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With us tonight are



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by John Nelson, with a project associated with passionate and committed responsible research. Also joining us right next to his left to James, who had the unusual distinction of being both a lawyer and currently is currently attached to the Department, Chief Brown.



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We also have witnesses tonight for purposes of making a transcript of the hearing, snark was very noisy. This is the third hearing third regional hearing disability. The reason the hearings is this, in preparing the ordinance in this area on this topic, it is very important for purposes of being any court challenge, we do anticipate that there will be court challenges that we can show to a court that we have not purely acted on opinion or whim, but that we have carried out a very thoroughgoing investigation of the problems that are caused by these sexually oriented businesses. And then our ordinance is not the product of what we just happen to think ought to be done. But as in fact, based on the results of our research and investigation. These regional hearings are part of that process of documenting our research, and documenting our own investigations. We are very pleased that you've taken the time to join us tonight, for purposes of helping us to create that record on which we will base the decisions that will go to this board. Let me say to that we understand the difficulty of the job with it, we have been charged, we all have our own opinions on the types of businesses that we are talking about in this regulatory workers. We also have our opinions about the kinds of activities they're engaged in the kinds of materials that are sold. It is a very difficult task for this committee to balance the rights of individuals, first amendment rights, and others that we are guaranteed under the Constitution, against the rights and needs of the community at large. So in drafting our regular our work, it's our regulatory work. To strike that balance, to make sure that in seeking to improve situation in terms of these community, we do not infringe unnecessarily on the rights of during the course of the hearing this evening, those people who have signed up with those who will be signing up, but during the course of the hearing, will each given three minutes or any formal presentation that they wish to make. At the end of that three minutes. You may be asked questions by one of us on the panel. We hope that you can help us if there are any questions by responding as

completely as possible. We would ask you in order to help us expedite the hearing tonight. So we don't have to stay too late any of us that you listen carefully to the remarks that people received you. And should you find that points you are going to make are made by receiving speaker, you might want to just merely indicate your agreement with those remarks and perhaps move on to another point that we did not hear from the prior speakers. As I said this was the third of these regional hearings. The fourth hearing, the date of which is yet to be announced, will be held at City Hall. And during that hearing, we are going to request information from anyone else who wishes to speak, as well as the various city departments, which are currently charged with enforcement of the ordinance. I'd also like to note by the way, that witness tonight is another elected official I don't see him exactly the Gene Green or his energy green. There he is. Jean, thank you very much for joining us. Again, on behalf of the committee and the staff. I want to express our appreciation for your willingness to come out tonight and spend some time with us. This is an extraordinarily important part of the process that we are engaged in. And your help is really going to lead us to being able to write ordinance that is both effective in terms of benefiting the city and also one that is defensible in a court of law, which is a primary criteria that we are looking to in writing a successful award Let's start with questions from the audience. I'd like to proceed call the roll speakers. The first speaker for three minutes is Reverend Lester Hudson, he will be followed by Mr. Ted Jenkins.



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First, I'd like to take this opportunity first, just to thank you for having this kind of forum letting the community have an opportunity to speak here, I pastor a church pack this church, and if we have large cross section people, and I talked to a lot of others who are not in this church from time to time, I have yet to find one person who is in favor of the sexually oriented businesses in his community. Back there, buddy, I talked to members, none members are in opposition, everybody wishes something will be done and they'd be put out of here. We operate a Christian school here. And in fact that people drop off the freeway right up here, the first thing they say is about the time strip and the lady will make bail right out there in the front. And we just cannot believe that that's good morals in this community. And we of course, being Christians believe that righteousness exalts the nature of citizen approached at people in the community is largely going to be governed by highest moral standards. And we're going to see moral justice in the community is going to have to be enforced in the community. So we're very much in favor here. Your efforts regulate these institutions and remove our community and we just like to encourage you to follow the leading candidate in this matter and we know from experience layer that it can be done. So I would encourage you especially at the last month people keep up this work was a team effort to get him out of here



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What did you say was very important and I know that that is in the interest of council to do for charities and he was the father of our new modeling story studio and is champion because as a company important infrastructure important possible to try to protect not just his district that always is



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making I have to like that question about the silence that you referred to as the exterior

parents club and signage.



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building material used in building part envelopes and reestablished it but not due to better fashion in fact had dirty movies naked ladies, welcome. Fine right under the billboard landing signage for a long time stay there for months months. Somebody went by there and threw paintings and all sorts of things over the billboard sign and it just just atrocious but here's, here's a nude model. The lower than the waist is right out there live kids are just really atrocious.



