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Mayor Wes Uhlman
Seattle, Washington

Mr. Mayor:

I am appalled and disgusted
at your "Gay Pride Day." Gay indeed!
Call them what they are - queers.

It is said that "gays" or "queers"
as I prefer to call them are a
minority and as such deserve equal
opportunity in jobs and housing.

Well, there are many, many
minority groups. Lets take nudists
as an example. Are we soon going
to have to put up with a "nudist
movement"? After all, they have their
rights too. Would you like a
nudist living next door to you. I
mean a true nudist, one who goes
naked all the time. How about in

your office or your favorite restaurant? I think not!!

If you want to get down to it the list of minorities is endless.

I think all of this focus on "queers" is disgusting. This is still a free country with everyone demanding their rights, as it should be. I should think that if you own an apartment and you don't want "queers" living in your building then you should have the right to refuse them. That is your right in this free country.

The line has to be drawn somewhere. I think it is time to draw it NOW

Joyce Sunsteadt
Olympia, Washington

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Mrs. Joyce Lunstroth
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Dear Mrs. Lunstroth:

Thank you for being concerned enough to share your thoughts with me regarding my declaration of Gay Pride Week. In response to your letter, let me repeat that the purpose of the proclamation was to emphasize the need to protect the human and civil rights of our city's gay citizens. I believe all citizens, regardless of what they may choose in terms of a private lifestyle, are entitled to fair and equal treatment under the law. The documents which framed our society and which I swore to uphold make this very clear -- human rights are absolute.

I believe years of misunderstanding and misconceptions have led our society to hold some of the false stereotypes you have mentioned. This in turn has led to a senseless form of discrimination, one based often on ignorance, not fact. Gay persons often do make important contributions to our community. And while you and I may not agree with their private lifestyles, this is their business, not ours.

I tend to believe that we will never agree on this very controversial issue. But as Mayor of Seattle, I will continue to support the rights of all our law-abiding citizens.

Again, thank you for writing, and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Wes Uhlman

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