

File No.: 04-1000-20-2020-497

October 16, 2020

s.22(1)

Dear s.22(1)

Re: **Request for Access to Records under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the "Act")**

I am responding to your request of September 14, 2020 for:

**Records of Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung's internal and external email, social media direct messages and messaging app direct messages, on any platform, regarding the "I (heart) J.K. Rowling" billboard, transgender rights and Pattison Outdoor. Date range: September 11, 2020 to September 14, 2020.**

All responsive records are attached. Some information in the records has been severed, (blacked out), under s.14 and s.22(1) of the Act. You can read or download this section here: [http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws\\_new/document/ID/freeside/96165\\_00](http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00).

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Under section 52 of the Act you may ask the Information & Privacy Commissioner to review any matter related to the City's response to your request. The Act allows you 30 business days from the date you receive this notice to request a review by writing to: Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner, [info@oipbc.bc.ca](mailto:info@oipbc.bc.ca) or by phoning 250-387-5629.

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with: 1) the request number assigned to your request (#04-1000-20-2020-497); 2) a copy of this letter; 3) a copy of your original request for information sent to the City of Vancouver; and 4) detailed reasons or grounds on which you are seeking the review.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Freedom of Information Office at [foi@vancouver.ca](mailto:foi@vancouver.ca) if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

[Signature on file]

**Barbara J. Van Fraassen, BA**  
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\*If you have any questions, please email us at [foi@vancouver.ca](mailto:foi@vancouver.ca) and we will respond to you as soon as possible. Or you can call the FOI Case Manager at 604.871.6584.

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From: "Kirby-Yung, Sarah" <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca>  
To: "Basi, Sarah" <sarah.basi@vancouver.ca>  
Date: 9/24/2020 12:29:04 PM  
Subject: Fw: [EXT] Billboard

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From: s.22(1)  
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2020 4:44 PM  
To: Kirby-Yung, Sarah  
Subject: [EXT] Billboard

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Councillor,

I am very disappointed in your comments regarding the JK Rowling billboard.

The billboard is NOT transphobic. It is, in fact, supportive of JK Rowling who has been defending women's rights and who has been viciously attacked by the trans community.

Regards

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From: "Kirby-Yung, Sarah" <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca>  
To: "Basi, Sarah" <sarah.basi@vancouver.ca>  
Date: 9/24/2020 12:28:30 PM  
Subject: Fw: [EXT] Disappointed

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From: s.22(1)  
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 9:15 AM  
To: Kirby-Yung, Sarah  
Subject: [EXT] Re: [EXT] Disappointed

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Sarah Kirby-Yung,

I appreciate that you have taken the time to write back. Women have already lost the ability to voice concern over identity politics. We cannot enter any discourse without being labelled, "transphobic". When Bill C-16 came to pass there was no Gender Based Analysis applied on it to see if it would keep in line with our national goals of gender equality. Why do you think the GBA was never applied? Is this not a concern to you? So, not only do we know that our country does not have our best interest to seek equality, we now have to roll over anytime a man says he, "feels he is a woman"?

The ability to consider yourself "not a man" or "not a woman" is a classist issue, it belongs to the privileged. Vulnerable and marginalized born into oppression people do not have the benefit to be viewed as anything but their marginalized identity which was chosen for them. This minutiae means more and more as we progress as society but when folks like yourself come to quash discourse around identity you limit our freedom to enter these discussions.

There is no "environment creating discrimination" taking place when a billboard such as yesterday's is displayed. It's women's last attempt to have discourse around our sex based protections without getting, "cancelled". Trans people deserve protections, absolutely. No feminist, including JK Rowling, is saying that they don't. But, because we are women and in a time when women are especially vilified, e.g "Karens" and the popularity around online "incel culture" it's time to stay even more diligent around who is actually the enemy and what are they really saying. Misogyny runs very deep in our Western society. Feminists are not the enemy. Women are not killing trans women, men are. Yet when thing such as the MMIW inquiry came around, not one poster, not one piece of PR material would say who is killing these women: men. Our society refuses to blame men for male violence, instead it sees women as the easy scapegoat. Now our crime stats will be skewed because trans women rapists will be categorized statistically as women. There are consequences to the loosening of these sex-based protections, unfortunately the ones losing will always be women.

