

*Robert W. Hedman*  
*Myrtle L. Hedman*

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Eastside Assembly of God Church  
817 M.L.King, Jr. Way  
Seattle, Washington 98122

GEORGE E. BENSON

Dear City Council Member:

It has come to our attention that an ordinance is soon to be voted on which would give added public approval of a homosexual lifestyle. It is unconstitutional and not necessary: ---unconstitutional because it gives special legal protection for one group; and not necessary because it is already unlawful to maliciously harass any person. This is opening the door to legislate approval for other deviant behavior, those behavior patterns which are against God's laws, the principles upon which our country was founded. We are against this ordinance and we ask you to cast your vote against it.

Beatrice Brookins  
Dan & Melonie Salinas  
Juan Allen  
Hattie McEachern

Sincerely,

~~Pastor N. C. Hutchcraft~~  
Mrs. Vera Hutchcraft  
Mrs. Shirley Vorse  
Mrs. Neada Prater  
Mrs. J. J. Harrison  
Mrs. Carol Wallace  
Janet Crosby  
Adabelle Comby Knight  
Kladya Vaughn  
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Campus Church of Seattle Pacific University

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~~George E. BENSON~~

June 1, 1983

George E. Benson  
Seattle City Council  
Seattle Municipal Building, Room 1106  
600 4th Avenue  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Benson:

I am writing to you in reference to the proposed city ordinance against "Malicious Harassment" of homosexuals.

Let me indicate at the outset that I am opposed to any kind of harassment based on sexual orientation and lifestyle. This is so despite the fact that I believe homosexual practice to be counter to God's creative design and thus counter to what is healthy for humans. Nonetheless, a practicing homosexual is worthy of appropriate and respectful treatment just as is a heterosexual whose sexual practices I do not consider healthy and just as is any person whose behavior I consider immoral and counterproductive to him or her.

That does not mean, however, that we should set up city ordinances protecting any and every kind of behavior practiced by a minority group. Why are we singling out homosexuals for special protection? Are not the actions this ordinance opposes already dealt with by current state and local laws? If further specificity is desired why not as a city council recommend that the state law be adjusted to include specifically the homosexual?

Thus I oppose this ordinance not so much as an evangelical Christian but as a concerned citizen who does not desire to see anyone "harassed," but who also feels it is inappropriate to grant special protection to homosexuals.

I also feel that to pass such special protection acts is to needlessly encumber our already much encumbered set of laws and ordinances.

Please consider these matters in dealing with this issue.

Sincerely yours,

H. Mark Abbott  
Pastor

HMA/ab

Rosemary J. Irvin  
Attorney at Law

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Seattle, Washington 98104  
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City of Seattle  
City Council  
1106 Municipal Bldg.  
600 4th Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

Attn: Sam Smith

Re: Proposed Ordinance for Malicious Harassment

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter is to voice my comments about the proposed ordinance for Malicious Harassment now being considered by the City Council.

Apparently, the proposed ordinance is drafted to deal with harassment of homosexuals even though no purpose has been clearly set out. To date "sexual orientation" is not, nor does it create a protected class under the U.S. Constitution. RCW 9A.36.080, after which the proposed ordinance is modelled, addresses itself to harassment because of race or religion; both of which are protected classes. To address harassment piecemeal, toward special interest groups as the proposed ordinance does, creates unequal protection under the law without involving a protected freedom.

There are several other "harassment" situations I do not feel are being addressed by this ordinance - ones which are of serious concern; e.g. harassment of feminist self-defense groups; the elderly; and the classic situation where an ex-lover turns out to be "wacko", engages in threatening behavior and finally kills the victim. I am sure there are similar instances of harassment that are not presently considered criminal but which are of sizeable concern to a segment of the population. By listing specified groups, statutory interpretation leaves one to conclude those which are excluded, are not covered - again creating unequal protection and addressing the problem piecemeal.

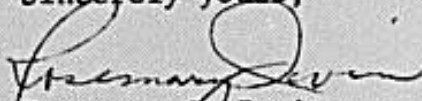
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City Council  
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My suggestion is that the ordinance be drafted in a manner to obviate any special interest group and to withstand constitutional challenges for vagueness. Providing a general harassment statute would be of obvious benefit to all.

Finally, I know many fundamentalist Christian groups have had concerns about the ordinance because it might arguably sanction conduct which they believe is immoral. I believe these concerns speak more to the underlying dispute about sexual norms in that different schools believe deviations from heterosexual behavior are rooted in environmental, biological, spiritual or free choice causes. None of these theories is absolutely factually conclusive, to the best of my knowledge. This speaks to the reason why sexual preference is more a matter of free choice or free speech than a protected class.

I support the present treatment of sexual preference, that it not be elevated to the level of an unconstitutionally protected class. Further, I support the enactment of some harassment ordinance which is uniform in application to the entire populace.

Sincerely yours,

  
Rosemary J. Irvin  
Attorney at Law

RJI:ds

cc: George E. Benson  
Virginia Galle  
Michael Hildt  
Paul Kraabel  
Norm Rice  
Dolores Sibonga  
Jim Street  
Jeanette Williams

Virginia M. Fields  
9714 Palatine Ave. N.  
Seattle, WA 98103

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CLAUDE L. BENSON

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL:

I am writing to protest the malicious harassment ordinance, including homosexuals which indicates that a person is guilty of malicious harassment if "(b) by words or conduct he places another person in reasonable fear of harm to his person or property . . .". I added the underline on words.

America in the past has been a great and blessed country by honoring God and the principles laid down in the Word of God - the Bible. In fact our laws have been based primarily on those principles of righteousness. However, in the past twenty years or more there has been a departure from morality in very many areas. We have really not been blessed as a nation since that has happened.

I do not think homosexuals should be singled out for special legal protection. It is a mistake to encourage a life style that is detrimental to society and fosters more crime and decadence. We hear horror stories every day involving sexual molestation of even our little children. I wrote previously about the original wording of "helliting language" and indicated this could open even our ministers to being sued for preaching what the Word of God has to say about homosexuality. Romans, Chapter 1, is quite clear on this and it was for the reason of sodomy that God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. I am still very much concerned that our freedom of religion and freedom of speech are being threatened more and more each day. It seems that instead of less governmental interference in our lives, it is becoming more and more controlled.

As an elected official representing those who voted for you, you do have a God-given responsibility to stand for morality. I believe there has already been more than enough legislation involving "sexual orientation".

Yours very truly,

*Virginia M. Fields*

Virginia M. Fields

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P.S. I requested that my former letter be given to all of the Council Members. However, I am also attaching a copy of the same for your information.

Virginia M. Fields  
9714 Palatine Ave. N.  
Seattle, WA 98103

May 21, 1984

URGENT

The Honorable Sam Smith  
The Honorable Jeanette Williams  
The Honorable Jim Street  
Seattle City Council

Dear Council Members:

This is an open letter to the above Council Members and in fact I would appreciate all members of the Council receiving a copy.

I am shocked and appalled at the proposed ordinance to be voted on by the Committee on Wednesday, May 23rd, having to do with sexual orientation and homosexuals in particular. It seems to me the effect of this ordinance would be to deny freedom of speech to even a preacher of the gospel to read what the Word of God, the Bible, has to say in regard to homosexuality. Apparently if he read or preached it at all, he would be open to a court suit and possibly even have his church closed down. We are slowly but surely losing our freedom of religion and freedom of speech in this country. Why should a person have to go to law and spend a lot of money to obtain his constitutional right to freedom of religion and freedom of speech. There is no law protecting Christians from speech contrary to their life style. It is no longer a government of the people, by the people and for the people in this United States. Indeed it is becoming more like Russia every day. Christians are a minority being discriminated against in many ways. One of the ways is free access to public facilities for meetings, though Christians are taxpayers and citizens, and while many unsavory groups are allowed access. Actually a majority were in favor of free access for Christian groups, and I was pleased when I worked for the City in the Law Department that at that time they voted in that department in favor of free access to religious groups, as well as others. I do not know if this has changed in the City of Seattle.

