

Date: November 8, 2021 Item No.: 7.a

Department Approval City Manager Approval

Item Description: Receive Presentation and Recommendation from the Human Rights, Inclusion

and Engagement Commission on a Proposed Ordinance Prohibiting the

Practice of Conversion Therapy in the City of Roseville

### BACKGROUND

The Human Rights, Inclusion and Engagment Commission has been engaging on a nearly 6 month process of research and engagement preparing for the proposed ordinance prohibiting the practice of conversion therapy in the City of Roseville. The request was initially received in April 2020 from a community member with a background as a mental health practitioner, as a way to support the city's commitment to the LGBTQIA+ community. This request was presented to HRIEC by staff and the commission chair in May 2021 where HRIEC ultimately voted to proceed with a formal recommendation to City Council, presented July 12. This topic has been on each HRIEC agenda since May 2020 and a smaller workgroup has been working to gather research, follow up with interested community stakeholders, and prepare today's presentation and proposed ordinance. In addition to outward communications from staff to increase awareness and solicit community input, public comment periods have been available at each monthly HRIEC meeting with additional dedicated public comment periods at the October HRIEC meeting and the November 8, 2021 City Council meeting.

Overwhelming research has proven conversion therapy or similar treatments to "cure" youth of thoughts and feelings associated with sexual orientation, gender identity or expression is a dangerous practice causing both short and long-term harm. Conversion therapy is also referred to as reparative therapy, ex-gay therapy, or sexual orientation change methods. LGBTQIA+ people are at a significant risk of depression, anxiety, substance abuse, and suicide, only to be further heightened by conversion therapy practices. Related to an increased risk of suicide, a study published by the UCLA Williams Institute in 2019 found 92% greater odds of lifetime suicidal ideation, 75% greater odds of planning to attempt suicide, and 88% greater odds of attempting suicide resulting in no or minor injury.

Between the Trevor Project and UCLA Williams Institute Studies released in 2019, approximately 5-7% of LGBTQ+ youth have experienced conversion therapy. So far, 19 states across the U.S. have prohibited the practice of conversion therapy to protect LGBTQIA+ youth.

In the absence of state legislation, cities across Minnesota are passing ordinances to protect vulnerable LGBTQIA+ youth in their jurisdictions. In addition to protecting youth from this human rights violation, an ordinance prohibiting the practice of conversion therapy sends a message of inclusion and equity to the LGBTQIA+ community who live, work, and visit the city of Roseville. Governor Walz in 2021 signed an executive order restricting conversion therapy through restricted use of Medicaid reimbursement for this type of treatment and directing state agencies to manage

conversion therapy complaints based on their jurisdiction, which would include state medical and mental health licensing boards.

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The following Minnesota cities have already passed ordinances or proclamations denouncing conversion therapy practices within city limits: Bloomington, Duluth, Minneapolis, Red Wing, Robbinsdale, Saint Paul, West Saint Paul, and Winona. Golden Valley passed a resolution in 2020 in support of a statewide ban at the Minnesota Legislature.

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### The following medical and mental health professional organizations have all made statements denouncing the practice of conversion therapy in support of research:

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- National Association of Social Workers Minnesota
- American Academy of Child Adolescent Psychiatry
- 50 American Association of Pediatrics
- 51 American Association for Marriage/Family Therapy
  - American College of Physicians American Counseling
- 53 Association American Medical Association
- 54 American Psychiatric Association
  - American Psychoanalytic Association
- 56 American Psychological Association
- 57 American School Counselors
- 58 Association American School Health Association National
- 59 Association of Social Workers Pan
- 60 American Health Organization
- 1 American Counseling Association

### POLICY OBJECTIVE

The City's Inclusion and Respect Statement states:

The City of Roseville strives to be a welcoming and inclusive place for all. We are committed to promoting respectful conduct, equitable service, and diversity in our community. We condemn discrimination by or against residents, visitors, workers, city employees or city businesses. In all that we do as a City government, we pledge to treat everyone fairly, respectfully, and without bias, regardless of their color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, marital status, familial status, immigration status, sexual orientation, age, income, or disability.

This proposed ordinance works toward achieving a welcoming and inclusive place for all.

### BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- Following, and supporting the City Council's LGBTQIA+ Pride Month Proclamation in June 2021,
- HRIEC is recommending adoption of an ordinance prohibiting conversion therapy treatment of
- 77 minors and vulnerable adults.

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- Staff recommends receiving the presentation from HRIEC on the proposed ordinances and
- determining next steps. In addition, staff has asked the City Council to add support of statewide ban
- of conversion therapy to the city's legislative agenda.

### REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

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Receive HRIEC recommendation regarding adopting an ordinance prohibiting conversion therapy treatment in Roseville of minors and vulnerable adults and determining next steps regarding the proposed ordinance. The draft ordinance has been posted on the city website for the required 10 days and is eligible for adoption if the City Council wishes to consider its adoption on November 8.

Prepared by: Thomas Brooks, Equity and Inclusion Manager

Attachments: A: HRIEC Presentation – Prohibiting Conversion Therapy

B: Proposed Ordinance

C: Trevor Project Research Summary

D: UCLA Williams Institute Research Summary

E: Community Feedback

# HRIEC Presentation on the Proposed Conversion Therapy Ordinance



# HRIEC Proposed Conversion Therapy Ordinance Agenda

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Process/Timeline
- 3. What is Conversion Therapy?
- 4. Research on Effectiveness/Harm
- 5. Current Support
- 6. Consideration of Proposed Ordinance



## HRIEC Proposed Conversion Therapy Ordinance Process/ Timeline

- ➤ April 20 Request received from Roseville resident and mental health practitioner to ban conversion therapy in support of the upcoming LGBTQIA+ Pride Month Proclamation
- ➤ May 19 Request was introduced to HRIEC by staff and HRIEC Chair in public meeting; formal recommendation to Council was approved by HRIEC
- ➤ July 12 Formal recommendation from HRIEC was presented to City Council and Feedback received in public meeting; research, engage the community, and gather feedback from other cities with bans in place
- October 20 HRIEC held final public discussion on conversion therapy ban with opportunity for community input; no community members participated in the meeting; email responses have been included in the packet
- > October 29 Proposed Ordinance posted publicly on City of Roseville website
- November 9 Formal HRIEC presentation and ordinance is considered in City Council meeting



# HRIEC Proposed Conversion Therapy Ordinance Process/ Timeline

### **HRIEC Preparation since April 20 has included:**

- Research of other municipal bans and complaint processes
- Collection of scholarly medical and mental health research
- Discussion as a commission on appropriate model, restrictions, exemptions, engagement, and presentation
- Alignment with community aspirations
  - Welcoming, inclusive, and respectful
  - Physically and mentally active and healthy
  - Engaged in our community's success as citizens, neighbors, volunteers, leaders, and business people
- Promotion and engagement with community stakeholders through:
  - Monthly public discussions
  - Invitations to public comment
  - Social media
  - Communication of proposed ordinance on website
  - Roseville Area High School GSA student engagement
  - Commissioner networks
  - Solicitation of community input by email



# HRIEC Proposed Conversion Therapy Ordinance What is Conversion Therapy?

"Conversion therapy," often referred to as "reparative therapy," "ex-gay therapy," or "sexual orientation change efforts," includes a range of dangerous and discredited practices aimed at changing a person's sexual orientation, or efforts to change a person's gender identity or expression. Conversion therapy methods include:

- Individual or group talk therapy
- Aversion therapy (electric shock)
- Attempted desensitization to same gender/sex erotic materials
- Psychodynamic therapy with a focus on root causes of the individual's sexuality
- Religious approaches (such as prayer and Bible reading)



# HRIEC Proposed Conversion Therapy Ordinance What is Conversion Therapy?

More specifically, Sexual Orientation Change Efforts (SOCE) uses pseudoscientific practices intended to suppress or deny same sex/gender attraction. In 1973 the American Psychiatric Association removed homosexualty as a mental illness from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM). Following this removal, cultural attitudes about homosexuality changed in the US and other countries, gradually accepting that homosexuality is a normal variant of human sexual expression.



In a mass study released by the Trevor Project in 2019, of 34,000 respondents and LGBTQ youth in a survey:

- 39% seriously considered suicide attempts
- 71% reported feeling sad or hopeless
- 71% reported discrimination based on identity
- 2 in 3 reported someone trying to convince them to change their orientation or identity



In a study updated by the UCLA Williams Institute in 2019, of LGBTQ individuals that received conversion therapy treatment, researchers found:

- 92% greater odds of suicidal ideation
- 75% greater odds of planning to attempt suicide
- 88% greater odds of planning to attempt suicide



An estimated 20,000 LGBTQ Youth ages 13-17 receive conversion therapy from licensed healthcare professionals in 41 states without a ban (Williams Institute, 2018).

