



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

May 13, 2010

The Honorable Adrian Fenty
Mayor
District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Suite 316
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mayor Fenty:

At its regularly schedule meeting on May 12, 2010, the Dupont Circle ANC 2B considered the following resolution, which was approved by the Commission by a vote of 6-0, with one abstension.

Whereas, Mayor Adrian Fenty issued a Certificate of Appreciation to Regina Griggs, Executive Director of Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays, on November 16, 2009; and

Whereas, the Mayor has indicated that this Certificate had been issued in error, but has not invalidated nor rescinded the Certificate; and

Whereas, Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays is an anti-gay organization which believes that one's sexual orientation is a mental disorder that needs to be cured by "reparative therapy", in direct contrast to every major medical, psychological, and educational association in America which conclude that reparative therapy to "cure" one's sexual orientation is wrong, ineffective, and dangerous; and

Whereas, Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays is currently distributing literature reflecting its view to public school students in Maryland; and

Whereas, Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays has been empowered by the Mayor's Certificate of Appreciation to increase its fundraising and legitimize itself in ways it would not have otherwise been able to without such a Certificate; and

Whereas, Mayor Fenty has a strong record of support for the LGBT community, including his support for marriage equality, which was made evident by his signing marriage equality legislation.

Therefore, be it Resolved, that ANC 2B requests that Mayor Fenty invalidate and rescind his Certificate of Appreciation and distance himself from Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays for its policies that undermine the dignity of LGBT people and threaten the mental and physical health of the most vulnerable of our community.

Commissioner Jack Jacobson is our representative on this matter. Should you have any questions on this issue, he can be reached at 202-251-7644 or via email at jack.jacobson@dupontcircleanc.net.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William F. Stephens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

William F. Stephens, Chairman