Sodomy used to be against the law and I know of at least one state where it still is against the law. Now it seems to be condoned especially in the media and elsewhere. You might be interested in what the bible says in Romans, Ch. 1, verses 24, 25, 26, 27, etc. Sorry to be so long winded, but I am definitely against passage of such an ordinance.

RESPECTFULLY,

*Virginia M. Fields*  
Virginia Fields

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COUNCIL E. BENSON

1106 Municipal Building  
600 Fourth Ave.  
Seattle, Wa. 98103

June 5, 1984

Dear Council Member: *George E. Benson,*

I am writing to you to ask you to vote NO on the "malicious harrassment" ordinance that you will be voting on on Monday, June 11th.

I believe this bill is unwise and unfair. All citizens should have equal protection. This ordinance singles out "special people" for "special protection." It is my understanding the bill was originally proposed because homosexuals were being maliciously harrassed on Capitol Hill. Isn't there a better way to see that this segment of the population is protected? You could add extra police in that area or ask the prosecuting attorneys to more vigorously pursue cases of assault or threats. But a "special" law for "special" groups does not seem right.

I was born in Seattle and have lived here all my life and I am now raising two children of my own here. This ordinance will drastically affect the character and quality of our beautiful city. This ordinance will be an open invitation to homosexuals who want "special" protection for "special" people to make Seattle their home. We will soon see Seattle become like San Francisco with all its "special" problems.

Please consider the long term effects this ordinance might have on our city.

We have enough laws to protect all people. To pass another ordinance will cost more money for police to enforce it and more time and money to pursue court cases. It seems the disadvantages far out-weigh the benefits for this ordinance.

Thank you for considering my opinion. Please do alot of heart-searching, mind-searching, and soul-searching before you vote on this issue.

Sincerely,

*Linda Stapleton*

Linda Stapleton  
7329 Blake Pl. S.W.  
Seattle, Wn. 98136

FRED & VICKY BERG  
13254 3RD AVE. N.W.  
SEATTLE, WASH. 98177  
364-3780



GEORGE BENSON  
600 4<sup>TH</sup> AVE.  
SEATTLE, WASH. 98104

Dear Mr. Benson,

6-5-84

As active registered voters, we are opposed to the proposed "Harassment Based on Sexual Orientation" Ordinance in either its original form or any revised form in which a particular group of people receive special recognition or protection under the law. Present federal, state and local laws provide for equal protection and opportunity for all people.

We will watch this issue with great interest. We hope you will speak and vote against such a proposed ordinance. Thank you for your time and efforts. Sincerely

Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Berg



Carrying the Torch of Evangelism Jesus  
Go ye into all the world, and preach the  
gospel to every creature.



There is joy in the presence of the angels of  
God over one sinner that repenteth.

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Beloved, I wish above all things that  
thou mayest prosper and be in  
health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Seattle City Council  
11th Floor  
Municipal Building  
Seattle, WA 98104

June 11, 1984

Dear City Council Member;

In regard to the new law that Sam Smith is chairing which is  
to come before you Thursday, June 7, I am against it for many  
reasons:

1. It will place the city of Seattle as being soft on crime,  
and will open the door to thousands of perverts into the city.
2. It will place you in a bad light and cause the voters  
to take a long look at your record.
3. If I understand the pulse of the general public in the  
city of Seattle they are against it.
4. The police I have talked to are against it!
5. We have enough laws now that will take care of people  
suffering bodily harm.
6. Lastly, the Bible is against the practice of homosexuality  
(sodomy). People who practice it should not be encouraged, but  
they should turn to God and repent it.
7. This law seems to be only a smoke screen to make the act  
more palatable to the public.

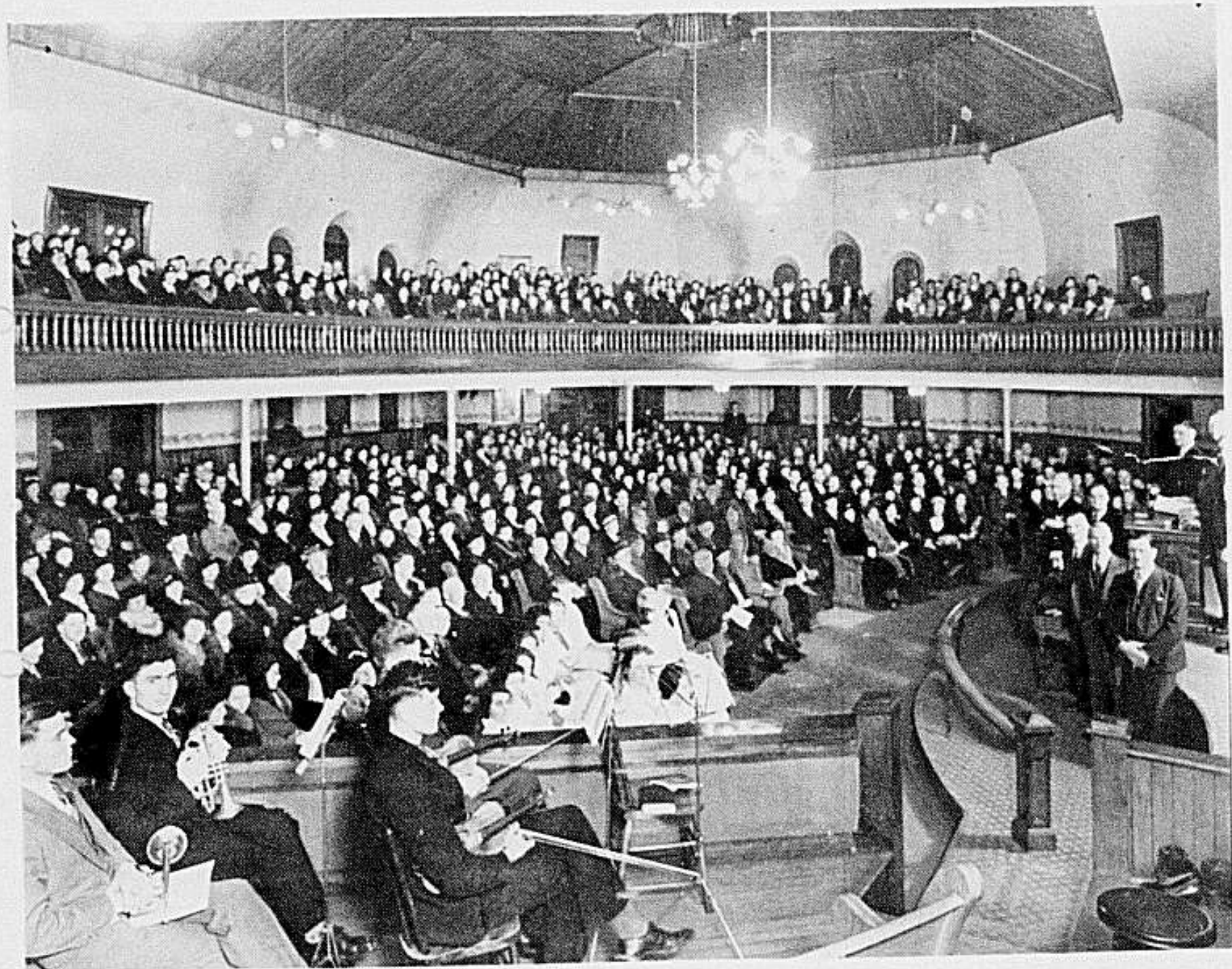
Not knowing your assement of it at this time I ask; in your  
valuation of this proposition to vote NO! This will let the City  
Council rise to a new higher moral integrity and not stoop to the  
sordid thing that it is.

