



CWA of California Action Alert

July 22, 2005

Victory! On July 25, 2005, Council Member Atkins withdrew her resolution. There will be no "Gay Pride Week" proclamation this year! Many thanks to those who prayed, those who contacted their council members asking them to oppose the proclamation, and to the many citizens who attended the council meeting.

Action: If you are a resident of the City of San Diego, please plan to attend the City Council meeting on Monday, July 25 at 2:00 p.m. at Council chambers on the 12th floor of the City Administration Building at 202 "C" Street. Whether or not you can attend, please call your council member and share your concern about the "Pride" week resolution to be voted on by the council and the undesirable activities that this event brings. Contact information follows the background information. Those attending the meeting do not need to speak, but may pick up a speaker slip if they desire to do so.

Background: Lesbian City Council Member Toni Atkins, in the wake of the recent convictions of Council Members Inzunza and Zucchet on federal corruption charges, has assumed the position of acting mayor. She has docketed a resolution to declare the week of July 25 "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Week," encouraging all people to participate in the Pride rally, parade and festival. In addition, she has also submitted resolutions on Monday's docket for "San Diego Chapter of the National Organization of Women 35th Anniversary Day" (July 16, 2005) and "Gay Softball World Series Week" (August 14-20).

San Diego's annual "Pride" events include dangerous "circuit" parties, a parade with sexual content and sponsors* along the route, including one advertising anal lubricants, a festival with sexually oriented venues, a theater presentation called "Confessions of a Mormon Boy" and more.

In addition, the "festival" includes a "Youth Hangout Space" and a "Children's Garden." Not only is there concern about young people being part of sexually oriented events and venues, but two members of San Diego's Gay Pride organization's volunteer staff been exposed as registered sex offenders who committed sex crimes against children.

Despite this, Gov. Schwarzenegger has issued a proclamation supporting the San Diego "Pride Celebrations."

Contact information: Let the Council know you oppose the "Pride" events and the official resolution encouraging them.

District 1: Councilman Scott Peters, (619) 236-6611, ScottPeters@sandiego.gov

District 2: Currently vacant, but you may call (619) 236-6622 and e-mail CouncilDistrict2@san Diego.gov

District 3: Councilwoman Toni Atkins (Acting Mayor), (619) 236-6633, toniatkins@san Diego.gov

District 4: Councilman Anthony Young, (619) 236-6644, anthonyyoung@san Diego.gov

District 5: Councilman Brian Maienschein, (619) 236-6655, bmaienschein@san Diego.gov

District 6: Councilwoman Donna Frye, (619) 236-6616, donnafrye@san Diego.gov

District 7: Councilman Jim Madaffer, (619) 236-6677, jmadaffer@san Diego.gov

District 8: Currently vacant, but you may call (619) 236-6688, councildistrict8@san Diego.gov

* San Diego "Pride" sponsors include: Bud Light, HP Invent, Wells Fargo, Bank of America, Domino's Pizza, Starbucks, Pearson Ford, and the Old Globe.