The harmful effects are observed whether participation is due to coercion or willingness to engage in the therapy. Some of the harms include:

- Patients who do not change may feel worse and blame themselves, question their faith or motivation
- Some individuals are encouraged to marry during a course of conversion therapy and may have spouses and children when they realize that change has not happened. In cases where religious beliefs discourage divorce, mixed orientation couples may stay together, living in difficult circumstances.
- Years of trying to change one's sexual orientation can delay the decision to come out and may create intimacy and sexual problems following the anti-homosexual focus of conversion therapy.



### Patient reports indicate that *providers* may be doing harm through:

- Describing homosexuality as a mental disorder--based on practitioner beliefs despite professional scientific peer reviewed studies and removal from DSM (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Health Disorders)
- Breaches of confidentiality. Religious school counselors may "out" a student to administration, sometimes leading to expulsion.
- Improper pressure on patients, i.e, threatening to end treatment if the patients do not submit to therapist's authority
- Abandoning patients who decide to come out as gay/lesbian and are unwilling to refer to a
  gay or lesbian affirmative therapist,
- Indiscriminate use of treatment, regardless of the very low probability of success
- Patient blaming: attributing low patient motivation rather than skill level of therapist, or efficacy of the conversion treatment, for lack of "success".



Provider means an individual who is licensed, certified, or registered under the laws of the State of Minnesota, including mental health practitioners and mental health professionals as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 245.462, to provide mental health services. Providers include, but are not limited to, physicians specializing in the practice of psychiatry, psychologists, marriage and family therapists, social workers, clinical counselors, behavioral clinicians or therapists, nurses, or any other persons offering such mental health services. A provider does not include members of the clergy who are acting in their roles as clergy or pastoral counselors and providing religious counseling to congregants.



# HRIEC Proposed Conversion Therapy Ordinance Current Support

The growing trend toward banning conversion therapy is challenging for regulatory bodies and licensing boards. In 2021, Governor Walz signed an Executive Order restricting the practice of conversion therapy treatment by

- Prohibiting use of Medicaid funds for treatment and directing state agencies
- Directing Minnesota Department of Health to report on the public health impacts of conversion therapy
- Directing state agencies, including the Minnesota Department of Human Rights and health licensing agencies to investigate and pursue enforcement action on discriminatory complaints



# HRIEC Proposed Conversion Therapy Ordinance Current Support

In addition, the following Minnesota cities have already passed ordinances prohibiting conversion therapy within city limits: Bloomington, Duluth, Minneapolis, Red Wing, Robbinsdale, St. Paul, West Saint Paul, and Winona.

Golden Valley also passed a resolution in 2020 to advocate for a statewide ban on conversion therapy during the legislative session.



# HRIEC Proposed Conversion Therapy Ordinance Consideration Support

The following medical and mental health professional organizations denounce the practice of conversion therapy as harmful and unethical:

National Association of Social Workers - Minnesota American Academy of Child Adolescent Psychiatry American Association of Pediatrics American Association for Marriage/Family Therapy American College of Physicians American Counseling Association American Medical Association American Psychiatric Association American Psychoanalytic Association American Psychological Association American School Counselors Association American School Health Association National Association of Social Workers Pan American Health Organization American Counseling Association



# HRIEC Proposed Conversion Therapy Ordinance Consideration of Proposed Ordinance

The proposed ordinance includes:

Prohibiting the treatment of conversion therapy on minors or vulnerable adults:

- Includes a religious exemption
- Administrative Fine is recommended instead of criminal penalties

In support of the ordinance:

- The city should support a statewide ban
- Notify applicable state licensing agencies of complaints for additional investigation



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21	315.05 Enforcement and Penalties		
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24	315.01 PURPOSE AND FINDINGS.		
25	The City Council finds:		
26	(a) Conversion therapy and related practices lead to critical short and long-term		
27	health risks and inequities including an increased risk of depression, anxiety,		
28	substance abuse, and suicide.		
29	(b) Local and national medical, mental health, and child welfare professional		
30	associations, including the National Association of Social Workers – Minnesota,		
31	American Medical Association, American Psychological Association, American Academy of Pediatrics, and American Psychiatric Association have denounced and		
32 33	rejected conversion therapy and related practices as harmful and ineffective.		
34	(c) In support of the city's continued commitment to supporting the LGBTQIA+		
35	community, the city has an interest in protecting the physical and mental well-being		
36	of minors and vulnerable adults by protecting them against the harm caused by		
37	conversion therapy and related treatment practices.		

- 38 (d) LGBTQIA+ minors and vulnerable adults are more likely to be exposed to
- 39 conversion therapy and related treatments due to an inability to make decisions
- 40 regarding their own physical and mental health.
- 41 (e) It is necessary for the City Council to further support the LGBTQIA+
- 42 community by using its authority in the city to protect the city's minors and
- vulnerable adults from exposure to conversion therapy and related treatments.
- 44 (f) Therefore, this ordinance is intended to protect the residents of and visitors to the
- 45 City from serious physical or psychological harm caused by the practice of
- 46 conversion therapy treatment on minors and vulnerable adults.

### **315.02. DEFINTIONS**

- The words and phrases used in this Section of City Code shall have the meanings ascribed to them as follows:
  - (a) CLERGY OR RELIGIOUS OFFICIAL. Any religious officials, including ministers, priests, rabbis, imams, Christian Science practitioners, and other persons recognized by the Minnesota Board of Psychology and defined under Minnesota Statutes §148.9075, conducting counseling activities that are within the scope of the performance of their regular recognizable religious denomination or sect, as defined in current federal tax regulations, if the religious official does not self-represent as a Provider and the official remains accountable to the established authority of the religious denomination or sect.
  - (b) CONVERSION THERAPY. Any practice, conduct, or treatment by a Provider that seeks to change an individual's Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity, including efforts to change behaviors or Gender Expressions or to eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings toward individuals of the same gender. Conversion Therapy shall not include any mental health services that provide assistance to an individual undergoing gender transition, or mental health services that facilitate an individual's identity exploration and development, including sexual orientation-neutral interventions to prevent unlawful conduct or unsafe sexual practices, as long as the mental health services do not seek to change an individual's Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity.
  - (c) GENDER EXPRESSION. A person's expression of Gender Identity through appearance and behavior.
  - (d) GENDER IDENTITY. A person's sense of self as a male, female, other gender, or genderless.

75	(e) MINOR. Any person under the age of eighteen (18) years of age.		
76 77 78 79 80 81	(f) PROVIDER. Any individual who is licensed, certified, or registered under the laws of the State of Minnesota to provide mental health services as a mental health practitioner and/or mental health professional, as defined under Minnesota Statutes §245.462, including but not limited to physicians, psychologist, marriage and family therapists, social workers, clinical counselors, behavioral clinicians and therapists, and nurses.		
82 83 84	(g) SEXUAL ORIENTATION. A component of identity relevant to a person's sexual and emotional attraction to another person and the behavioral or social affiliation that results from such attraction.		
85 86 87	(h) VULNERABLE ADULT. Any person 18 years of age or older and who meets the definition of vulnerable adult in Minnesota Statutes Section 626.5572.		
88 89 90 91 92	315.03 CONVERSION THERAPY PROHIBITED  It is unlawful for any Provider to practice or conduct Conversion Therapy on a minor of vulnerable adult within the City. Any Provider who violates this prohibition is subject to the penalties set forth in Section 315.05 of this Code.		
<ul><li>93</li><li>94</li><li>95</li><li>96</li></ul>	315.04 EXCEPTIONS  The prohibition on Conversion Therapy contained in Section 315.03 of this Code does not apply to:		
97 98	(a) Conversion Therapy practiced or conducted by Clergy or Religious Officials.		
99 100 101 102	(b) Conversion Therapy practiced or conducted on Minors who are lawfully able to give effective consent to medical and mental health services under Minnesota Statutes §144.341.		
103 104 105 106	315.05 ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES  Any violation of Section 315.03 shall constitute an administrative offense under Chapte 102 and will be enforced exclusively through the administrative procedure and hearing process set forth in Section 102.01.C of City Code.		
107 108	The administrative fine for a first violation of Section 315.03 shall be determined by the City Council and set forth in the City's Fee Schedule. Subsequent violations shall be subject to the increased administrative fine described in Section 102.01 C 12 of this		

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111 112	Each instance or session of unlawful Conversion Therapy under this Code is a separate offense and violation of Section 315.03.		
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114	SECTION 2: Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and		
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### **INTRODUCTION**

# I'm proud to share The Trevor Project's inaugural National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health.

This is our first wide-ranging report from a cross-sectional national survey of LGBTQ youth across the United States. With over 34,000 respondents, it is the largest survey of LGBTQ youth mental health ever conducted and provides a critical understanding of the experiences impacting their lives.