Sincerely,

Rev. Lloyd Smith

RLS/wml

Evangelist & Mrs. Lloyd Smith  
9015 Dayton Ave. N.  
Seattle, Washington 98103 USA  
1-206-782-1314



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Dear Councilperson,

I am writing to you and each of your colleagues to encourage you to vote against the malicious harassment bill scheduled to come before you on Monday, June 11.

I am quite convinced that this bill, although intended to protect a special interest group on Capitol Hill, will only serve to clog our already overbooked courts, lower the quality of life in our city by dividing the "specially protected" from those who must rely on our already adequate harassment, assault, and libel laws, and by inviting outsiders who feel the need

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for protection above otherwise adequate legislation thereby changing the complexion of our city from a family oriented, tourist attractive city to a city that harbors and protects specials.

Not only am I concerned about the long range effects of this proposed law, but I am incensed by the "politics" used to ramrod it past the public without adequate input and with a haste that makes one wonder what goes on in the Council chambers when none is looking. This smacks of politics at its worst!

Again I would plead with you to vote against this ill-conceived bill. Thank you

W. Stephen  
1329 Bloss PI SW Seattle  
WA 98146

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June 6, 1984

Dear Councilman Smith,

I am writing to let you know how I stand on the "Harassment Based on Sexual Orientation".

I am totally against this, as I feel it is giving special recognition to one group. We already are all protected with our laws, and this will lift up one group over others.

Please vote no on this issue.

Thank you for listening to my opinion.

Rose Walter

6936-39 SW  
Seattle, Wa. 98136

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Councilman Sam Smith,

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GEORGE L. BENSON

I am writing to you  
concerning # 104274  
Harassment Based on  
sexual Orientation.

I am against it  
because it will give  
Homosexuals special  
leverage with which to  
see and take legal  
action against those who  
oppose their lifestyle!

Doris J. Hyman #1  
153 Sixth 160 70  
Seattle Wash  
98148

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Councilman Sam Smith,

LEAH L. BENSON

I ask that you vote NO on  
the ordinance on "Harassment  
Based on Sexual Orientation."

I believe that this is  
against God's Word.

I thank you for your interest  
in our City and I will be  
watching for your NO vote.

God Bless you!

Linda Lee Langford  
3617 SW 110<sup>th</sup>  
Seattle, WA 98146

cc: All Seattle Councilmen

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June 6, 1984

Dear City Council members,

I am writing to register my concern in regards to the "Harassment Based on Sexual Orientation" Ordinance.

I am concerned that our City, which is listed as one of the most desirable in the nation in which to live and raise a family, remains so; that the laws we have will protect all of us equally just because we are all human beings and citizens of this City, but that no one group is given preferential treatment over another, especially ones that promote behavior that is, Nation-Wide, proving detrimental both health-wise and as a moral example (especially to our impressionable children).

The power such a group exercises over government officials, schools, etc., in areas where they receive preferential treatment (such as in San Francisco) is alarming to me.

I hope that you will encourage those with whom you work to concentrate on more effectively implementing the laws we already have to protect these people in the same way I believe I'm protected, but please, lets not lift them up as worthy of preferential treatment. I'm praying that Seattle will be a wholesome place to live and raise our children and will attract those who want to live in an environment where healthy morals are encouraged and government is dedicated to keeping it so.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Maurice DePina



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Dear Sam Smith

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GEORGE E. BENSON

I vote No to the passing  
of the Malicious Harassment  
Bill.

From Janice J. Schnack  
107 S.W. 114th St.  
Seattle, Wa. 98146

I am writing in response to the voting that you are presently thinking about. It is the malicious harassment bill. I would strongly offer my opinion ~~to say~~ please, if you value the freedom of all who live in Seattle, do not approve of this bill.

JAY VANHORN

11444 26<sup>th</sup> SW

Seattle 98146

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GEORGE E. BENSON

Dear Councilmember

It has been brought to my attention that a bill is going to be passed called "Malicious Harassment." I think that singling out "the homosexual and deviating rights directly goes against our constitutional rights. Sexual Orientation" #104274. I believe a bill such as this is foolish and only encourages such activity. I believe if this bill is passed that my beliefs and rights will be violated! I am firmly against this bill.

Sincerely -

Lynne L. Miller  
22447 SE 297th  
Kent, WA 98042

cc: council members

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June 7, 1984

Dear Council member,

I have deep concern about the malicious harassment act. After trying to be open minded on the issue - I find the act could open a multitude of confusion for all people. Everyone could bring up an issue of harassment. Please VOTE AGAINST This issue.

Sincerely,

Kathy-Ann Decker  
10227 29th Pl SW  
Seattle, Washington 98146

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WALTER E. BENSON

Dear Council Member

I am writing in regard to the pending bill before the Council regarding Harassment based on Sexual Orientation, Number 104224. I would like to express my opinion on this matter in that I strongly feel that there is no need for such a bill or ordinance especially in this form.

While I am not a resident of Seattle proper I am of great conviction that a passage of such an ordinance would have a great negative impact on the rest of the county and state not to mention the Nation. An impact that would have a devastating, non beneficial effect.

I urge you to vote against this bill for the good of our City, County, State and Nation

David H. Morrison  
17323 37th pl. SE.  
Seattle, WA 98146

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Betsy A. McConnell Jacroux  
5260 18th S.W. JUN 8 1984  
Seattle, Washington 98106

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Win & Marjarie Chrisman  
5265 18th S.W.  
Seattle, Washington 98106

Michael & Jearit Grennan  
5422 16th S.W.  
Seattle, Washington 98106

Seattle City Council  
1106 Municipal Building  
600 Fourth Avenue  
Seattle, Washington 98104

June 6, 1984

Dear George E. Benson;

We would like to voice our opinion about the recommendation made May 23, 1984 to reword the ordinance on "Harrassment Based on Sexual Orientation", #104274. We think this is an unnecessary addition.

There are sufficient laws to protect our rights as citizens and those laws should apply to all people, not give special protection to a particular group.

The added expense to enforce such an ordinance would pull money from areas already under funded, and cause additional strain on the budget.

We are also concerned about the quality of living in the Seattle area. We have always accepted all people willing to contribute to our community. The passage of this ordinance would make Seattle a more desirable home for homosexuals from all over the country because of special protection allowing them to do whatever they want, without the majority being able to draw a limit to the exposure such a life style has on our family system. With the many recent problems concerning sexual movie theaters, and book stores it is surprising the Seattle government wants to take on the myriad of controversies surrounding homosexuality.

We hope you will reject this proposed amendment.

Sincerely,

*Betsy A. McConnell Jacroux*

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*Win - Marjarie Chrisman*

Win & Marjarie Chrisman

*Michael & Jearit Grennan*

Michael & Jearit Grennan

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GEORGE E. BENSON

Dear Councilpersons:

I oppose such an Amendment  
in regard to Harassment based on  
sexual orientation. etc.

I suggest you read this  
carefully.

Thank you,

Jim Deard  
2615 13th St  
Fort, WA 98043

Dear Council Member,

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GEORGE E. BENSON

This is directed to your consideration of passage of the malicious harassment bill on Monday, June 11, 1982. I believe this is wrong to give them special consideration and I am very much opposed to your passage of this bill. I'm also disappointed in the way this has been handled. It seems as though the Council is trying to sneak it through quietly without giving the public an opportunity to express our opinion.

Please consider this very seriously and vote against it.

Thank-you for your time.

Sincerely,

Patty Centiolo  
10835 31 SW  
Seattle, Wm. 98146

cc to all council members



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To the City Council :

This is to address the Malicious Harassment Ordinance.

I stand in opposition to this bill being a Christian I feel that this is a point of wrongness. I would like to see this bill fail the Council vote.

Mark Hendrix

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GEORGE E. BENSON

Councilman Dan Smith:

I'm writing in response to the Malicious Harassment Ordinance you have brought before the City Council.

