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To: Proton, Adriana
Subject: RE: Regarding tax exemption status of Aaron House Ministries and YFC

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Subject: Regarding tax exemption status of Aaron House Ministries and YFC

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

Having recently discovered that local organizations, Aaron House Ministries and Youth For Christ, are receiving tax-exemptions, I felt it important to write to you and express my concern.

These organizations actively campaign for the suppression of transgender identity and support in schools. They are advocating for the denial of human rights to equity-seeking groups. They are also staging local anti-LGBTQIA2S protests. I do not support providing tax subsidies to ANY group that promotes hate or hate speech.

In alignment with the council's stated mission to "...promote educational opportunities and diversity, and care about the health and well-being and safety of our citizens, businesses, and environment," I ask that you deny these groups tax-exemption.

In Pride,

Sarah Clark