If "manhood" was asked to allow for men who appear more feminine to still be considered men we wouldn't be here. Why can't we allow women and men to be any type of personality while still remaining their sex? Women are expected to save all emotionally distressed humans, it's incredibly unfair as it is not valued in one iota of the sense in our patriarchal capitalistic society. I do not see your actions yesterday as doing anything but intensifying this division, although you claim to be doing the opposite, your myopia on this issue is glaringly obvious.

Please consider women and our future.



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From: Kirby-Yung, Sarah <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca>  
Sent: September 13, 2020 8:29 AM  
To: s.22(1)  
Subject: Re: [EXT] Disappointed

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Thank you for your email.

I agree that women have been marginalized and afforded less opportunities because they were women. As a woman on Council, I am acutely aware and take the responsibility to put women forward seriously.

This is simply about not discriminating or inciting an environment that makes one group of people less than or hated. It does not take away championing or advocating for the rights of women which is important work I remain committed to.

Sincerely,

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On Sep 13, 2020, at 8:20 AM, s.22(1) wrote:

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Hello Sarah,

I'm writing to inform you of how disappointed I am to see a Vancouver city councilor lack the understanding of how terrible identity politics are for women and girls. Women are an oppressed group based on their sex class, not their participation in gender roles. The murdered women from the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Inquiry were not privileged enough to consider an option of "changing their sex". No. Those women are missing and murdered because they were vulnerable women. The people who killed them were men. We need to keep the definition of who these women were so that we don't lose anymore women to male violence. Vulnerable children who become sex trafficked don't have the privilege to say, "I don't identify as a girl please do not rape me".

Every 2.5 days a woman is murdered in our country. We need protection. We need to protect each other. Rape shelters were created by and for: women. Men will not build our rape shelters but men who wish to be viewed as women have an agenda to be validated as women by their identity choice. Women do not share this experience. We don't need "validation", we should not be housed with male bodied individuals for the sake of this validation. A female's need for safety should trump everything. How are we to heal?

Violent crimes against women are going up, this is because councilors like you cannot undo the female socialization that has allowed you to believe our boundaries are "unkind to trans-women". Men who have transitioned to identify as women are not automatically safe. Women are already socialized to put the needs of others before our own, YOU have weaponized this "kindness" for your own moral grandstanding. You are so utterly disappointing for women in our city.

Please do better for future generations.

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**From:** "Kirby-Yung, Sarah" <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca>  
**To:** "Basi, Sarah" <sarah.basi@vancouver.ca>  
**Date:** 9/24/2020 12:27:59 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXT] I <3 JK Rowling

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**From:** s.22(1)  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 5:17 PM  
**To:** Kirby-Yung, Sarah  
**Subject:** [EXT] I <3 JK Rowling

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Dear Ms. Kirby-Yung,

Your actions recently regarding the "I <3 JK Rowling" billboard are extremely disappointing.

You state that Ms. Rowling is "a figure who has been widely condemned herself for speaking out against the trans community." Since when is speaking out in opposition of the erasure of women's rights a bad thing? Is it also bad to state scientific facts, such as "biological sex is real"? Could you also tell me if it's wrong to condemn the medical experimentation on children?

The fact that you think these things are "hate speech" means that you have been fully swayed by the transgender lobby. I would not be surprised to hear you say that you have not read Ms. Rowling's blog post, explaining why she feels the way she does.

You probably just heard about the uproar that trans rights activists caused after reading her original tweets, and thought it was a good way to appear "woke". Have you also seen the rape threats, death threats and pictures of exposed male genitals that she has received? How can you possibly be supportive of this?