I am opposed to this ordinance as I feel it protects a group of our Society over others. We already have laws on our books within this state to protect everyone and anyone from bodily or property harm including threats to family or business. There is no reason why the homosexuals or bisexuals of this city should be doubly protected.

I am a Christian + do not adhere to this type of life-style and cannot condone laws protecting + encouraging it.

I pray, Mr. Smith, you'll be encouraged by the Communities Action and reconsider your decision.

Respectfully

Vicki Helms  
7544-29th S.W.  
Seattle WA 98126

cc: All Council people

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Mike K. McGee

6704 18 S.W.

Sea. Wa. 98106  
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FRANK E. BENSON

## Malicious Harassment Bill

I do not think the Homosexual community  
should be awarded a double standard of rights!

Homosexuals are not a minority!

Homosexuality is a sin against God!

I urge you to vote against the Malicious  
harassment ordinance this Monday.

Thank you for hearing my view, and I  
pray that you listen to God.

Mike K McGee

(Carbon Copy to all council members)

To City Councilman Sam Smith,

Dear Mr. Smith,

I am writing you this evening in regards to the malicious harassment bill that the city council is to vote on this Monday afternoon. Mr. Smith, I urgently request that you <sup>RECEIVED</sup> <sup>JUN 8 1988</sup> <sup>GEORGE E. BETSON</sup> <sup>Mr.</sup> <sup>represent</sup> the decision of the special commission to pass this bill as it stands. As written, it expressly forbids any form of harassment for abnormal expression of sexual preference. As written it expressly protects the desires of one small interest group at the expense of the vast majority of the population of this city. Mr. Smith, I urge to ~~to~~ consider the implications of the actions you and your fellow council members will take on this bill. Please do not pass this bill.

Sincerely,

Bob Orth

Please Photo-copy for all council members

Dana H. Nile  
4117 S.W. 102nd  
Seattle, WA 98146

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GEORGE E. BENSON

Dear Council members,

I hereby make it known that I am firmly opposed to  
this Malicious Harassment ordinance.

God has declared in His word that homosexuality is an  
abomination to Him. It is sin and should be treated  
as such. Any ordinance that would make denouncing this sin  
against the law should not be passed.

Sincerely yours,

Dana H. Nile

C.C. to all council members.

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Dear Council member,

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I understand that a bill entitled "Malicious Harassment" is coming before the council members for a vote.

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Please vote no on this bill.

I thank you.

God bless you  
Joni DeBeines  
11607-30<sup>th</sup> S.W.  
Seattle, WA 98146

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Please vote no on this bill.  
I thank you.

God bless you  
Jonie DeBenedis  
11607-30<sup>th</sup> SW.  
Seattle, WA 98146

REC-ET-89  
JUN 8 1984

WALTER E. BENSON

Dear Council Person,  
I am totally opposed to the  
passing of the "Malicious  
Harassment" Bill - I ask  
you to consider this bill  
before passing - I feel it  
is not necessary to  
"doubly" protect any person or  
group of people - We are  
all protected by law  
against under harass-  
ment already - I oppose  
their life style as a  
Christian and feel I should  
be able to voice this  
opinion as well as support  
those who oppose their  
lifestyle -

Sincerely  
Janne Howell  
3421 SW Roxbury #104  
Seattle WA 98126



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GEORGE E. BENSON

Dear Council Member,

We are writing to urge you to vote against passage of the malicious harassment Bill when it comes up for vote next Monday. (#104274)

Our existing laws and ordinances protect each and every citizen of this community from malicious harassment.

We believe an ordinance of this nature would be not only not needed, but ultimately could be detrimental to our community.

We are opposed to this amendment and ask you to reject it.

Donald E. Marshall

Majorie L. Marshall

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TO COUNCIL MEMBER: MICHAEL HILL

I ATTEND FUNCTIONS IN SEATTLE  
ALL THE TIME, AND I AM OPPOSED TO THE  
"MALICIOUS HARASSMENT BILL BASE ON  
SEXUAL ORIENTATION" THIS BILL WOULD  
KEEP ME VOICING MY OPINION ON MY  
RELIGIOUS BELIEFS. NEXT SILLY THING  
WE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE A BILL ON MALICIOUS  
HARASSMENT BILL BASE ON RELIGIOUS  
ORIENTATION.

Michael F. Hill  
1507 26th S.W.  
SEATTLE, WA 98146

CARBON COPY TO THE REST  
OF THE MEMBERS STATING THE SAME.

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Dear Councilmember, June 7, 1984

I am against the proposed City Ordinance on "Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation," # 104274.

I am not a city of Seattle resident but live in South King County. I work in Seattle & could & would be affected by the ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion on this ordinance.

Respectfully

Luan Luan  
13102 16th S.W.  
Sea, WA 98146

cc: To all Councilmembers

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JUNE 7, 1984

DEAR COUNCILMEMBER,

I WOULD ASK YOU TO VOTE AGAINST  
THE "HARRASMENT BASED ON SEXUAL  
ORIENTATION" ORDINANCE # 104274.  
I AM A COUNTY RESIDENT THAT  
LIVES JUST OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS AND  
I BELIEVE THIS ORDINANCE WOULD  
HAVE A VERY NEGATIVE IMPACT  
ON OUR SOCIETY.

Darrell ~~Fryer~~  
13102 16<sup>th</sup> S.W.  
SEATTLE WA  
98146-3041

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7704 Mary Ave. N.W.  
Seattle, Wash. 98137  
June 7, 1984

Dear Councilman Benson:

There is an proposed ordinance before the City Council that would provide special protection from harassment under certain circumstances. I am opposed to the ordinance as written. Perhaps I should tell you about an experience that happened to me. I was the victim of armed robbery at one time. However, after the assailants had taken everything of value, they continued to point their gun at me and repeatedly threatened to kill me for about a half hour. Although it happened ten years ago I remember it as if it were today, with the same feelings of terror. Why they continued to terrorize me is unclear. It could have been for racial reasons, it could have been because they thought I was a "young punk" or any number of reasons. They didn't make it clear why I was the victim of their harassment.

The proposed ordinance is grossly deficient in that it requires the prosecuting attorney to not only prove that harassment has taken place but he also must prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that the harassment occurred because of a certain set of reasons. If, for example, a homosexual is harassed but the culprit is not clear in explaining his motives to the victim, he is not guilty. I protest! The terror I felt when I was harassed was no less real just because it failed to fit into a nice, neat provable category.

I propose that the ordinance be rewritten to state that no-one can harass anybody, however writing it so that groups protected by state or federal law do not receive duplicate protection. You end up with a much better ordinance that protects everyone. As it is written now, the Council can easily be accused of singling out certain groups for protection while leaving other groups unprotected. What about harassment by an obnoxious ex-lover? Or the ex-convict that harasses those who testified against him? Certainly these deserve protection too and are much more vulnerable to harassment than certain groups singled out by the ordinance.

I urge you to rewrite the ordinance to provide protection from harassment for any reason. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

*Philip Irvin P.E.*

Philip Irvin, P.E.

6150 N. E. 1925d St.  
Seattle, WA 98155  
JUN 11 1984

Jeanette Williams  
Seattle City Council  
Eleventh Floor  
Municipal Building  
Seattle, WA 98104

GEORGE E. BENSON

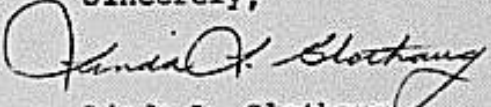
Dear Councilmember:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the revised Malicious Harassment Ordinance. The wording on this revised edition is much improved. I certainly feel that any human being should be able to live out his/her life free from the threat of physical harm. I recommend that this new edition be further revised to provide protection from threat of physical harm for any man, woman, or child, this broader category would make provision for all human beings. I don't feel that it is necessary to create an ordinance giving special attention to homosexuals when they can receive protection under this broader category.