This ground-breaking survey provides new insights into the challenges that LGBTQ youth across the country face every day, including suicide, feeling sad or hopeless, discrimination, physical threats and exposure to conversion therapy.

The data provides a sobering look at how far we still have to go to protect LGBTQ young lives. But the survey also reveals the resilience and diversity of LGBTQ youth and provides guidance on what can be done to enable them to survive and thrive.

Among some of the key findings of the report from LGBTQ youth in the survey:

- 39% of LGBTQ youth seriously considered attempting suicide in the past twelve months, with more than half of transgenderand non-binary youth having seriously considered
- 71% of LGBTQ youth reported feeling sad or hopeless for at least two weeks in the past year
- Less than half of LGBTQ respondents were out to an adult at school, with youth less likely to disclose their gender identity than sexual orientation
- 2 in 3 LGBTQ youth reported that someone tried to convince them to change their sexual orientation or gender identity, with youth who have undergone conversion therapy more than twice as likely to attempt suicide as those who did not
- 71% of LGBTQ youth in our study reported discrimination due to either their sexual orientation or gender identity
- 58% of transgender and non-binary youth reported being discouraged from using a bathroom that corresponds to their gender identity
- 76% of LGBTQ youth felt that the recent political climate impacted their mental health or sense of self
- 87% of LGBTQ youth said it was important to them to reach out to a crisis intervention organization that focuses on LGBTQ youth and 98% said a safe space social networking site for LGBTQ youth would be valuable to them

The Trevor Project's
National Survey on LGBTQ Youth
Mental Health is part of our
commitment to use research and
data to continually improve
our life-saving services for LGBTQ
youth and expand the knowledge base for organizations
around the globe.

This survey builds upon critical research done by many of our partner organizations over the years and we are particularly proud that it is inclusive of youth of more than 100 sexual orientations and more than 100 gender identities from all 50 states across the country.

We hope this report elevates the voices and experiences of LGBTQ youth, providing insights that can be used by the many organizations working alongside The Trevor Project to support LGBTQ young people around the world. We also hope this report shows LGBTQ youth that we hear them, that their lives have value, and that we are here to support them 24/7.



Amit Paley CEO & Executive Director The Trevor Project

### **SUICIDALITY & MENTAL HEALTH**

### 39% of LGBTQ respondents

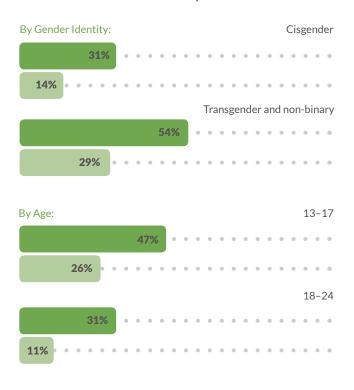
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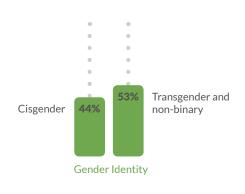
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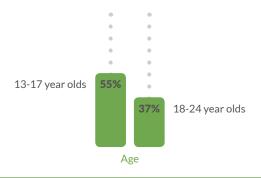
### LGBTQ youth that

considered and attempted suicide:

Youth who attempted suicide among those who considered:







**71% of respondents** reported feeling sad or hopeless for at least two weeks in the past year

- Over 18% of LGBTQ respondents attempted suicide in the past twelve months
- 29% of transgender and non-binary youth respondents have attempted suicide
- 76% of the sample felt that recent politics impacted their mental health or sense of self
- 47% of the sample received psychological or emotional counseling from a mental health professional

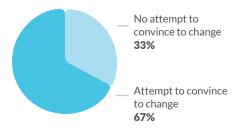
### **CONVERSION THERAPY & CHANGE ATTEMPTS**

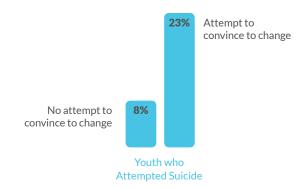
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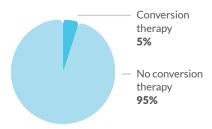
LGBTQ youth who reported someone attempted to convince them to change their sexual orientation or gender identity\*:

Youth who attempted suicide, comparison of those who experienced attempts to change their sexual orientation or gender identity to those who had not:

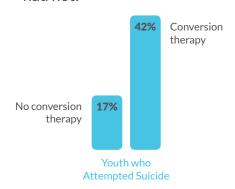




LGBTQ youth who reported undergoing conversion therapy\*:



Youth who attempted suicide, comparison of those who experienced conversion therapy with those who had not:



**57% of transgender and non-binary youth** who have undergone conversion therapy report a suicide attempt in the last year.

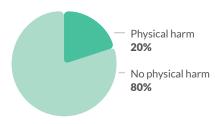
\* Some LGBTQ youth who have undergone conversion therapy may not use that term to describe their experience. We asked youth separately whether someone attempted to convince them to change their sexual orientation or gender identity and whether they underwent conversion therapy in order to fully capture the ways youth experience efforts to change their sexual orientation or gender identity.

### **DISCRIMINATION & PHYSICAL HARM**

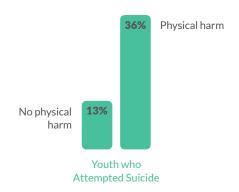
# 71% of LGBTQ youth in our study reported experiencing discrimination due to either their sexual orientation or gender identity.

78% of transgender and non-binary youth reported being the subject of discrimination due to their gender identity and 70% of LGBTQ youth reported discrimination due to their sexual orientation.

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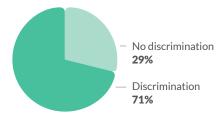
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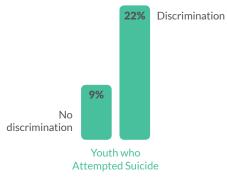


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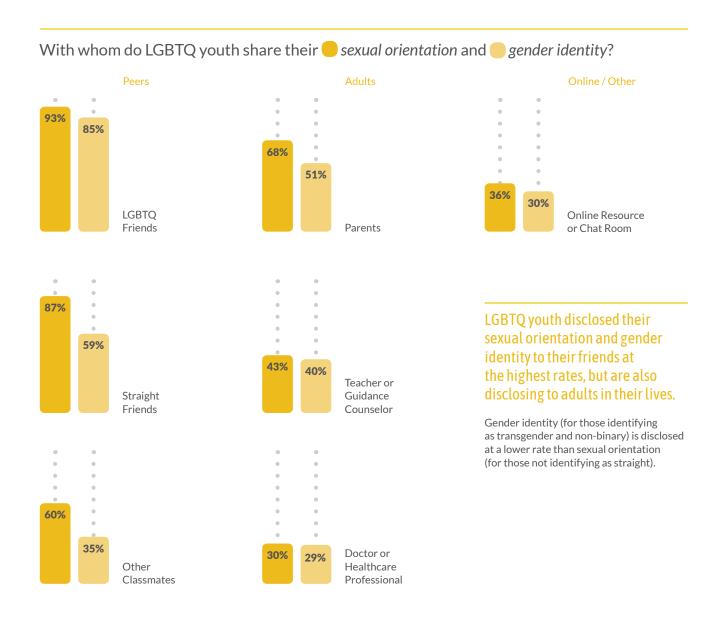




### **DISCLOSURE**

### **Less than half** of LGBTQ respondents were out to an adult at school.

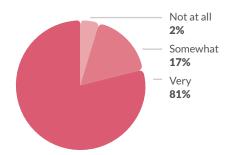
### Youth are **less likely** to disclose their gender identity than sexual orientation.



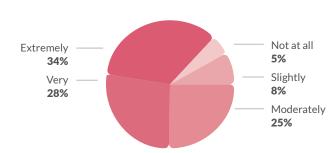
### **YOUTH SUPPORT PREFERENCES**

# **76% of youth respondents** indicated that they would be somewhat to extremely likely to reach out via text or chat in a crisis.

How valuable is an LGBTQ safe-space networking site?

