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I.

SECTION OF CHARTER OR ORDINANCE VIOLATED: 2-7-1 (A)

DATE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION: June 26, 2015

ACTIONS ALLEGED TO BE A VIOLATION:

see attachment

WITNESSES OR EVIDENCE THAT WOULD BE PRESENTED: ~~2-7-6 (J)~~

II.

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ALL THE STATEMENTS AND INFORMATION IN THIS COMPLAINT ARE TRUE
AND FACTUAL TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

DATE: June 26, 2015

Mark Walters
COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE

MARK WALTERS
PRINT NAME

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TRAVIS

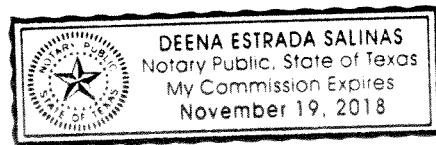
This instrument was acknowledged, sworn to and subscribed before me by

Mark Walters

On the 26th day of June, 2015, to certify which
witness my hand and official seal.

Deena Estrada Salinas
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Deena Estrada-Salinas
Typed or Printed Name of Notary



THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK.



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June 30, 2015

City of Austin Ethics Commission
c/o Austin City Clerk
301 W 2nd St
Austin, TX
(512) 978-2104

RE: Amended Ethics Complaint against City Council Member Don Zimmerman

Pursuant to section 2-7-41 of the Austin City Code of Ordinances, this is an official complaint against Austin City Council Member Don Zimmerman for comments that he made on Facebook, and as reported in the Austin American Statesman. Council Member Zimmerman, in a public form followed by myself and other residents of the City of Austin, referred to gay individuals as pedophiles. This public statement is a violation of the City of Austin Ethics Code.

Specifically, Zimmerman violated the City of Austin's Ordinance 2-7-1(A), when he referred to gays as pedophiles during a social media commentary. Councilman Zimmerman's remarks were not impartial and irresponsible to the people of the City of Austin. Moreover, under this Ordinance, Councilman Zimmerman violated his duty to have public confidence in the integrity of its government. Councilman Zimmerman, by failing to conduct himself in a professional and ethical manner and for treating members of the public without respect and dignity, has unjustly and with impunity, labeled Austin's LGBT community as pedophiles; a claim that he cannot substantiate. The comments made by the Council Member, was a clear statement that was unprofessional and abusive.

The second ethics complaint alleged is that Council Member Zimmerman used City of Austin resources to make his disparaging remarks, in violation of Austin City Ordinance 2-7-62(J). By using either a city computer or city paid cell phone, Zimmerman violated the Standard of Conduct that he, as a Council Member, is required to uphold. "No City official or employee shall use City facilities, personnel, equipment or supplies for private purposes, except to the extent such are lawfully available to the public." Council Member Zimmerman violated this section of the Standard of Conduct in using city computers and or cell phones to make comments on Facebook, to embarrass himself, the City, and to make disparaging remarks about a segment of Austin residents that is not reflective of the City's values, and of the City's population as a whole.

Due to the lack of sensitivity of Zimmerman, and this being his second ethics review is less than six (6) months, there is a heightened concern as to whether he can represent the City of Austin in a manner that does not bring negative publicity and shame on the members of the community. I respectfully ask that a full investigation take place into this matter and that any and all sanctions be taken against Council Member Zimmerman for the egregious conduct that he has instilled upon our City.

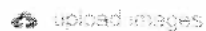
In accordance with the City of Austin Ethics Code, I respectfully ask that Council Member Zimmerman be presented a copy of this complaint, along with the city attorney and the Ethic Commission. Moreover, I respectfully ask that a full and complete public preliminary hearing be made on this complaint within 20 working days.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Walters", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Walters

APPENDIX A




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Don Zimmerman Equates Gay Marriage to Pedophilia

By flexmentailo · 15 hours ago · 2 images · 4 886 views · stats

Austin City Council Member Don Zimmerman Equates Gay Marriage to Pedophilia



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7 hrs · 1

If you're listening to anyone gripe about the #SCOTUS ruling, tell them to substitute gay with black and ask them if they would make the same argument. It's been working wonders for me all morning ... ☺

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and 15 others like this.



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You should take it up a notch and start telling black people that being black is the same as being gay, and telling gay people that being gay is the same as being black. That's when the logic will really shine.

Unlike Reply 2 6 hrs



Don Zimmerman Matt, replace "pedophile", then explain how you can justify denying marriage happiness to a couple in love based on age discrimination. In fact there is no such thing as "pedophilia", only "intergenerational love". Explain why you are a pedophobe and why you're opposed to love and equal rights. Who gives you the right to pass judgment against those you disagree with?

Like Reply 1 hr



Great point... If I hear one more dingbat equate gay and pedophilia... Explosions in my brain may occur...

Unlike Reply 1 1 hr



Don Zimmerman, I am unable to make the comparison. My example was two groups of people deserving of the basic equal rights that should be afforded to EVERY citizen living in a civilized society. Your example is a group of people that commit horrific crimes against children. Are you really comparing gays to pedophiles?


Like Reply just now





Write a comment...




District 6 representative Don Zimmerman seems to not understand how consent works

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Like · Reply · 4 · 2 hrs

 No  Don Zimmerman seems to be unable to tell the difference between individuals with and without sufficient age to have the ability to consent. Please make sure this guy isn't allowed access to the City's public pools.. there are kids in there.


Unlike · 2 · 1 hr · Edited

 Don Zimmerman You did not answer my question of why you believe pedophilia is a crime. You didn't answer my question of why two people are denied the right to marry because of age discrimination. Until you answer my question of why you think you have the right to judge pedophilia as a crime, I won't answer you. Some believe pedophilia should be legal - what gives you the right the judge them as criminals? Why are your morals superior to theirs? Or are you waiting for the Supreme Court to decide your moral questions?


Like · 39 mins

 Don Zimmerman Mr.  who gave you the right to pass judgment regarding "age of consent"? If "scientific studies" and the Supreme Court decide that your outdated morals regarding age of consent violate someone's right to "intergenerational marriage", you'd be fine with that? Of course you would, because that's the basis of your morality today. So gloat on.

Like · 22 mins

 You did not answer my question of why you believe pedophilia is a crime<< Weeillllll - can't believe I'm having to explain this to a grown ass man - pedophilia is indeed a crime . You see a crime usually has to have this thing called a "victim". If someone is under the legal age to consent to sex, they would be the "victim". Now it's your turn - tell me who is the "victim" in a gay relationship? Hint - your delicate sensibilities can't be a victim. This train of thought - this well galdang it if we let this happen then this is gonna happen - was tried when the legality of mixed races marriages was being discussed. Didn't work then. And it ain't gonna work now.

Unlike · 2 · 19 mins · Edited

 Pardon my French but.. Holy fucking shit.

Unlike · 1 · 7 mins

 Write a reply..