The etiology of homosexual behavior is a very complex and much debated issue, however, to date, there has not been enough significant data compiled to accurately attribute homosexual behavior to genetic coding. For this reason, homosexuality cannot be equally compared to a minority group that is based on ethnic origin, or gender. Sexual expression is a matter of choice, you may point out that religion is also a matter of choice, however, religion is a belief system centered around worship of a deity, where as homosexuality is a lifestyle centered around questionable modes of sexual intercourse. For this reason, I object to homosexuality being considered a minority on the same basis as religious belief.

The problem with the Malicious Harassment Ordinance is not merely semantical, but one of principal. Creating provision for homosexuals collectively as a group is giving them special recognition, and in a sense, lending credence to their cause. I would like to see homosexuals protected from threat of physical harm, but this can be accomplished without giving them recognition as a special target group.

Sincerely,

  
Linda L. Slothaug

cc. to all councilmembers

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W. R. 244  
CITY OF SEATTLE

Dear Mr. Street,

I have attended the last 2 City Council Committee meetings on the "Malicious Harassment" ordinance. I must say, since I have attended those meetings I have formed some very strong, personal opinions as to who I want or don't want to vote for in the future. I am looking forward to attending Monday's full Council meeting and seeing and hearing the other Council Members views on this issue.

I am writing to you, Mr. Street, to thank you for amending to delete section 2(d). To me this was the most offensive part of the ordinance, leaving it open to a broad interpretation by a liberal court which could have led to a further erosion of my first amendment right to freedom of speech. I commend you for your sound judgment in seeing its potential danger and that it did not substantially relate to the ordinance's original intent. Thank you, thank you, again.

- Even though you passed this out of committee I want to urge you to vote NO on this ordinance.
- ① It is an ineffective way to stop the harassment on Capital Hill. There are already laws to protect everyone from assault. By passing an additional penalty for breaking the first law will not stop bigots from being bigots. Perhaps ~~instead of~~ <sup>instead of</sup> a new law, you should encourage the police to beef up patrolling and response time.
  - ② It will be costly to enforce by the police and costly to pursue in the courts.
  - ③ The mayor just last week said he would like to see more families move into the Seattle area.

This ordinance will not help but hinder this objective. Passing this ordinance will protect and elevate the gay lifestyle above family lifestyles.

I urge you to reconsider the need for this ordinance and the long-term effects it will have on our city. Please vote NO on the malicious harassment ordinance.

Sincerely,  
Linda Stapleton

cc to each Council Member



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JUN 11 1984

GEORGE E. BENSON

7704 Mary Ave. N.W.  
Seattle, Wa. 98117  
June 11, 1984

Dear Councilman Benson:

Today, June 11, you will vote on a malicious harassment ordinance which originated in the Housing, Recreation, and Human Services Committee. If passed as proposed, the ordinance will be a severe slap in the face for Vicki Kahler and will tell her that the City will protect people from certain types of harassment but that the City will refuse to protect her. The enclosed article describes her plight and the plight of many in her situation.

The proposed malicious harassment ordinance is intended to be a model for the state legislature. However, when the state addresses Ms. Kahler's situation the law will not single out certain groups to receive special protection but will instead say that nobody can harass anybody. This will be rather embarrassing for the City Council to have proposed a harassment ordinance with a very limited scope as a model only to have the state pass a law that deals far more effectively with the problem and makes the City ordinance redundant.

I urge you to redraft the Malicious Harassment ordinance to reflect the wording of the proposed state ordinance. I urge you to do it now since I note from the enclosed article that Ms. Kahler's tormentor will be free by July 24. If Ms. Kahler is not provided protection by a city ordinance now, she may be dead by the time a state law is enacted.

Sincerely,

*Philip Irvin P.E.*

Philip Irvin, P.E.

*Concurred in:*

*William J. Irwin*

enclosure

RE: C.B. 104274 } Relating to the control of harassment  
and } based on person's sexual orientation.  
C.B. 103957 } - new Sec. 12A.06.160 -

DATE: 5-22-84

TIME: 10 a.m. and there after...  
MAY 23 1984

**OPPOSE**

**IN FAVOR**

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135 phone calls

- 1) Robert Perry  
85 So. Washington - #212  
98104
- 2) David Campbell  
1713 - 12<sup>th</sup> Ave - #101  
98122
- 3) Nora Smith  
1325 N. 46<sup>th</sup>  
98103
- 4) Lesbian Resource Ctr.
5. Sue Johnston  
365-1770
6. Frid Hind  
2940-36<sup>th</sup> Ave  
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OPPOSE to Council Bill relating to the control of harassment based on a person's sexual orientation. To pass this particular bill is unconstitutional. Unfair to actually protect ONLY one group of people.

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Sea. 98166

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Sea. 98148

16. John Furber  
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Kent 98032

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28303 - 4<sup>th</sup> Pl. S.  
Renton, WA

18. Harold Farrell (Puth)  
12320 - 8<sup>th</sup> NE  
98125

19. Jerry Zuzak  
25327 - 32<sup>nd</sup> Pl. S.  
Kent 98032

20. Linda Heim bigner  
~~20.~~ 445 SW - 156<sup>th</sup> - 205  
98166

21. Lauri Brown  
1509 SW 320<sup>th</sup> A.  
Federal Wy. 98023

22. Robert Sperman  
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98100

23. Rick Randall  
825 S. 142<sup>nd</sup>  
98168

24. Jeff Kalle  
3711 H St. NE  
Auburn 98002

25. Grace Hickey & Kevin H.  
147 S. 120<sup>th</sup> 98168

26. Guy GAMACHE  
206 SW 122<sup>nd</sup>  
Seattle, 98146

27. Carla Parlava  
722 S. 148<sup>th</sup> 98168

28. Rocky Matanga  
326 S.W. 160<sup>th</sup> #11  
98166

29. Leslie Moyer  
3027 - S. 225<sup>th</sup> Pl. #8  
Seattle, 98188

30. Mr. B. Grennan  
1819 - So. Kent - Des Moines Pl  
Seattle, 98188 #B-18

31. Claire Thate  
3213 - So. 202 98188.

32. Carol Hork  
18225 - 1<sup>st</sup> ave. S, 98148

33. Beverly Moore  
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98166

34. William Slovak  
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Seattle, 98166

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Seattle, 98166

37. Greg Sener  
135 - 142nd  
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38. Allen Bornstein  
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Seattle, 98166

40. Donald Sodoma  
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Seattle, 98148

41. Vicki Helms  
7544 - 29<sup>th</sup> SW  
Sea, 98126

42. Steve Boren  
15621 - 4th ave. S. #14  
Seattle, WA. 98148

43. Christina Gosper  
243-7432  
233 S.W. 154th #307  
98166

44. Laurie Miller  
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45. Robert Spears  
1211 - SW 139th 98146

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4925 - 24th pl. S. 98108

47. Julie Kamp  
2908 S. 146th 98168

48. Colin Wilcox  
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Seattle, WA. 98116

49. Bernice Warren  
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50. Darrell Warren  
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52. Mike Veet  
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54. Laurie Wolcott  
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1025 SW 149th  
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98188

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Bobby Meier  
1031 S. 158<sup>th</sup>  
98148

60. Jack Riley  
750 S. 216<sup>th</sup> - #72  
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Federal Wy. 98023

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19226 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.  
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63. Charles Moore  
9323 - 45<sup>th</sup> SW  
98136

64. Naomi Walters (Billie)  
635 S. 195<sup>th</sup>  
98148

65. ~~John & Cathy~~  
John & Cathy  
Shrockmota  
1020 SW 166<sup>th</sup>  
98166

66. Allen Smith  
4218 Sunwood Ave N  
Seattle 98103

67. Mrs. Morken  
744 N. 91<sup>st</sup> St  
98103

68. Gary McKay  
18449 - 1<sup>st</sup> Ave S.  
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69. Linda Underwood  
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98168