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Given the size, let's say that



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sounds probably or badly. Probably eight or 10 feet wide, at



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least visible row. It will drop off frequent. You can see if you're visible from the freeway, actually 110 and there are also flashing lights involved in this display.



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Yes, the flashlights are not on the Billboard but on a sign that was there for a long time. They pull in Flash flashing lights all set, run and will be built.



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Next speaker three minutes as Mr. Ted Jenkins he'll be followed by Mr. Steven Shepherd.



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We are watching the clock. Three minutes in his heart I realized the clock watcher so when she signals you got one minute to go to see okay.



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Okay. I'm a new resident of Houston. I'm from like Minneapolis, Indiana. And if things weren't happening and her job was to be

happening, and her job was to be



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I don't like to see this stuff going on down to main highways and things like that. But I'm not here. I am a Christian, but I'm not here. As a bible thumper. I think there was something that the Supreme Court laid down a few years back about social redeem socially redeeming factors of anything, particularly movies at the time. And I don't see anything socially redeeming about something being made such a public thing. I'm a musician. I played in musician I've been next to drugs and everything else. I haven't been taken by God. But I know the kinds of people that are dealing in this thing aren't the highest quality of life. The pushers or whatnot may be of higher stature, but dealing down in this kind of stuff that can lower themselves. There's a ordinance we use back in Indianapolis, which restricts the minimum distance of such an institution from any public gathering place, or a place where people may aggregate and write numbers. I forget the exact dimensions of this. Obviously, through history, we haven't been able to stop prostitution, X ray magazines and X rated movies, I don't think we're ever gonna put a stop to it. But I think the people that really want to go do this kind of thing, they're still going to do it, whether we still want not to or not, they're going to find a way. So I don't think we're going to be infringing on those rights, if we make things like this less public, and just get it out of the sight of kids, people who don't want to see it, and the neighborhood general, that really do not want to see this thing at all.



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Thank you very much. Next speaker for three minutes, Mr. Steven Jefferson, all by Mr. Sherman, I. SAC.



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Thank you for the opportunity to address you about this subject. I've been a citizen of Houston for 10 years, living in the Medical Center at Rice University. Not what I have passed, walked by and driven by sexually oriented businesses, movie theaters, bookstores, modeling studios, 1000s of times, not once has anyone jumped out and tried to seduce me or forced me to commit a perversion not once has anybody grabbed me by the arm and pulled me. And I've never seen this happen to anyone else. Either people walk into these places voluntarily. I, I understand people's concern about their children or themselves looking at these guarding signs. And even seeing the modeling studios, I would not object to an ordinance restricting the size of the signs, or even having them having these places 1000 feet from a church or a public school to make it more difficult for the youngsters or church going people to see them. However, I strongly urge the council not to prohibit these places. Because to do this would be a form of censorship. And I strongly disagree with any type of censorship. Censorship always involves certain people deciding what other people should say, or rain or here, putting themselves up at the top of the community and deciding for themselves what others feel like

and then forcing their own views on others. I'm totally opposed to this. People use these facilities today. And if you ban these facilities, you will only forced these places underground, and you will make criminals of currently law abiding citizens. I think this will be a tragedy. So I urge you not to engage in any censorship. Thank you.



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The next speaker at three minutes is Mr. Sherman LSAT, be followed by Mr. Calm.



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Again, John, for me, had mentioned that people aren't drug in there, they walk in voluntary, we didn't have these places here. The people wouldn't be tempted to walk in these places voluntary wouldn't be so easy for him to get into. Like say, as a newcomer to Houston, one first things you notice you do come into Houston, whether you come down Northville, come down 59, wherever it is, you see these X rated movie houses. When I first come in, I thought that's all the work. But after working in different jobs, talking with different people, they explained to me that these weren't just movie houses, they weren't prostitution, just movies for the front as being parents. They had two kids who will be starting school soon one of them next year. And we have a high school right up here. nonmatching. Anyway, you come down off the freeway, or northbound any way you want to come to if you're gonna have to pass on these places. These are the kinds of places our kids pass every day. They're going to be seen these places when they grow older, or maybe you know, when they get about 16 or 17. They might be trying to get in and whoever's running the place will let him in. I asked Is this the kind of is this the kind of neighborhood and learn kids to grow up in this way we want our kids to grow up around these places. These kids growing up going to these high schools now are the people who are going to be sitting here in front of the future to people in the audience. And do we want those kinds of kids? You know where you are right now? are growing up around this county.