In the end, you are just another politician grasping at anything to become relevant. I sincerely hope you reconsider your stance and implore Pattison Outdoors to put the billboard back up.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** "Kirby-Yung, Sarah" <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca>  
**To:** "Basi, Sarah" <sarah.basi@vancouver.ca>  
**Date:** 9/24/2020 12:28:20 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXT] J.K. Rowling Billboard

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**From:** s.22(1)  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 10:31 AM  
**To:** Kirby-Yung, Sarah  
**Subject:** [EXT] J.K. Rowling Billboard

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I am deeply disappointed that to see the virtue signal heavy, surface deep reaction to the J.K. Rowling billboard. I urge you to look deeper into women's issues around trans activists. You may find that your good intentions are mislead, and you are missing very important perspectives on this billboard, and the broader issues at hand.

Step out of the echo chamber, broaden your research, dig a little deeper.

Kindly,

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From: "Kirby-Yung, Sarah" <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca>  
To: "Basi, Sarah" <sarah.basi@vancouver.ca>  
Date: 9/24/2020 12:28:14 PM  
Subject: Fw: [EXT] JK Rowling Billboard

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From: s.22(1)  
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 10:31 AM  
To: Kirby-Yung, Sarah  
Subject: [EXT] JK Rowling Billboard

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Dear Coun. Kirby-Yung,

I saw that you were condemning the "I <3 JK Rowling" billboard posted in Vancouver. As an elected official, I think that you should be very careful when wading into matters of free expression. Canadians have a constitutional fundamental "freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression" under s 2(b) of the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. In this case, the billboard very clearly does not violate the *Criminal Code* provisions banning the advocacy of genocide (s 318) or inciting hatred in a way likely to breach the peace (s 319). However, vandalising the billboard is mischief (s 430).

There is a live public debate over the conflict of the sex-based rights of females and the rights of trans individuals. This is a relatively recent debate and is by no means over. As an elected official, it is my belief that you should above all strive to uphold our Constitution. While you too are entitled to your own thoughts, I would suggest that you focus on actual crimes being committed. Crime is exploding across the city (perhaps less so in the wealthier NPA strongholds). I would respectfully suggest you focus your efforts on those concrete issues that make many Vancouverites feel physically unsafe, rather than a small minority feel "unsafe" in the postmodernist theoretical sense.

Sincerely,

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From: "Kirby-Yung, Sarah" <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca>  
To: "Basi, Sarah" <sarah.basi@vancouver.ca>  
Date: 9/24/2020 12:27:49 PM  
Subject: Fw: [EXT] RE: [EXT] JK Rowling

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From: s.22(1)  
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 12:14 PM  
To: Kirby-Yung, Sarah  
Subject: [EXT] RE: [EXT] JK Rowling

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Ms Rowling is allowed the right to express her views as is everyone else and those views can be supported or opposed.

The Charter is not meant to be a shield against apparent hurt feelings.

It is only your interpretation that the billboard is meant to "supress" gender identity and you refuse to accept that it can mean anything different.

Regards,

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From: Kirby-Yung, Sarah <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca>  
Sent: September 14, 2020 11:52 AM  
To: s.22(1)  
Subject: RE: [EXT] JK Rowling

Hello s.22(1)

Thank you for your email.

I do appreciate the fundamental right of freedom of expression. It is an important principle as you state. I also appreciate the right to personal expression. Gender identity is a protected right under the charter. That's where this falls for me. The billboard was executed specifically with the intent to suppress that.

Sincerely,

Sarah Kirby-Yung, MBA  
Councillor City of Vancouver  
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**From:** s.22(1)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2020 11:37 AM  
**To:** Kirby-Yung, Sarah  
**Subject:** [EXT] JK Rowling

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Thank you for your valiant actions in diminishing freedom of speech and expression.

You obviously do not understand what democracy's foundation is about as consider your views as absolute truth-all others do not matter and must be repressed.

Shame on you.