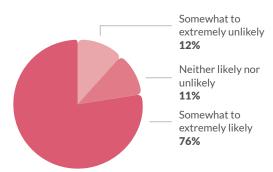


How important would it be to you to reach out to a crisis intervention organization focused on LGBTQ youth?



Youth indicated a strong digital preference for reaching out when in crisis.

If you needed to reach out to a crisis intervention organization for support, how likely are you to reach out via chat/instant message or text message?



### **DIVERSITY OF LGBTQ YOUTH**

LGBTQ youth are in all parts and communities of America, with a large amount identifying sexual orientation and gender identity in non-binary ways.

### Respondents were from **all 50 states. 39%** were religious.

LGBTQ youth in the survey identified with more than 100 sexual orientations



LGBTQ youth in the survey identified with more than 100 gender identities



### RESEARCH

The mission of The Trevor Project's Research Department is to **produce and use innovative research** that brings new knowledge and clinical implications to the field of suicidology and LGBTQ mental health.

### To address this mission we:

### Advance Scientific Inquiry

Providing empirical data to better understand the lives of LGBTQ youth and suicidality including risk factors, protective factors, and outcomes.

- The Trevor Project will be a leading source of scientific information on the needs and strengths of LGBTQ youth
- The Trevor Project will collaborate with key national and international research teams and agencies to improve the lives of LGBTQ youth

### Support The Trevor Project's Life-Saving Work

Using internal and external data and research findings to advance Trevor's crisis services and peer support programs as well as advocacy and education initiatives.

- The Trevor Project's advocacy and training activities will be supported by data collected directly by The Trevor Project as well as evidence gathered from the broader research literature
- The Trevor Project will embody an evidence-informed culture in which all staff are supported and recognized in the use of research evidence

### Inform Public Knowledge

Ensuring our research and evaluation findings are applicable and widely communicated to the broader public including LGBTQ-youth-serving agencies and mental health organizations.

- The Trevor Project will serve as a national model on how to integrate the best research evidence into its practices, programs, and policies
- The Trevor Project will be a leading resource on terminology related to LGBTQ youth

#### **Recommended Citation**

The Trevor Project. (2019). National Survey on LGBTQ Mental Health. New York, New York: The Trevor Project.

For additional information please contact: Research@TheTrevorProject.org

### **METHODOLOGY**

# The content and methodology for The Trevor Project's 2019 National Survey on LGBTQ Mental Health were approved by an independent Institutional Review Board.

A quantitative cross-sectional design was used to collect data using an online survey platform between February 2, 2018 and September 30, 2018.

A sample of individuals ages 13-24 who resided in the United States were recruited via targeted ads on social media. No recruitment was conducted via The Trevor Project website or TrevorSpace. Respondents were defined as being LGBTQ if they identified with a sexual orientation other than straight/ heterosexual, a gender identity other than cisgender, or both. In order to ensure representativeness of the sample, targeted recruitment was conducted to ensure adequate sample sizes with respect to geography, gender identity, and race/ethnicity. Qualified respondents completed a secure online questionnaire that included a maximum of 110 questions.

Questions on sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) were aligned with the best practices identified in SOGI measurement. Questions on depressed mood and suicidality in the past twelve months were taken from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Survey to allow for direct comparisons to their nationally representative sample.

Each question related to mental health and suicidality was preceded by a message stating:

"If at any time you need to talk to someone about your mental health or thoughts of suicide, please call The Trevor Project at 1-866-488-7386."

Participation was voluntary, informed consent was obtained, and no names or personal details were included ensuring confidentiality.

A total of 34,808 youth consented to complete the online survey. Youth who indicated that they lived outside of the U.S. (n=475) received a message that they were ineligible to participate in the survey. Youth who indicated that they were both cisgender and straight (n=294) were excluded from the sample. A filter was applied to indicate youth who either a) completed less than half of the survey items or b) reached the end of the survey within three minutes (n=8,091).

Additionally, a mischievous responders analysis identified and removed 52 youth who either provided highly unlikely answers (e.g., selecting all possible religious affiliations and race/ethnicity categories) and/or who provided obvious hate speech about LGBTQ populations in any of the free response options.

The final analytic sample was comprised of 25,896 LGBTQ youth in the United States.

Preliminary analyses were conducted to identify any potential problems with redundancy (e.g., multicollinearity) among similar variables such as experiences of discrimination and victimization.

All variables contributed uniquely to indicators related to suicidality.

This report uses "transgender and non-binary" as an umbrella term to encompass non-cisgender youth, which includes young people who identify as transgender or non-binary as well as gender expansive, differently gendered, gender creative, gender variant, genderqueer, agender, gender fluid, gender neutral, bigender, androgynous, or gender diverse.

### **METHODOLOGY**

### **COMPARABILITY**

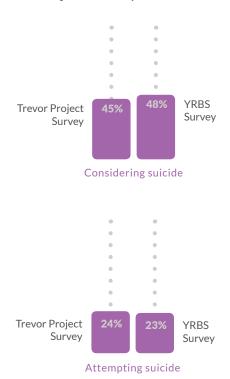
In order to better understand how our sample compares to a national probabilistic sample, we included questions regarding suicidality that were identical to those used by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in their Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Survey (YRBS).

Analyses were conducted to compare rates of seriously considering suicide and attempting suicide in the past 12 months among youth ages 13–18 in our sample to the 2017 YRBS sample of lesbian, gay, and bisexual (LGB) youth.

YRBS prevalence rates among LGB youth for seriously considering suicide (48%) were comparable to rates among the same age range in our sample (45%).

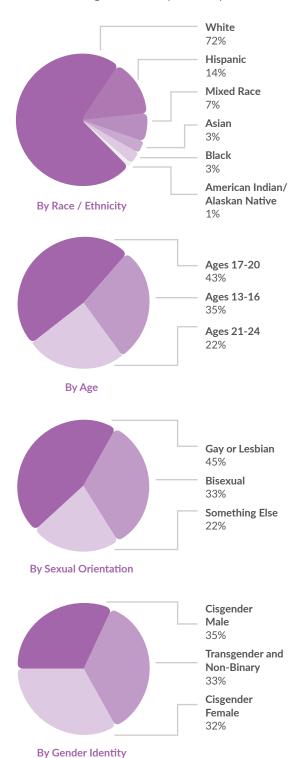
Similarly 23% of LGB youth in the 2017 YRBS reported a suicide attempt in the past 12 months compared to 24% in our sample.

### Comparability metrics: Trevor Project Survey and YRBS Survey



### **PARTICIPANTS**

Youth participants in the survey were recruited broadly and represented a wide-range of the LGBTQ community.





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# Conversion Therapy and LGBT Youth Update

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Conversion therapy, also known as sexual orientation or gender identity change efforts, is a practice grounded in the belief that being LGBT is abnormal. It is intended to change the sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression of LGBT people.¹ Conversion therapy is practiced by some licensed professionals in the context of providing health care and by some clergy or other spiritual advisors in the context of religious practice.² Efforts to change someone's sexual orientation or gender identity are associated with poor mental health,³ including suicidality.⁴ As of June 2019, 18 states, the District of Columbia, and a number of localities have banned health care professionals from using conversion therapy on youth.

The Williams Institute estimates that:

- 698,000 LGBT adults (ages 18-59)<sup>5</sup> in the U.S. have received conversion therapy, including about 350,000 LGBT adults who were subjected to the practice as adolescents.<sup>6</sup>
- 16,000 LGBT youth (ages 13-17) will receive conversion therapy from a licensed health care professional before they reach the age of 18 in the 32 states that currently do not ban the practice.<sup>7</sup>
- 10,000 LGBT youth (ages 13-17) live in states that ban conversion therapy and have been protected from receiving conversion therapy from a licensed health care professional before age 18.8
- An estimated 57,000 youth (ages 13-17) across all states will receive conversion therapy from religious or spiritual advisors before they reach the age of 18.9

This report updates conversion therapy estimates published by the Williams Institute in January 2018. 10

## **HISTORY**

Conversion therapy has been practiced in the U.S. for over a century. Academic literature has documented instances of conversion therapy being used as early as the 1890s and continuing through the present day.<sup>11</sup> Throughout the history of conversion therapy, a range of techniques have been used by both health care professionals and religious figures seeking to change people's sexual orientation or gender identity. Currently, talk therapy is the most commonly used therapy technique. 12 Some practitioners have also used "aversion treatments, such

as inducing nausea, vomiting, or paralysis; providing electric shocks; or having the individual snap an elastic band around the wrist when the individual became aroused to same-sex erotic images or thoughts."13 Other practitioners have used non-aversive techniques such as attempting to "change thought patterns by reframing desires, redirecting thoughts, or using hypnosis."14

An estimated 698,000 LGBT adults in the U.S have received conversion therapy at some point in their lives.