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Thank you very much. Appreciate the next speaker for three minutes. Mr. Carl summer. We call upon Mr. Jim is



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a father of five children to a high school in New York City for seven years and if moved to Houston three years ago, I am now the vice president of ready to use and Christian Christian Educators Association. I'm also now finishing a book on schools and crisis training for success and failure. And in the process of researching on this book about a national crisis that's happening in education, I discovered some things about the moral foundation of our nation, which I just like to bring out. And I wish I had 30 minutes instead of three that I have to put everything in a nutshell, I just like to read you. From the Declaration of Independence, when in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands, which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the Earth, the separate and equal station to which they are laws of nature and nature's God entitle

them a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires them, that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. And I want to point out, right then beginning my nation is a reference to God Almighty. And we have a faith in God, George Washington said, and I'd like to read this very early. And he said, This, of all the dispositions and habits was lead the political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable support. And then he also said, and let us with caution, indulgence supposition of morality and they can be maintained without religion, whatever it may be conceded to the influence of refined education of minds a peculiar structure, reason experience, both administer expect that national morality can prevail in the exclusion of religious principles. And so it's because of our faith in God that we believe as Christians, we see these things as a cancer that's just destroying our society, and strong our youth. We have an epidemic of venereal disease taking place, we have a label disease, now, herpes, and that's just incurable. And these things are just promoting these diseases. And it was something that we can stop, you know, these are signs that are influencing us, adults and everyone else. And we you know, as well as I do. You know, as well as I do that these things are just destroying our society, I would hope for the strictest regulation, for the hopes of eliminating law. But my part and just a misconception of liberty to promote licenses re licensing is just destroying our society.



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Thank you very much. Appreciate your time. Next speaker is Mr. Jim sprues. To be followed by Mr. Sam random, Mr. respire you.



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I come to you as a human being I definitely appreciate the work that you're going to allow us to speak on our behalf for you. I have a lot of misgivings and concerns. I'm not approaching you as a preacher. That's what I am by profession. My concern is that I'm to blame. As a human being, I feel a sense of entitlement that we don't meet together often enough to discuss how we feel. We allow the the rights of a minority to control how we think we let them have their rights. I'm wondering what rights of any I have. I don't think I want my kids to grow up to be involved in houses of a places where they do what they're doing and nudity is a version. I don't want my daughter someday to become a person who's involved in doing this misery. So I don't want my son to go to witness what happens in these places. I don't feel judgmental in my heart. I don't want my wrath to be upon them. I pray the mercy of God. But I do feel a lack of justice, a lack of even among people, church people about what they could do and I would appeal to you with all the energy that I have to do something. I don't know how the constitutions are written down with the laws say, I don't know if there is a full a fully employed person in Houston, a lawyer or an attorney who has recently just in time and money to fight on behalf of decency and morality in Houston. Perhaps some towns do. I'm not sure about our laws are set up here. I'm concerned because within less than a mile of where I live, there are, there are three places that feature reversion. And for all I know nudity. There are billboards, and I Live In The Heights area in a nice area of town surrounded by a lot of unfortunate places like this. And my concern is that my kids are not asking me questions that I can't answer. What is the mean that when the sign says, The festival whorehouse in Texas? That's funny, but it's sad because of the punk. And I don't know how to answer them except to say, well, they're just

people that have different values than we and I do respect their right to have their values. My concern is for all of us as people is that we are a very, very tolerant Christian people are exceptionally tolerant and timid, and women. And I'm hoping that somehow, you can sense my son, I'm only one guy, I'm much. But I hope you can sense that there are a lot of people in Houston who are concerned, we're, we're not fighting in the sense of wanting to curate banners necessarily. But there are, if there are things we can do, I for one, and I know we have people in our church, and if we can do anything of all to let you know, we're supporting you, either in bonds or giving time to what we could and my concern is that we will be doing nothing until we're at. My other concern is that is that the courts have no alternative but let people do until there are laws written. And I know who writes the laws, I don't know what the laws mean. And so there is much in the way that is happening. And we're allowing it to happen, because we're pretty Timothy, we're pretty shy and quiet. Until we finally come to a point of focus. I think if enough people in enough places in a long enough period of time, spoke up, such as you gentlemen, ladies would do something that we could say thank you for your time. Thank you very much.



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Thank you very much. Next speaker is Mr. Sam Brandon, develop my father and wife. Right?