Regards,

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From: "Kirby-Yung, Sarah" <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca>  
To: "Basi, Sarah" <sarah.basi@vancouver.ca>  
Date: 9/24/2020 12:28:06 PM  
Subject: Fw: [EXT] Re: [EXT] More Rowling billboards

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From: s.22(1)  
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 4:31 PM  
To: Kirby-Yung, Sarah  
Subject: [EXT] Re: [EXT] More Rowling billboards

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Excuse me Councillor,

You did not represent the freedom of expression of Vancouver citizen supporters of this Billboard, male and female. It has become more than tiresome how the "left leaning" ideologues keep on dictating what the rest of us are allowed to see, attend, or think on current subjects. They display such intolerance.

The majority of citizens manage with more graciousness to live side by side with views and opinions without cancelling or pulling fire alarms to interrupt events at public venues ie Meghan Murphy, Jenn Smith. The "left" adherence take on a bully route to stop /ban freedom of speech that "offends" them.

Time to grow up and re-enter the world with an open mind on all the controversial subjects that appear on the horizon. Being offended on biology is no excuse to have initiated removal of a citizen's paid for expression which was accepted by a registered Vancouver business. We expect this business will remove the covering this week.

Wishing you a welcoming re-enter,

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Vancouver  
c/c  
Jim Pattison Advertising  
Councillors  
Mayor's Office  
Others.

Sent from my Galaxy Tab A

----- Original message -----

From: "Kirby-Yung, Sarah"  
Date: 2020-09-13 8:21 AM (GMT-08:00)  
To: s.22(1)  
Subject: Re: [EXT] More Rowling billboards

s.22(1)

Thank you for your email.

It is my job to represent everyone and I will continue to do so.

Regards,

**Sarah Kirby-Yung, MBA**

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\ri600On Sep 13, 2020, at 6:37 AM, s.22(1) wrote:

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Dear Councillor,

If one objection will remove one good Billboard for the sanity of human biology, then the majority, who confirm the Rowling message, will go for more!

In they meantime will use one on my car as bumper sticker for increasing exposure of same message.

Hoping you will be able to represent all born males and females, as councillor, which includes of course, all trans individuals who will remain as born, not interchangeable. Simply biology a la Rowling PLUS the majority.

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c/c

Jim Pattison Advertising.

City Councillors.

Mayor.

News 1130

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To: "Basi, Sarah" <sarah.basi@vancouver.ca>  
Date: 9/24/2020 12:28:55 PM  
Subject: Fw: [EXT] thank you

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From: Kirby-Yung, Sarah  
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2020 6:48 PM  
To: s.22(1)  
Subject: Re: [EXT] thank you

Hello s.22(1)

Thanks for your note. Appreciate you taking the time to connect. We have to fight the good fight.

Take care,

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\ri600On Sep 12, 2020, at 5:48 PM, s.22(1) wrote:

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Dear Councillor Kirby-Yung

I would like to thank you for your prompt action and kind consideration in expressing your opposition to the J. K. Rowling billboard. You recognized that it did not exist for any other reason than to antagonize and provoke trans people and their allies, something which unfortunately not everyone is prepared to acknowledge. This means a lot to me.

with gratitude,





**From:** "Kirby-Yung, Sarah" <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca>  
**To:** "Basi, Sarah" <sarah.basi@vancouver.ca>  
**Date:** 9/24/2020 12:28:49 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: Billboard Issue

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**From:** Kirby-Yung, Sarah  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 12, 2020 9:53 PM  
**To:** Mochrie, Paul  
**Subject:** Re: Billboard Issue

Yes very good news.

Still interested to get info back on this type of situation overall.

Enjoy your weekend,

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\ri600On Sep 12, 2020, at 7:15 PM, Mochrie, Paul wrote:

Thanks. That is very good news.  
Paul

\ri600On Sep 12, 2020, at 18:45, Kirby-Yung, Sarah wrote:

Thanks Paul. Appreciate the reply. The billboard is currently being covered over and is halfway completed.