An estimated 698,000 LGBT adults in the U.S have received conversion therapy either from a licensed professional or a religious advisor or from both at some point in their lives, 15 including about 350,000 LGBT adults who received conversion therapy as adolescents.<sup>16</sup>

### **CURRENT PERSPECTIVES**

#### PROFESSIONAL HEALTH ASSOCIATIONS

A number of prominent national professional health associations—including the American Medical Association, the American Psychological Association, and the American Academy of Pediatrics, among others—have issued public statements opposing the use of conversion therapy because it is harmful and ineffective.<sup>17</sup> Several of these associations have called on Congress and state legislatures to pass laws that ban conversion therapy. For example, the CEO of the American Counseling Association (ACA) submitted testimony to the Illinois House and Senate in support of the state's conversion therapy ban bill in 2015.18 In addition, ACA members sent 79 letters to the Governor and 84 letters to state legislators in support of the bill.<sup>19</sup> Also, several professional health associations endorsed the Therapeutic Fraud Prevention Act, a federal bill that would have prohibited the practice of conversion therapy, including the National Association of School Psychologists, the American Psychoanalytic Association, the American Counseling Association, and the American Academy of Pediatrics.<sup>20</sup>

## **PUBLIC OPINION**

Public opinion polls at the national level and in several states have found majority support for ending the use of conversion therapy on youth. A 2019 national poll conducted by Ipsos/Reuters found that 56% of US adults support making conversion therapy on youth by mental health practitioners illegal as compared to a minority (18%) who think that it should be legal.<sup>21</sup> Majority support for making conversion therapy on youth illegal was observed across all age groups, regions of the US, and rural/urban residence.<sup>22</sup>

Table 1. Public support for laws banning conversion therapy on minors in US

Question: Conversion therapy is when mental health practitioners try to change an LGBTQ person's sexual orientation or gender

		Age		Region			Residence				
	All	18-34	35-54	55+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Urban	Suburban	Rural
Conversion therapy on LGBTQ children should be illegal	56%	56%	56%	55%	58%	51%	53%	62%	53%	59%	52%
Conversion therapy on LGBTQ children should be legal	18%	22%	18%	16%	13%	19%	20%	19%	21%	16%	18%
Don't know	26%	21%	26%	30%	29%	30%	27%	19%	25%	25%	30%

Source: Ipsos Poll Conducted for Reuters, Stonewall Anniversary Poll, June 6, 2019.

Recent polls in six states have also found strong support for laws that ban licensed health care professionals from using conversion therapy on youth.

Table 2. Public support for laws banning conversion therapy on minors in six states

Jurisdiction	Support for law banning conversion therapy	Year
Arizona <sup>23</sup>	59%	2017
Florida <sup>24</sup>	71%	2017
New Mexico <sup>25</sup>	60%	2016
North Carolina <sup>26</sup>	80%	2019
Pennsylvania <sup>27</sup>	54%	2017
Pennsylvania's 18 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District <sup>28</sup>	63%	2018
Virginia <sup>29</sup>	64%	2016

Polling also indicates that many people do not think conversion therapy is effective; only 8% of respondents to a 2014 national poll said they thought conversion therapy could change a person's sexual orientation from gay to straight.30

## **CURRENT LAWS**

#### CONVERSION THERAPY BY LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

As of June 2019, 18 states and the District of Columbia had passed statutes limiting the use of conversion therapy: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, D.C., Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New

Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington.<sup>31</sup> The laws protect youth under age 18 from receiving conversion therapy from licensed mental health care providers.<sup>32</sup> California was the first state to pass a conversion therapy ban in 2012.33 Four states—Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, and New York—passed bans in 2019.34 In addition, a number of cities and counties in states without statewide bans have passed bans at the local level.<sup>35</sup>

All of the state statutory bans allow licensing entities to discipline health care providers who use conversion therapy on youth under age 18.36 Under Connecticut, Illinois, and New Hampshire laws, the use of conversion therapy on youth is also considered an unfair business practice, and the laws allow for enforcement and penalties consistent with other state laws against such practices.<sup>37</sup> In addition, in 2015, a New Jersey court held that providing conversion therapy in exchange for payment constitutes a fraudulent business practice, regardless of whether it is used on youth or adults.38

16,000 LGBT youth (ages 13-17) will receive conversion therapy from a licensed health care professional before they reach the age of 18 in the 32 states that currently do not ban the practice, unless additional states pass conversion therapy bans.<sup>39</sup> Approximately 10,000 LGBT youth (ages 13-17) who live in states with bans have been protected from receiving conversion therapy from a licensed health care professional before age 18 because their states have banned the practice.40

In addition to state bans, members of Congress have introduced federal legislation aimed at limiting conversion therapy. The Therapeutic Fraud Prevention Act, introduced in both the House and Senate in 2017<sup>41</sup> and 2015<sup>42</sup>, would have classified conversion therapy provided in exchange for payment as a form of consumer fraud.<sup>43</sup> The law would have allowed state attorneys general and the Federal Trade Commission to bring enforcement actions against individuals who are providing conversion therapy for payment or advertising such services.<sup>44</sup> Additionally, the Prohibition of Medicaid Funding for Conversion Therapy Act and the Every Child Deserves a Family Act would limit the practice of conversion therapy by prohibiting payments under the Medicaid and Social Security programs for conversion therapy.<sup>45</sup> Both of these bills have been introduced in Congress in 2019.<sup>46</sup>

#### CONVERSION THERAPY BY RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL ADVISORS

The state statutory conversion therapy bans apply to licensed mental health care professionals and sometimes more broadly to others who seek to provide conversion therapy in exchange for payment.<sup>47</sup> The laws generally do not apply to religious or spiritual advisors who engage in sexual orientation or gender identity change efforts within their pastoral or religious capacities.

These exclusions for therapy provided by religious or spiritual advisors leave many youth vulnerable to conversion therapy even in states with bans. An estimated 57,000 youth (ages 13-17) across all states will receive conversion therapy from religious or spiritual advisors before they reach the age of 18.48 This includes approximately 38,000 youth (ages 13-17) who will receive conversion therapy from religious or spiritual advisors, but not a licensed health care professional before they reach the age of 18.49 Some youth will receive conversion therapy from both a licensed health care provider and a religious or spiritual advisor before they reach age 18.

## CONCLUSION

Conversion therapy continues to be used in the U.S. despite support for ending the practice among prominent medical and mental health associations and the public. An estimated 698,000 LGBT adults in the U.S. have received treatment to change their sexual orientation or gender identity at some point in their lives, including about 350,000 who received treatment as adolescents. As of June 2019, 18 states, the District of Columbia, and a number of localities had enacted laws banning licensed professionals from using conversion therapy on youth. An estimated 16,000 LGBT youth will receive conversion therapy from a licensed professional before they reach the age of 18 in the 32 states that currently do not ban the practice. In addition, an estimated 57,000 LGBT youth across all states will receive conversion therapy from religious or spiritual advisors. Because of the large number of youth who may be vulnerable to conversion therapy, individuals who have contact with minors should be aware that the American Psychological Association has issued a resolution "advising parents, guardians, young people, and their families to avoid sexual orientation change efforts that portray homosexuality as a mental illness or developmental disorder and to seek psychotherapy, social support and educational services that provide accurate information on sexual orientation and sexuality, increase family and school support, and reduce rejection of sexual minority youth[.]"50

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In order to determine an estimate for the number of transgender adults who have received conversion therapy, we started with the proportion of transgender adults who report that one or more professionals tried to make them identify only with their sex assigned at birth or try to stop them from being transgender (13.0%), as observed in the U.S. Transgender Survey—the largest purposive sample study of transgender adults to date and reported in James ET AL., supra note 4. The proportion who received conversion therapy was multiplied by the proportion of adults ages 18 and older who are estimated to be transgender (0.6%) and then applied to the number of adults ages 18 to 59 in the U.S. (180,757,997). This estimate is likely to be somewhat conservative given that slightly larger proportions of the population identify as transgender among younger age cohorts. For transgender population estimates see Andrew R. Flores et al., The Williams Institute, How Many Adults Identify as Transgender in the United States? (2016).