70. Nancy Rice  
330 S. 193<sup>rd</sup>  
98148

71. Janet Grady  
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Auburn 98001

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73. Donna Savage  
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Des Moines 98188

72. Larry Holm & (Jenny)  
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73. John Schopf  
18207 15<sup>th</sup> Ave SW - 83  
98148

74. Janet Wilde  
17924 Biviera Pl. NW  
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75. Claudia Timmer  
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See 98103

76. ~~W. Bryan~~ Robinson  
133 SW Normady Rd.  
98146 #24

77. Benny Hovey  
24218 ~~15~~ - 14<sup>th</sup> Ave S.  
Kent 98032

78. Geo. Alberto  
20447 - 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.  
98148

79. Loui Gunn  
20420 - 14<sup>th</sup> S.  
98148

80. Morris McDonald  
Colorado Steel Stack Co  
P.O. box 24424  
1511

98124

81. Lynn Hall  
763-4235  
800 5th Ave. Seattle  
Appt. #9 9810

82. Sybil Ulett  
19634 5th Ave. S.  
SEA.

83. Corbin Pickard  
16719 NE 20th St.  
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84. Cheryl Beck  
21831 30th S.  
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85. Walter Tesch  
19328 8th Ave. S.  
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86. Don Marshall  
4300 SW. Trent St.  
937-4795

87. Penny Tesch  
19338 8th Ave. S.  
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88. Larry Lind / Nancy Lind  
10434 39th S.W.  
SEA.

89. Steve Hayes  
110 S. 19th Pl.  
98148

90. Helen Neutech  
20020 - 26 Ave S.  
98188

91. John O'Day

92. Ruth Quinton  
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98032

93. Jean Heese  
15621 4th Ave S - #6  
98148

94. Frank Mills  
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95. Al Tennent  
2035 S. 223<sup>rd</sup>  
Des Moines 98188  
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96. Craig Harden  
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Kent 98031

97. Patricia Knott

98. Larry Hicks  
22021 S.E. 203<sup>rd</sup>  
Maple Valley 98038

99. Mark Haukaas  
2035 S 223<sup>rd</sup>  
Des Moines 98158

100. Don Pit  
20009 1<sup>st</sup> Pl. S.  
98148

101. Martin/Berrie Smith  
8530 Burke Ave. N.  
98103

102. William J. Goss  
410 S. 188<sup>th</sup>  
SEA. 98148

103. Lorenz, Harold/Louise  
432 S. 189<sup>th</sup>  
SEA.

104. Wilma Bellingham  
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Seattle 98103

105. Hilda Lloyd  
4000 SW 100<sup>th</sup>  
SEA. 98146

106. Robt Spears  
1211 SW 139<sup>th</sup>  
Sea. 98166

107. Esther Pearl  
6610 Fremont N  
Sea. 98109

108. Kim Mitchell  
133 SW Normandie Rd.  
Sea. 98166

109. Patti Inakiri  
1020 S 230<sup>th</sup>  
Sea. 98188

110. Sharon Romney  
2612 S 200<sup>th</sup> St  
Sea. 98188

112. Etc., Etc., Etc...

111. Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Bailey  
1045 - A. 189<sup>th</sup>  
98168

112. ~~Mr.~~ Glen Eggerston  
4524 NE 204<sup>th</sup> Pl.  
98155

113. Tom Swinbert  
18421 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave  
98148

114. Don Chin  
3202 - 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave S.  
98144

115. Maryann Harrison  
240 - S. 186<sup>th</sup>  
98148

116. Traci Wallberg  
15621 - 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. - #6  
Sea. 98148

117. Kathy Sabourin  
403 S. 192<sup>nd</sup>  
Seattle, 98148

118. ~~Mr.~~ Steve Rintleton  
7035 - 20<sup>th</sup> NW.  
98117

119. Laurel Mercury  
18807 - 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. - #D-3  
Sea. 98148

120. Virginia Pontalis  
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Normandy, 98148

121. Jane Muck  
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123. Victoria Baldick  
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124. Arlene Webb  
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125. Nancy Rossi  
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126. Bonnie Hartley,  
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127. Clifford Wilcox  
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128. Wella ALLMAN  
18125 - 32nd So.  
Seattle, WA. 98108
129. Harold  
4105 S.W. Frontrec  
Sea. WA. 98136
130. Corralee Wilcox  
3447-39th SW  
Seattle 98116
131. Steve Franklin  
24842 - Pauli H.W. So.  
Kent,
132. John Poller  
3730 - 70th Ave. W.  
Tacoma 98466

133. David Fair  
15000 - 4th Ave S. #208  
Seattle, 98148
134. Elaine SLAMINSKI  
21012 - Marine View Dr. SW  
Seattle, WA. 98166
135. Mrs. Janice Randell  
825 - S. 142nd  
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136. Anita TRUEBA  
18225 - 1st Ave. S. #111  
Seattle, WA. 98148
137. Cobby Dugar  
13426 - 27th Ave. E.  
Seattle, 98125
138. Edna Russo  
9065 - Martin Luther K. Way So  
Seattle, 98118

139. - David Kunz  
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Sea. 98148

140. Carl Bianchi  
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141. ~~John~~ Ronald Leonard  
750 S. 216 - #30  
Des Moines 98188

142. Helen Hetta  
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Sea. 98146

144. Linda Leathers  
9425-11<sup>th</sup> SW  
Seattle. 98106

145. Frances Sodoma  
18207 - 1<sup>st</sup> ave S. #A-1  
Seattle, 98148

146 Bill Parkinson  
Debbie Parkinson  
18620 - 7<sup>th</sup> ave S.  
Seattle. 98148

147. Jan Yokers  
426 S. 190<sup>th</sup>  
Seattle 98148

148. Mark Yokers  
426 S. 190<sup>th</sup>  
Seattle, 98148

149. John Meyer  
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Sea. 98188

150. Mark Yokers (Janice)  
426 - S. 190<sup>th</sup>  
Sea. 98148

151. Julie Simmonds  
4413 - SW. 102<sup>nd</sup>  
98144

152. Ted Landgraf  
618 - 156<sup>th</sup> SW - #5  
98146



153. Rinda Lee  
329 S. 204 - #83  
Aea 98188

154. Melanie Bana  
18225 - 1<sup>st</sup> N.  
Aea. 98148

155. Vern Hunter  
350 - S. 190<sup>th</sup> St.  
Aea. 98188

156. Lynn Kruffman  
13029 - 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.  
Aea. 98168

157. Loretta Wilson  
8025 - 20<sup>th</sup> N.W.  
Aea. 98117

158. Janet Stjomsby  
211 N. 186<sup>th</sup> St.  
Aea. 98148

159. Tom Briggs  
417 - S. 189<sup>th</sup>  
Aea. 98148

160. Vivian Cole  
3750 - SW 100<sup>th</sup>  
Seattle, 98146

161. Wendy Wagner (Brad)  
25829 - 26<sup>th</sup> Pl S. - D303

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GEORGE E. BENSON

Mr. George Benson  
Seattle City Councilman  
600 Fourth Avenue  
Seattle, WA

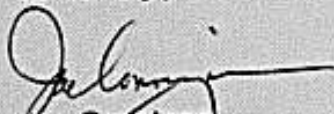
George,

It did not please me to see you vote special status for homosexuals and continue to be so passive about fighting for a child's fare on Metro.

It is really a laugh when the mayor and council talk about making Seattle a family town and then vote a Bill like this. Even normal women can't get harassment protection from kooks.

Child's fare on Metro would be a start toward some family orientation.

