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**To:** Proton, Adriana  
**Subject:** RE: Permissive Tax Exemptions

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**Subject:** **Permissive Tax Exemptions**

Dear Councillor Jolicoeur,

I fully support your initiative to not grant discretionary permissive tax exemptions to any organization that spreads hate, bigotry and disinformation.

Since the criteria to grant these exemptions is vague, the criteria to refuse them need not be any more specific than it doesn't align with the values and ethics of the City of Courtenay. Council recently passed a motion affirming their support for the LGBTQ community: granting tax exemptions to these organizations would render the motion meaningless.

Furthermore, waiving taxes for these groups, effectively means that taxpayers like me are unwillingly subsidizing these groups to spread their hate.

I hope council takes the time to review your motion, and makes a determination that is consistent with their values and those of the majority of this community.

Sincerely,

Wanda Thompson