\*About the Generations Study. Generations participants were recruited by Gallup, Inc., a survey research consulting company (http://www. gallup.com/) using the Gallup Daily Tracking Survey as initial contact. Generations baseline participants were screened and enrolled in the study between March 28, 2016 - March 30, 2017. The Daily Tracking Survey is a telephone interview of a national probability sample of 1,000 adults ages 18 and older that is conducted daily (350 days a year) to inquire about topics including the respondents' politics, economics and general well-being. Respondents include English and Spanish-speaking individuals from all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. Gallup uses a dual-frame sampling procedure, which includes random-digit dialing (RDD) to reach both landline and cellphone users, as well as an additional random selection method for choosing respondents with landlines. Gallup stratifies the RDD list to ensure that the unweighted samples are proportionate by U.S. Census region and time zone. Gallup weights the data daily to compensate for disproportionalities in non-response and selection probabilities.

The Generations study used a 2-step recruitment procedure. In the first step, utilizing a question asked of all Gallup respondents, all LGBT individuals were identified. The Gallup question to assess sexual orientation and gender identity asked by the phone interviewer is "I

have one final question we are asking only for statistical purposes. Do you, personally, identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender?" In the second step, Gallup respondents who were identified as LGBT were assessed for eligibility for participation in the Generations study and those eligible were invited to participate in Generations. Respondents were eligible if they identified as LGB (and not transgender) in response to a Generations question that asked if they were lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, or same-gender loving, if they were in the age and race/ethnicity groups targeted for the 3 cohorts under investigation in Generations: ages 18-25, 34-41, or 52-59; Black, Latino, or White; completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade at least, and if they spoke English well enough to conduct the phone interview in English. Transgender respondents were recruited into a contemporary TransPop study.

Respondents who were eligible for participation in Generations were invited to participate in the study. If they agreed, they were emailed or mailed a survey questionnaire to complete by self- administration (via a web link or printed questionnaire, respectively). Respondents were sent \$25 gift certificate with their invitation to participate in the study, which they could redeem at any time. Prior to completing the survey, respondents reviewed an information sheet about the study and their rights and responsibilities as research participants. Respondents who agreed to participate then submitted the web survey online or returned the printed questionnaires for data entry using a provided addressed envelope.

In total, 366,644 participants were screened by Gallup for inclusion in the Generations study. Of them, 3.5% were identified as LGBT and 27.5% of them were eligible for Generations based on the eligibility criteria. Of these, 80% agreed to participate in the survey and of those, 48% completed the survey. The final Generations baseline sample size was 1,345. Generations is funded by a grant from the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD grant 1R01HD078526) and through supplemental grants from the National Institutes of Health, Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research and the Office of Research on Women's Health.

Generations Survey Items about Conversion Therapy

	Your best estimate is fine.	Continue ⇒
134	About how old were you the last time you received treatment to change your sexual orientation?	
	Yes, from a religious leader (such as a pastor, religious counselor, priest)	
Г	Yes, from a healthcare professional (such as a psychologist or counselor who was not religious-fo	cused)
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133	Did you ever receive treatment from someone who tried to change your sexual orientation (such as tryou straight/heterosexual)? <i>If yes, please mark all that apply.</i>	to make

<sup>6</sup> Among adults who have received conversion therapy, approximately 49.9% of LGB adults in the Generations Study and 51.0% of transgender adults in the U.S. Trans Survey are estimated to have received treatment at or before the age of 18. These proportions are applied to the number of LGB and transgender adults ages 18 to 59 who are estimated to have received conversion therapy, as described above. Thus, we estimate that 350,000 LGBT adults [range 287,000 to 429,000] received treatment as adolescents. We believe that our estimate of conversion therapy among cisgender LGB adolescents is, if anything, an underestimate because the Generations Study survey asked about age at which last conversion therapy was received versus the age at which conversion therapy first began. It is possible that some youth received conversion therapy that did not end until age 18 or later and that these individuals are missing in our estimates of the percentage of LGB youth who received conversion therapy. This would lead to an underestimate of the number of current LGB youth currently at risk of conversion therapy.

<sup>7</sup> 16,000 LGBT youth ages 13 to 17 [range 10,000 to 26,000] are estimated to live in states without state-wide conversion therapy bans and will receive conversion therapy from a professional before the age of 18. This figure was calculated by adding estimates for LGB and transgender youth. In order to determine an estimate for the number of LGB youth who will receive conversion therapy before age 18, we multiplied the proportion of LGB adults ages 18 to 59 who report having received treatment from a health care professional to change their sexual orientation that began and ended before the age of 18 (1.2%) from the Generations Study (Williams Institute unpublished analyses) by the proportion of youth in grades 9 through 12 who identify as LGB (8.0%) in the 2015 YRBS and by the proportion of LGB young adults ages 18 to 24 who are cisgender (95.7%) among LGB-identified respondents to the 2014-2015 BRFSS (Williams Institute unpublished analyses), and then applied this proportion to the number of youth ages 13 to 17 in the U.S. (20,870,650), according to 2016 population estimates from the 2010 U.S. Census. For total 13-17 population estimates: search American FactFinder, (last visited Dec. 15, 2017) (select advanced search, enter "Annual Estimates of the Resident Population by Single Year of Age and Sex for the United States, States, and Puerto Rico Commonwealth: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2016" under topic or table name, and select "Annual Estimates of the Resident Population by Single Year of Age and Sex for the United States, States, and Puerto Rico Commonwealth: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2016" 2016 Population Estimates). For estimates of the proportion of youth who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual see LAURA KANN ET AL., SEXUAL IDENTITY, SEX OF SEXUAL CONTACTS, AND HEALTH-RELATED BEHAVIORS AMONG STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12 - UNITED STATES AND SELECTED SITES,

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In order to determine an estimate for the number of transgender youth who have received conversion therapy we multiplied the proportion of transgender adults who report that a professional (nonreligious or spiritual) tried to make them identify only with their sex assigned at birth or stop them from being transgender (9.0%) by the proportion for whom this had happened at or before age 18 (51%), as observed in the U.S. Transgender Survey and reported in James et al., supra note 4. This proportion (4.6%), those who received conversion therapy at or before age 18, was multiplied by the proportion of youth ages 13 to 17 who are estimated to be transgender (0.73%) and then applied to the number of youth ages 13 to 17 in the U.S. (20,870,650). For transgender population proportion estimates see JODY L. HERMAN ET AL., THE WILLIAMS INSTITUTE, AGE OF INDIVIDUALS WHO IDENTIFY AS TRANSGENDER IN THE UNITED STATES (2017).

For a list of the states that have banned conversion therapy state-wide see note 33, infra. Although some cities and counties have enacted local bans on conversion therapy, the population of these localities is not large and would not have an appreciable impact on state estimates.

- <sup>8</sup> Following the same approach described above, we estimate that approximately 10,000 LGBT youth [range 6,000 to 16,000] live in states that have banned conversion therapy state-wide by licensed professionals.
- 9 57,000 LGBT youth ages 13-17 [range 37,000 to 94,000] are estimated to be at risk of receiving treatment to change their sexual orientation or gender identity from a religious leader, advisor or counselor at or before age 18. This figure was calculated by adding estimates for LGB and transgender youth. In order to determine an estimate for the number of LGB youth who will receive conversion therapy, we multiplied the proportion of LGB adults ages 18 to 25 who report having received treatment from a religious leader (pastor, religious counselor, priest) to change their sexual orientation that began and ended before the age of 18 (3.4%) from the Generations Study (Williams Institute unpublished analyses) by the proportion of youth in grades 9 through 12 who identify as LGB (8.0%) in the 2015 YRBS and by the proportion of LGB young adults ages 18 to 24 who are cisgender (95.7%) in the 2014-2015 BRFSS (Williams Institute unpublished analyses), and then applied this proportion to the number of youth ages 13 to 17 in the U.S. (20,870,650), according to 2016 population estimates from the 2010 U.S. Census. For total 13-17 population estimates: search American FactFinder, (last visited Dec. 15, 2017) (select advanced search, enter "Annual Estimates of the Resident Population by Single Year of Age and Sex for the United States, States, and Puerto Rico Commonwealth: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2016" under topic or table name, and select "Annual Estimates of the Resident Population by Single Year of Age and Sex for the United States, States, and Puerto Rico Commonwealth: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2016" 2016 Population Estimates). For estimates of the proportion of youth who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual see Kann et al., supra note 7.