Sincerely,



Joe Corrigan  
1102 East Shelby  
Seattle, WA 98102

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Ancil H. Payne  
King Broadcasting Company  
Editorial  
June 15, 1984

It is difficult to determine just how the city will be able to enforce the Council's ordinance which intends to protect citizens from threats and verbal assault based on race, religion, national origin, ancestry, or sexual persuasion. But we commend the Council for passing the ordinance; simply addressing the issue has merit.

Too often bigots, racists, and religious extremists unfortunately assume they have a right to threaten, malign, and verbally assault other citizens of different race or persuasions. All too frequently these assaults are followed by physical violence. Morally, no person has the right to attack another because he does not approve or share the same race, religion, ancestry, personal or sexual lifestyle. And that is the issue the Council was rightfully addressing.

There are those who say no one part of our society should be given special protection. Nonsense! Any part of our community suffering from discrimination -- much less physical violence -- fully deserves special attention and protection. Violence against a special race, terror directed toward a religious minority, physical assaults against gays or homosexuals have no place in any civilized society, and if the public at large is not decent or aggressive enough to step in and individually stop it, the law must.

We commend the Council for its action to further protect our minorities, and we compliment the Mayor for signing the ordinance into law.

4546 E. Laurel Dr. N.E.  
Seattle, WA 98105  
June 18, 1984

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GEORGE E. BENSON

Mr. George E. Benson  
Seattle City Council  
600 4th  
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Sir:

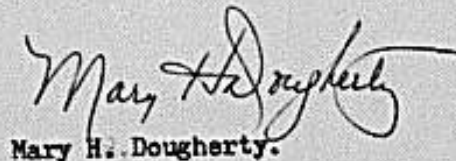
Several weeks ago we wrote saying that we hoped the Council would pass the legislation barring harassment of the gay and lesbian people of Seattle, in order that the Council might hear from active church members other than those who were so vehement in their opposition.

We are aware that persons in government get many letters taking sides on various issues, but we think it likely that they get too few letters of commendation and appreciation when they take action. We want you to know that we do appreciate the fact that the legislation passed the Council and did so in such a fashion that there could be no doubt of where our City Council stood on the issue.

Thank you for this significant action.

Sincerely,

  
R. S. Dougherty

  
Mary H. Dougherty.

Seattle Citizens Organized For Protection Equality  
P. O. Box 46310; Seattle, WA 98146 - 721-5088

June 28, 1984

Mr. George E. Benson  
Seattle City Council  
1106 Municipal Bldg  
Seattle, WA 98104

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GEORGE E. BENSON

Dear Councilman:

As one who both works and worships in the city of Seattle, I am not unaffected by the current controversy over ordinance 111714 - the so-called malicious harassment ordinance - or the efforts of Seattle Citizens Organized For Protection Equality (SCOPE) to block its implementation through the referendum petition process. As a Bible-believing Christian, I am very concerned lest the motives of those who oppose this ordinance be misused by its supporters to cloud or confuse the issue of the ordinance's real purpose and effect.

The Bible-believing Christian community is most certainly waging a one-issue campaign against this ordinance, because the ordinance itself was conceived as and remains a one-issue ordinance. It was authored by the homosexual-activist Dorian Group and the ACLU, and as originally written, provided protection only against harassment based on sexual preference. The broader language protecting "other" minority groups was only added later in an effort to buoy support while disguising the real issue. This, and the original provision against use of "belittling language" - removed only upon advice that it was blatantly unconstitutional - clearly demonstrate that the taproot purpose of this ordinance was and remains to provide special protection to those with abnormal sexual appetites and to silence as far as possible all opposition to their behavior. All other avowed purposes must be recognized as "sucker roots" included only to confuse and obscure this issue.

The reason the Bible-believing Christian community opposes this ordinance is simply that it provides special privileges and protections to those who practice sexual perversion, and thereby gives their behavior an air of legitimacy. We are deeply opposed to the practice of sodomy, lesbianism, and all forms of sexual perversion, by which we mean any sexual relations other than between a man and his own female wife. Furthermore, we believe the open-ended definition of "sexual orientation" included in this ordinance does not preclude interpretation of incest or paedophilia as among protected behavioral preferences. We even wonder if a man might be charged under this ordinance for protecting his own wife from the unwanted advances of another.

Sodomy and lesbianism are not, after all, races. Neither are they inherited or inborn. As with alcoholism, there may be genetic or congenital factors which make some people more susceptible to homosexual responses, yet equally like alcoholic drinking, sodomy and lesbianism are chosen behavior which may be rejected by an exercise of will. If we legitimize sodomy and lesbianism as "natural" or "alternate lifestyles", we must recognize that we are

but one small step from legitimizing incest or paedophilia as well. In fact, current "literature" demonstrates that both of these perversions are already widely accepted in certain segments of our society. History is replete with examples that when a culture accepts one form of sexual perversion, it will accept or even institutionalize all forms within a generation.

We who are Christians - who believe in the authority of God's Word, the Bible - must not be dissuaded from our position or purpose to appease those who do not share our faith. We need not be ashamed of our gospel, but equally we must not accept the accusation that we are improperly trying to impose our religion and morality on others. Rather, it is others who are seeking to impose their immorality on us, and demanding our sanction and special protection in doing it. We believe that sexual perversion is wrong, evil, dangerous - and if we believe so because of our faith, that does not make our belief less legitimate. We must remember that the same amendment which prohibits the establishment of a state religion also prohibits "restricting the free exercise thereof." It is our privilege under law to freely exercise our religion in forming our beliefs, and then to act on those beliefs to oppose by all legal means any behavior we know and believe to be wrong.

To those who are involved in these practices, our position must be that we hold no personal animosity toward you as individuals, but we utterly deplore your perverted behavior. We believe and see ample evidence that you are seriously harming yourselves, those around you, and the very fabric of society itself. We believe your behavior is inherently selfish and obsessive in that you willfully expose yourselves and others to disease and injury to pursue transitory physical gratification. We see the dramatic increase in your numbers as evidence that your behavior is learned, not inborn, and that you are actively teaching your behavior to others. But if your behavior can be learned, it can also be un-learned, and we are willing to commit what resources we have to help you un-learn it.

To those who share our moral or legal views, though not our faith, we must say this: We make no commitment either to support or reject your reasons for your stand, nor will we be dissuaded from our own faith. Yet insofar as we are agreed, we will be very grateful for your support, your voice, and your vote.

However, to any who would use this cause as an excuse to commit lawless or violent acts, we reputiate utterly your deeds and your purposes. Equally as much as we deplore sodomy, so also we deplore any lawless violence toward those who practice it, or toward any others, for that matter. We believe that lawless, violent acts against any person, regardless of his or her moral position or behavior, should be dealt with swiftly and surely by our police and courts in accordance with existing law.

Jordan L. Stedman  
16222 Corliss Pl. N.  
Seattle, Washington

Advisor to SCOPE



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LEONCE E. BENSON

Dear Delores Sibonga;

I wish to ask you to oppose the ~~Molokas~~ Harassment Ordinance. I feel very strongly about the fact that these people are already protected under present laws that provide protection for all. This would be very difficult to enforce and would be wrong to pick out a "special" group of people to protect when such laws already exist.

I sincerely hope you will ponder these points and have an open mind about all effects that this Ordinance will have, including the negative ones.

Sincerely,  
Julie A. Hill

11503 26<sup>th</sup> S.W.  
Seattle, wa. 98146

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June 6, 1984  
cc: all Council Members

Councilman Mr. Sam Smith:

Thank you for this moment of your time.

This letter is in reference to the ordinance on 'Harrassment Based on Sexual Orientation'. I am requesting that you vote no on this as this ordinance is in violation of our Washington State Constitution as well as the fact that there are already laws to protect men from this type of harrassment.

I will be looking forward to your vote & may God bless you and your house.

