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Subject: FW: discrimination at the Mt. View Pool
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Hi Wendy – for your awareness, below was submitted by Ms. Jaman and will be included as a late addition to the official City Council agenda packet.
I've spoken with Mayor Faber and while we tend to avoid back and forth interactions with the public at council meetings, I will offer a brief staff response and he may chime in as well.
Please drop a line if you want to discuss or have any questions.
Best wishes,
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August 1, 6:30, public comment to City Council at City Hall, Port Townsend

July 29, 2022
City Council and State Representatives

I swim weekly at the Port Townsend School District pool at the Mountain View facility leased by the City, the pool now managed by the Olympic Peninsula YMCA. My family has used the pool for 35 years. While showering after my weekly swim, I heard a man's voice. I looked past the curtain and saw a man dressed in a woman's bathing suit watching little girls take down their swimsuits in order to use the

restroom. I told him to leave. It happened that a Y staff person was in the room and I asked her to get him out of the dressing room. Instead, she immediately told me while I was standing in the shower unable to exit that I was being discriminatory and I would no longer be allowed to swim at the pool and she had called the police.

I went to the police station just next door to report my experience. I received a call from a Port Townsend police detective and I had a conversation with the Y's CEO, Wendy Bart. This, so far, is not a legal incident. However, the CEO provided some information of concern. Ms. Bart told me she assumes the posted "pride" signs indicating the Y welcomes all people is adequate for women to know crossdressers and men who identify as women will be using the women's dressing/shower room. And she told me that it is the law not to discriminate against such people and that she was standing by her staff person's decision to exclude me from the pool.

In the long ago history of the YMCA there was also the YWCA; working for the human rights and dignity of women and girls, to protect them from violence. Nationally, women continue to lose their personal rights to choose; they, along with little girls, forced to use non-binary facilities are experiencing increased encounters with peeping toms and assault in shower, dressing and toilet rooms - at schools, gyms, prisons and now, potentially, at Mt. View Pool.

The YMCA policies on gender identity use "pride" as a euphemism to prevent discrimination against one group of people but at the expense of another group - women who don't want to use all-gender bathing/dressing areas. Although the Y does check to see if pool patrons have been convicted of sex crimes, there is danger in how the Olympic Y is furthering this policy of nondiscrimination, the potential of undignified/illegal behavior for lack of separate facilities. The policy fails to be inclusive at Mt View pool - women are now at risk of unwanted exposure to the opposite sex - object and you will no longer be allowed to use the pool. Is this how the Y intends to secure the safety and dignity of all its patrons - a YMCA principle?

Just as the City has installed special doors and spaces for handicapped people, the YMCA should provide an all-gender changing area as well as binary facilities to accommodate all patrons. The YMCA should immediately post clear signage indicating the existing dressing/shower rooms will be used by the opposit sex who gender identify differently. Also, all parents who send their children to YMCA programs should be informed that men who identify as women are allowed to accompany little girls into the dressing and bathroom areas.

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PS Please consider the circumstance when a woman who gender identifies as a man uses the
mens dressing area and goes to the pool (the park, the beach) in men's trunks.