In order to determine an estimate for the number of transgender youth who received conversion therapy from a religious or spiritual counselor/advisor, we multiplied the proportion of transgender adults who report that such a person tried to make them identify only with their sex assigned at birth or stop them from being transgender (4.0%) by the proportion for whom this had happened at or before age 18 (51%), as observed in the U.S. Transgender Survey and reported James et al., supra note 4. This proportion (2.0%), those who received conversion therapy at or before age 18, was then multiplied by the proportion of youth ages 13 to 17 who are estimated to be transgender (0.73%) and then applied to the number of youth ages 13 to 17 in the U.S. (20,870,650). For transgender population proportion estimates see HERMAN ET AL., supra note 7.

<sup>10</sup> In our prior report, the Williams Institute estimated that approximately 20,000 LGBT youth (ages 13-17) would receive conversion therapy from a licensed health care professional before they reached the age of 18 in the 41 states that had not banned the practice as of January 2018. The report further estimated that approximately 6,000 LGBT youth (ages 13-17) who lived in states that had bans in place in January 2018 would have received conversion therapy from a licensed health care professional before they reached the age of 18 had their states not banned the practice. This report considers the impact on those numbers of the nine state-level conversion therapy bans that were enacted between January 2018 and June 2019.

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- <sup>41</sup> H.R. 2119, 115th Cong. (2017); S. 928, 115th Cong. (2017).
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<sup>49</sup> 38,000 LGBT youth ages 13-17 [range 24,000 to 61,000] are estimated to be at risk of receiving treatment to change their sexual orientation or gender identity from a religious leader, advisor or counselor only at or before age 18. This figure was calculated by adding estimates for LGB and transgender youth and rounding them to the nearest 1,000. In order to determine an estimate for the number of LGB youth who will receive conversion therapy, we multiplied the proportion of LGB adults ages 18 to 59 who report having received treatment from a religious leader (pastor, religious counselor, priest) to change their sexual orientation that began and ended before the age of 18 (2.2%), and who did not also receive conversation therapy from a health care professional, from the Generations Study (Williams Institute unpublished analyses) by the proportion of youth in grades 9 through 12 who identify as LGB (8.0%) in the 2015 YRBS and by the proportion of LGB young adults ages 18 to 24 who are cisgender (95.7%) in the 2014-2015 BRFSS (Williams Institute unpublished analyses), and then applied this proportion to the number of youth ages 13 to 17 in the U.S. (20,870,650), according to 2016 population estimates from the 2010 U.S. Census. For total 13-17 population estimates: search American FactFinder, (last visited Dec. 15, 2017) (select advanced search, enter "Annual Estimates of the Resident Population by Single Year of Age and Sex for the United States, States, and Puerto Rico Commonwealth: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2016" under topic or table name, and select "Annual Estimates of the Resident Population by Single Year of Age and Sex for the United States, States, and Puerto Rico Commonwealth: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2016" 2016 Population Estimates). For estimates of the proportion of youth who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual see Kann et al., supra note 7. The proportion who received conversion therapy from a religious leader only did not statistically significantly differ across age cohorts (18-25, 34-41, and 52-59) (Williams Institute unpublished analyses).

In order to determine an estimate for the number of transgender youth who received conversion therapy from a religious or spiritual counselor/advisor, we multiplied the proportion of transgender adults who report that such a person tried to make them identify only with their sex assigned at birth or stop them from being transgender (4.0%) by the proportion for whom this had happened at or before age 18 (51.0%), as observed in the U.S. Transgender Survey and reported JAMES ET AL., supra note 4. This proportion (2.0%), those who received conversion therapy at or before age 18, was then multiplied by the proportion of youth ages 13 to 17 who are estimated to be transgender (0.73%) and then applied to the number of youth ages 13 to 17 in the U.S. (20,870,650). For transgender population proportion estimates see Herman et al., supra note 7.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> H.R. 1981, 116th Cong. (2019); H.R. \_\_, 116th Cong. (2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> See note 33, supra.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> For methodology, see note 9, *supra*.

From:

**Subject:** Welcome & A Request

**Date:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 7:16:32 PM

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Mr. Brooks -

Welcome to Roseville! I was reading the new edition of City News and saw that you're the city's Equity & Inclusion Manager. Congratulations on the new position! I hope you're enjoying it and I'm excited for the work you'll be able to do to make our city more diverse and welcoming to BIPOC individuals and businesses.

I am a psychotherapist, bisexual woman, mother of 2 wonderful girls and resident of Roseville for nearly 7 years now. I have been emailing the city council about banning anti-gay "conversion therapy" for minors with no response yet. I work with many queer adolescents. Thankfully my clients have been able to avoid conversion practices, but too many haven't been as lucky. A national ban on such practices are inevitable, though it will take time. Let's have Roseville be ahead of the curve and be on the right side of history and ban these lethal practices (suicidal ideation is high among those who have had to endure conversion therapy).

I thought this cause would be something appropriate for the new Diversity & Inclusion Manager to take on! Please let me know your thoughts. Thank you for your time!

Best,

Allyson Adams MS LPC LADC

From:
To: \*RVCouncil; \*RVHRIE

Subject: Banning Conversion Therapy for Minors Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021 12:47:59 PM

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To The Roseville City Council, Mayor & HRIEC:

I am contacting your today in support of banning conversion therapy for minors. There have already been multiple bans in the Twin Cities including St. Paul, Minneapolis & Bloomington. Roseville must be next!

Conversion "therapy" is the practice of trying to change one's sexual orientation and/or gender identity. Not only is it highly ineffective, it's also incredibly harmful. Many activists are trying to reframe the phrase "conversion therapy" to "conversion abuse" to reflect the trauma and suffering that the practice can cause. People who practice conversion therapy don't realize the damage it can do. According to The Trevor Project's 2019 national survey of LGBTQ+ mental health, 42% of youth who have gone through conversion "therapy" have attempted suicide. Anti-gay practices are literally killing kids!

Below is a list of organizations who support banning conversion therapy:

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Association American School Health Association National

Association of Social Workers

American Health Organization

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We cannot allow such lethal practices to continue, and I urge you to ban conversion therapy for minors in Roseville.

Thank you for your time.

# Amanda Maki (She/Her/Hers)

Amanda Maki, MS, NCC, LPCC Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor Natalis Counseling & Psychology Solutions 1600 University Avenue West, Suite 12 Saint Paul, MN 55104

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Thank you for your time.

Brianne Marion, PsyD, LP, SEP (she/her/hers)
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Thank you for your time.

Brittney Rademacher, MA LICSW She/her Natalis Counseling and Psychology Solutions

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From:
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**Subject:** please ban conversion practices for minors **Date:** Thursday, June 17, 2021 11:02:35 AM

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To The Roseville City Council, Mayor & HRIEC:

I work for a large mental health clinic with multiple locations in the Twin Cities. Conversion "therapy" is the harmful practice of trying to change one's sexual orientation and/or gender identity. According to research, it is ineffective, and informed activists are trying to educate people of the abusive nature of this practice to reflect the trauma and suffering that the practice can cause. Anti-gay practices are harming children. According to The Trevor Project's 2019 national survey of LGBTQ+ mental health, 42% of youth who have gone through conversion "therapy" have attempted suicide.

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I urge you to ban conversion therapy for minors in Roseville. Thank you for your consideration.

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Address:	2489 Churchill St.
City:	Roseville
State:	MN
Zip:	55113
How would you prefer to be contacted? Remember to fill in the corresponding contact information.	No need to contact me
Phone Number:	Field not completed.
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Please Share Your Comment, Question or Concern	Please ban conversion therapy. There is absolutely no science to support this. It is unethical at best and should be illegal.
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To: \*RVCouncil < city.council@cityofroseville.com >; Rebecca Olson

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### Contact City Council

Please of	complete	this	online	form	and	submit.

Subject	Conversion therapy			
Contact Information				
Name:	Deborah Mosby			
Address:	935 Sherren St W			
City:	Roseville			
State:	MN			
Zip:	55113			

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Phone Number:	
Please Share Your Comment, Question or	Highly support a ban on conversion therapy in Roseville. I have been a licensed addiction counselor for 30 years and have

Concern

witnessed the damage to adolescents who have been subjected to this so-called therapy. It is traumatizing and causes worse damage. No licensed professional counselor that I know would ever use this type of treatment on any client. Please vote to ban conversion therapy.

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## **Contact City Council**

Subject	I support the ban on conversion therapy
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Address:	Tschida
City:	Roseville
State:	MN
Zip:	55113
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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Thank you,

Elliot Nuckols, MPS

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 Subject:
 Conversion "Therapy"

**Date:** Thursday, June 17, 2021 9:46:48 AM

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To The Roseville City Council, Mayor & HRIEC:

I am contacting your today in support of banning conversion therapy for minors. There have already been multiple bans in the Twin Cities including St. Paul, Minneapolis & Bloomington. Roseville must be next!