Sincerely

Mr & Mrs S.A. Foy (Cothran)  
9624 37<sup>th</sup> S.W.  
Seattle, WA 98146



Mr *George E. Benson*  
Seattle City Council

1106 Seattle Municipal Building  
600 Fourth Ave  
Seattle, WA 98104

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GEORGE E. BENSON

Dear Mr *Benson*

I am writing to you regarding the proposed ordinance C.B. 104274 relating to the control of harassment based on a person's sexual orientation.

As a citizen of the City of Seattle I would like for you to know that I find this ordinance very offensive, a duplicate of what we already have, extra expense, and that I am very much opposed to it.

I believe that this is the feeling of the majority of the Seattle taxpayers. Thank you for considering us!

Sincerely,

*Louise M. Jabonaka*

1106 Municipal Building  
600 Fourth Avenue  
Seattle, Washington 98104

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LETTER

Re: Harrassment Based on Sexual Orientation  
Proposed Ordinance #104274

Dear Council Member:

I appeal to your better conscience. Please VOTE AGAINST THIS ORDINANCE, since it openly protects the unlawful act and lifestyle of homosexuality. A sin, when protected, becomes so widespread it cannot be restrained. Consider this ruling: "They which commit such things are worthy of death, not only those who do the same, but those who have pleasure in them that do them." (Bible, Romans 1.32)

It may appear that I consider this as a morals issue only. Our civil laws are meant for proper civil order. This ordinance wishes to address the threat and fear of personal injury, and harm to possessions. These issues are normally handled when I, as a citizen, call the police for protection and make a statement of complaint. The offender can be fined and imprisoned. This law protects all of us, including the homosexual. And there are other laws which protect us equally, with regard to libel, slander and defamation of character. If this were a civil rights issue, then it should represent the people at large rather than a small segment of the people.

I mentioned earlier this aspect of protecting the unlawful act of homosexuality. This is an illegal proposed law, contrary to our existing statutes. Also, common sense says the homosexual should stay out of trouble spots, so as not to be harrassed or physically assaulted.

When city planners consider the type of building structures that are acceptable, they consult information from other communities. There are other cities in our nation which protect the lifestyle of homosexuality. Other associated crimes increase. Homosexuality is not freedom, for it does not make healthy, lawful choices. I'm not against the person, but against the choices.

This ordinance pretends to protect civil rights, yet this is a 'lifesyle' I do not want to protect. Civil rights protects the people as a whole. This proposed ordinance cannot stand as a civil rights issue.

"For with the same measure that you meet withal, shall it be measured to you again." (Bible, Matthew 7.2) Please consider carefully what the decision will be for future generations.

Thank you for your valuable time and conscientious decision in this important matter!

Andrew S. Torsler

Please vote NO !

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JK

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CLONCE E. BENSON

Dear Councilman Smith,

I am writing regarding the malicious harassment bill. I am strongly opposed to this on the grounds that it is not needed. We already have laws that cover this problem and to enact one for the benefit of a special interest group smacks of politics at its worst.

I am a member of a pioneer Seattle family and Seattle has always been a wide open community allowing everyone to live their lives in their own way. This bill will tip the balance in a way that will drive away the family oriented people necessary to our city. Please don't give the gay community any encouragement to make Seattle another San Francisco.

Sincerely,  
Barbara J. Dabattue

cc: other council members

JUN 8 1984

GEORGE E. BENSUN

Dear Members of City Council: June 8th, 1984  
It has been brought to my attention  
that you are considering a bill on Monday 6/11/84  
Concerning Malicious Harassment.

Please Vote No. on this Bill.

It is an unnecessary Bill for all Cit-  
izens are already protected Equally  
from Malicious Harassment.

Vote No! Thank You

Arthur K. Robertson

5015 S.W. Pioneer St.

West Seattle, Wash. 98116

Our original to Jan Smith  
C.C. to each Council member

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LEONCE E. BENSON

Dear Seattle City Council Members,

Life is a gift given to us by God. He gives us an abundant life if we but let Him. Since He wants to save all men into eternal life, it is our choice. God gave us a free will; we choose the way we want to live. Praise God for the freedom that has been given us in our great country! A country which has a law that protects all people from the ~~harassment~~ harassment, no one more important than another. God is no respecter of persons, He loves us all the same. We should honor His way. Please vote against "Harassment Based on Sexual Orientation." # 104274.

Sincerely,  
Fitz McE

Fitz McE  
4117 5th 102nd  
Seattle, WA.  
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GEORGE E. BENSON

Dear Mr. Tom Smith,

I am the one in regards to the Narcotics  
Abatement Ordinance # 104004.  
I hope Mr. Smith & the others on the  
City Council do not pass this ordinance.  
It is redundant, since laws already  
exist which would protect all men  
from this type of harassment. It will  
be costly and impossible to enforce, and  
give landlords special leverage which  
to me and take legal action against those  
who expose their lifestyles.

C.C. to all city council members

Sincerely,

Douglas Antonino  
10817-32nd SW  
Seattle, WA 98146

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GEORGE E. BENSON

Mr. Paul Kraabel  
1106 Municipal Bldg.  
600 South Ave.  
Seattle, Wash. 98104

Dear Mr. Kraabel;

Re: Harassment Based on Sexual  
Orientation # 104274

As a concerned citizen, a mother of  
two young boys, living in the city of  
Seattle I am against the above  
stated ordinances. I absolutely do  
not believe that a special group  
needs protection - especially when I  
am totally against this life style  
and find it totally contrary to God's  
law.

Sincerely

cc. All Council Members  
Mary Wilkerson



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GEORGE L. BENSON

June 11

Dear Members,

I am not sure that you could judge  
Spencer as a special case. All people  
are equally entitled to their  
fairness.

If you give homosexuals a special right  
to sue for talking against them, many  
others will want the privilege and it will  
be costly and time consuming on the courts.

So please vote against the malicious  
harassment bill you will be voting on  
on Monday, June 11th.

Thank you,  
Lucia + Nicole  
Gifford  
Seattle Wash. 98105

cc to all Seattle City Council Members

June 7, 1984  
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Dear Sam Smith,

JUN 8 1984

GEORGE E. BENSON

Concerning the "malicious harassment  
bid." I wish to voice my opinion in  
this matter. After times in 1 week  
the statement "In God We Trust"  
comes to my mind. Our country needs  
to get back to that!! I'm not going  
to state all the facts about this init.  
but through prayer I believe God  
would have us get back to the  
basics, what the Bible talks about.  
This means voting "No" on this init.  
Please, I plead with you to  
change your mind and vote No!

Thank you for listening,  
June Vanhorn

CARBON COPY: TO ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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W. B. BENSON'S #510  
Seattle WA 98101

Seattle City Council  
Attn: Virginia Halle

Dear Ms. Halle:

Please vote no on the "malicious harassment ordinance."

All people are already protected by law from assault and harassment, and I do not believe we should put a costly new law on the books to protect a certain group of people especially. (It will be costly to enforce)

I have two small boys and I would like to have them raised in a city where family life is protected, and not where homosexuals are protected especially and thereby drawn in scores to our city. If that law passes as a result of this ordinance, I feel unsafe to raise my children in this beautiful city.

Sincerely,

Marilyn & Dave Jordan

cc: all council people

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GEORGE L. JOHNSON

Dear Mr. Street,

I would like to register my objection to the homosexual harassment ordinance. I feel that there are already laws sufficient to cover the harassment or injury of any body for any reason. I believe it is wrong to make special laws for certain groups. We are all equal under the law and it is senseless to make more laws that aren't needed. It will be difficult to enforce expensive to pursue and confuse and further overload our courts because of a tendency to very broad interpretations. I believe the ordinance could very easily interfere with my freedom of speech. I could possibly register a

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WALDE F. BENSON

Someone by telling him his life style  
will result in his going to hell and  
by this be liable to prosecution. He  
could in turn frighten me by telling  
me that by being overweight I am  
endangering my life, but I could not  
prosecute him for frightening me.  
Please vote against this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Lorna Cecegzi

Carbon copy to each council member.