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\ri600On Sep 12, 2020, at 5:29 PM, Mochrie, Paul wrote:

Hi Councillor,

I understand the concern. We will review and ascertain whether the billboard is situated on City land or private property. s.14

Appreciating the impact this sign is having on members of our community, the City's authority to regulate public expression is very limited.

We can also reach out to Pattinson next week to understand their response, if any. The ability to remedy rests most directly with them.

I will follow up as soon as I have more information.

Paul

\ri600On Sep 12, 2020, at 13:51, Kirby-Yung, Sarah wrote:

Hi Sadhu and Paul,

Understand two residents have purchased and had a billboard installed at Hastings & Guelph with a message of 'I love JK Rowling'.

It's clearly intended as an anti-trans message and is causing upset in the community.

I understand advertising is subject to Advertising Standards Canada and that this is a Pattison Outdoor location. I also see that the message is clearly thoughtfully designed to provoke and convey hate, but won't likely meet the definition of hate speech.

My question is does the City have any oversight with respect to where this specific sign location is, or any other recourse to request removal?

Thanks, a quick reply would be appreciated if there is an opportunity for timely action.



Particularly in the wake of the recent homophobic preaching and other incidents.

Sarah

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🐉 (@casualcactii) Tweeted:

@CityofVancouver #pattison group. This man is celebrating openly #transphobia by erecting this sign.

Does the City approve?

@steeletalk @PaulDoroshenko @IRPlawyer @jillreports @kennedystewart  
@sarahkirby\_yung @christineeboyle @CitizenYan @pattibacchus @glenhansman #bcpoli  
<https://twitter.com/casualcactii/status/1304861690723409920?s=20>

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**To:** "Basi, Sarah" <sarah.basi@vancouver.ca>  
**Date:** 9/24/2020 12:29:22 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: News 1130 request -- JK rowling billboard

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**From:** Bethlehem Mariam  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 12, 2020 3:14 PM  
**To:** Kirby-Yung, Sarah  
**Cc:** Kareem Gouda1  
**Subject:** [EXT] News 1130 request -- JK rowling billboard

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Hi Councillor Kirby- Yung,

I hope you're doing well.

I realize it's the weekend, so this may not work for you but hoping you have time for a brief phone chat about the JK Rowling billboards that were recently put up in Vancouver.

Obviously, a very deliberate action considering her stance on the trans community.

Please give me a call if you have time: s.22(1)

Thanks you,  
Bethlehem Mariam

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To: "Basi, Sarah" <sarah.basi@vancouver.ca>  
Date: 9/24/2020 12:27:41 PM  
Subject: Fw: Sarah Kirby-Yung

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From: s.22(1)  
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 3:08 PM  
To: Kirby-Yung, Sarah  
Cc: s.22(1)  
Subject: [EXT] Sarah Kirby-Yung

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Hello. I'm writing in response to your comments regarding the J.K. Rowling billboard.

I find your condemnation, and ultimate cancellation, of the J.K. Rowling billboard to be dangerous and frightening and irresponsible.

As someone who supports J.K. Rowling, and the positions that she has espoused regarding gender and other subjects, I find your actions to be hateful and threatening. The message that your actions have sent is dangerous in its simplicity: If you say anything that's deemed by the left-wing twitter mob to be disagreeable or offensive, you will be attacked and cancelled and marginalized into submission.

I'm guessing that you've never read the full text of Rowling's comments and merely did this to pacify the left-wing mob, which is becoming increasingly arbitrary and threatening to not just critics but opposing thought in general.

Beyond Rowling's comments, to deem the billboard in question to be hateful is outrageous. Your actions, and the ridiculous criticisms that have been directed toward said billboard, are the definition of bigotry and hatred and intolerance.

Who decides what's hateful and worthy of being cancelled? Is it only people who support your narrow liberal world-view? It sure seems like it.

What about people who support the billboard - or those who merely support the right of such a billboard to exist?

Who speaks for them?

Thank you.

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