Conversion "therapy" is the practice of trying to change one's sexual orientation and/or gender identity. Not only is it highly ineffective, it's also incredibly harmful. Many activists are trying to reframe the phrase "conversion therapy" to "conversion abuse" to reflect the trauma and suffering that the practice can cause. People who practice conversion therapy don't realize the damage it can do. According to The Trevor Project's 2019 national survey of LGBTQ+ mental health, 42% of youth who have gone through conversion "therapy" have attempted suicide. Anti-gay practices are literally killing kids!

Below is a list of organizations who support banning conversion therapy:

American Academy of Child Adolescent Psychiatry

American Association of Pediatrics

American Association for Marriage/Family Therapy

American College of Physicians American Counseling

Association American Medical Association

American Psychiatric Association

American Psychoanalytic Association

American Psychological Association

American School Counselor

Association American School Health Association National

Association of Social Workers

American Health Organization

American Counseling Association

We cannot allow such lethal practices to continue, and I urge you to ban conversion therapy for minors in Roseville.

Thank you for your time.

Dr. Tomassoni

#### Jennica Tomassoni, Psy.D, LP

Psychologist

Natalis Counseling & Psychological Solutions

Please note, I am in the office Tuesday through Friday only

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City:	Roseville			
State:	MN			
Zip:	55113			
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Email Address:				
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Please Share Your Comment, Question or Concern	I support the ban on conversion therapy and I hope that the City Council does too.			
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Subject

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Contact Information					
Name:	Lauren Morse-Wendt				
Address:	1335 Willow Circle				

Ban conversion therapy

State:	MN	
Zip:	55113	

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contact information.	
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	Field not completed.
Please Share Your Comment, Question or	Dear City Council,
Concern	As a LGBTQ family living in Roseville, we ask that you ban conversion therapy at your November 8th meeting. Conversion therapy has been proven to be harmful, and prohibiting it sends a clear signal to families like ours that we are welcome in this community.

#### Thank you, Lauren Morse-Wendt

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 From:
 Pat Trudgeon

 To:
 Thomas Brooks

 Cc:
 Rebecca Olson

Subject: FW: Online Form Submittal: Contact City Council Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 8:04:10 AM

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#### Patrick Trudgeon | City Manager

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City:	Roseville
State:	MN
Zip:	55113

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Please Share Your Comment, Question or Concern	I do not support conversion therapy, please ban it

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Subject:	Conversion Therapy ban
Contact Information	
Name:	Lori-Anne Williams
Address:	1135 Summer Street
City:	Roseville
State:	MN
Zip:	55113
How would you prefer to be contacted? Remember to fill in the corresponding contact information.	Email
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	
Please Share Your Comment, Question or Concern	Conversion therapy is abhorrent. Please ban this mean-spirited effort to change what can't be changed. I appreciate that the Human Rights Commission is considering ridding Roseville of this menace to individuals being their authentic selves.
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Subject	Conversion Therapy
Contact Information	
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Address:	455 Glenwood Ave.
City:	Roseville
State:	MN
Zip:	55113
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Email Address:	
Phone Number:	N/A
Please Share Your Comment, Question or	Conversion Therapy is just counseling. Please do not take away the option for those who choose to try it.

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**To:** \*RVHRIE; Rebecca Olson; Thomas Brooks

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**Date:** Friday, October 8, 2021 6:37:21 PM

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Subject:	Ban conversion therapy
Contact Information	
Name:	Tess DeGeest
Address:	3126 Ridgewood Road
City:	Roseville
State:	MN
Zip:	55112
How would you prefer to be contacted? Remember to fill in the corresponding contact information.	Email
Phone Number:	Field not completed.
Email Address:	
Please Share Your Comment, Question or Concern	Please ban conversion therapy, which is terrible for our kids. Look at the science and have a heart.

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From:
To: \*RVCouncil; \*RVHRIE
Subject: Ban Conversion Therapy
Date: Friday, June 11, 2021 1:45:06 PM

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To the Mayor and City Council of Roseville:

I am an associate professor at Metropolitan State University. I teach counseling and am the director of the MS in Co-occurring Disorders Recovery Counseling, which readies students for careers in integrated care of substance use and mental health disorders. Graduates of our program qualify for licensure in alcohol and drug counseling (LADC) and licensed professional counseling/clinical counseling (LPC/LPCC) in the State of Minnesota.

I am writing to ask that you unequivocally ban conversion therapy for minors. There have already been multiple bans in the Twin Cities including Saint Paul, Minneapolis and Bloomington. Roseville must be next in banning this harmful and hateful practice.

Conversion "therapy" is the practice of trying to change an individual's sexual orientation and/or gender identity. Not only is it highly ineffective, it's also provably harmful. Many activists are trying to reframe the phrase "conversion therapy" to "conversion abuse" to reflect the trauma and suffering that the practice can cause. Many people who attempt conversion therapy don't realize the damage it can do. Out of the LGBTQIA+ youth who have undergone conversion therapy, 42% have attempted suicide, compared to 17% for those who have not, according to the Trevor Project's 2019 national survey on LGBTQ+ mental health. Anti-gay practices are literally killing kids!

NAADAC: The Association for Addiction Professionals, the national professional association for addiction counselors, states the following in its Code of Ethics, under the section on Exploitation:

"Addiction professionals shall be aware of their influential positions with respect to clients, trainees, and research participants, and shall not exploit the trust and dependency of any client, trainee, or research participant. Providers shall not engage in any activity that violates or diminishes the civil or legal rights of any client. Providers shall not use coercive treatment methods with any client, including threats, negative labels, or attempts to provoke shame or humiliation. Providers shall not impose their personal, religious, or political values on any client. **Providers shall not endorse conversion therapy**." (emphasis mine)

A number of other prominent professional organizations and societies have joined in

supporting bans on conversion therapy. They include:

- American Academy of Child Adolescent Psychiatry
- American Association of Pediatrics
- American Association for Marriage/Family Therapy
- American College of Physicians American Counseling
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- Association American School Health Association National
- Association of Social Workers
- American Health Organization
- American Counseling Association

We cannot allow such lethal practices to continue in our region and I urge you to ban conversion therapy for minors in Roseville.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Peace,

Therissa A Libby, PhD, she/her
Associate Professor and Program Director
MS in Co-occurring Disorders Recovery Counseling
MS in Alcohol and Drug Recovery Counseling
Metropolitan State University, Saint Paul, MN, USA
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City:	Roseville
State:	MN
Zip:	55113
How would you prefer to be contacted? Remember to fill in the corresponding contact information.	Email
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	
Please Share Your Comment, Question or Concern	The following language in the Conversion Therapy Ban Agenda Item attached to the 10/8/21 City News Update seems to read incorrectly:
	Legal FAQs Q: Why a fine rather than a criminal charge? A: It is possible that straying away from administrative consequences could lead to a lawsuit if not from the high courts. Seriously, please stick to criminal consequences.
	Specifically: (1)could lead to a lawsuit "if not from the high courts" This seems to be missing wording before "if not from the high courts"
	and (2) "Seriously, please stick to criminal consequences."
	Doesn't the City want to stay away from criminal

consequences, not "stick to" them? This conveys the complete opposite message.

I am very much in favor of passing and implementing a Conversion Therapy Ban in Roseville. I feel it is very important and our responsibility as decent humans to protect and support our LGBTQ+ community members in any way we can.

Online and in person reporting with an advocate are essential. Administrative fines would seem to make it more accessible and less damaging for those reporting rather than having to go through the process of a criminal complaint (although I feel those that practice in conversion therapy are in fact committing a crime).

Thank you for asking for community members' input on this matter.

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To: Thomas Brooks

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Contact Information		
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Address:	2493 Matilda St	
City:	Roseville	
State:	MN	
Zip:	55113	

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Email Address:	
Phone Number:	
Please Share Your Comment, Question or Concern	Conversion therapy has no place in this world. Please vote to ban this archaic, dangerous and harmful practice in our city.

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Contact Information	
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Address:	794 Millwood Ave
City:	Roseville
State:	MN
Zip:	55113

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Please Share Your Comment, Question or Concern	I would like to share that I am in favor of a ban on conversion therapy in Roseville. I believe a person is born the way they are and should be given the right to live how they feel represents who they are. Conversion therapy has been shown to be mentally and physically harmful to the individual going through it. People generally just want to be accepted for who they are and I feel it is respectful & a matter of dignity to provide members of our community with that right. Thank you for your work and being willing bring this discussion into the forefront

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