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I am writing to express my hope that the Resolution ### - Declaring the City of Stevenson a Sanctuary City for Gender Diverse Peoples is voted down.

Ideally all people regardless of sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, national origin, age, disability etc. are protected individuals from discrimination and are ensured that city resources are not used to prosecute or punish them for seeking care or other services and that all people are given a safe and welcoming environment.

Highlighting a specific population makes a statement that one set of people have more rights and should be treated with more consideration. To single out a group of people also implies other groups do not experience discrimination. We are not a perfect society; our efforts should be that no one experiences discrimination. We need to ensure everyone is treated equally. Verbiage such as sanctuary city for Gender Diverse people does not tell our community that they are all important and will be receiving equal effort to ensure their rights are being looked after. Please vote no for this resolution.

Please include the email in the 3/5/26 agenda

Thank you,

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