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Thank you appreciate this privilege of being here. And I like to say that as a member of this church. And I was raised around around this area. And I've watched these places these places grow. And I came from drug and opiate, ashamed of it, because the fact that I was involved in it, but through my life, I've experienced some details my life as a young person, and an alcoholic family. My total conviction is not the same as epileptic seizure. What's happening today, I realize this country was once for it was a moral country, I believe now we will ask them our moral rights or our moral attitude. I came a long ways. And I've seen a lot of that. I said, I don't believe in God, or they don't believe in creation, but an evolution and that's people's personal opinion. But I do believe, as a Christian parent, just a parent, I stand on that fact because I want my children to grow up in the kind of environment. I believe that God can honor. Not just the people can look at my family and say, Well, it's a good family. I'm not concerned so much of what people might say it was what God would have me. And I believe that, as a citizen here, I like to see some things in the past, there's been some good results. And I think that we can do something about it, if we put more force behind it. Sometimes, I've also found out that we lose our dignity, and what we believe in. And that is we just tend to flow with a crowd, because someone says it's okay. For you know, what, you have a whole population that is just immersed in one round, people forget that conviction, we should, we should have a moral attitude. And we lose that thoughts and populate our pattern of thought. I realize that everybody is not a Christian, and a lot of people will become a Christian. And that is the point that I'm trying to stress. I want that freedom. And I don't want children to have to grow around it because I'm going to have to answer for everything that I'm teaching my children. And that's fine. I'm ready to tell them. And I'm not saying these places are worse places in the world, because everybody has mistakes. But I think it's just it's just the building itself. The people, the construction on the site, activity that go involved and inside the building. You So enough, you don't have to have a sign of a new person on its own has to have some people running the place. And everyone's been here before me that it pointed out that they're

not ready to pass the drug pushers and some of this is true. And a lot of us just immoral acts, people exhausted tomorrow and the activities were the Word of God and taught that is immoral.



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Next speaker is following requirement followed by Cassandra Johnson.



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Council members, I welcome you to our area of city. The Gospel Choir, the pastor of St. Leo, the great parish here, it all means and I'm also the CO chairman of the North cluster of the Metropolitan organization, as you know, Budzinski that 19 PMO is a organization of about 65 churches and synagogues and civic clubs, both Catholic and Protestant, and Jewish synagogues, as well as English and Spanish speaking of black and white, in 1979, a table was very active in a similar campaign on the county level. I'll leave with you in this article on this 1979 ad campaign. The headline reads citizens protest nude modeling studios in their neighborhoods. So some of the things that were done on county level might be applicable in the city. We feel that the regulation of sexually oriented businesses is something that has to apply not only in one area of the city, but throughout the city. And so we have high hopes that you're presence here and you and your colleagues together to come up with some improve regulations for our city. A TMO has five speakers this evening. Two of them are veterans of the 1979 campaign. And we wish they wish to testify about the problem in our area. So our speakers, Sandra Johnson, and Leos who was act of 1979. Mr. John F. Kennedy, President of Our Lady of the Assumption church parish council, Mrs. Nora Tyndall, a mother of four and a member of the religious Board of Education at assumption. This is Connie Cooper from St. Leo's also active in 1979. Finally, Mr. Larry, may the newly elected finance minister at St. Leo's



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acquire the he has a question for



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the district request. Where would you submit the article so that can cause me to make that a part of the record?



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I'd like to have the record reflect that we received into evidence article from the Texas Catholic Herald, September 14 1979. I love new models videos in their neighborhoods. Thank you very much.



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mom, also the mother of four children. I'm proud of my children I remain. However, I'm not sure that's possible. Unless my help remind me of some influence input and what kind of environment they grew up in. I don't want cheap. Recently, my daughter told me your teacher has asked the class if they had noticed that women that oppose besides the teacher, he told the class that these women are jealous because they can't keep their husbands at home. Well, I've got news for you. I'm not ugly, and I'm not jealous. Then in 1979, I worked with a petrol station to do something about massage parlors and beyond in area. Thanks to the efforts of representative James Green, all the area businessman and TMO the state passed a bill enabling the county to regulate sexually oriented businesses. You can actually drive down airline drive between Gulf and West road and see that flashing sign with an arrow pointing and saying nude girls, one of these ex slash parent was now a seafood restaurant and I like sushi I think City Council with the health of US citizens has just been a bad event

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Yes, my name is Jacqueline Kennedy and I am the president of the parents complex lady of assumption Catholic Church. Our church is located at church buildings and other properties are located at airlines and Luber yard the road our church is also one of the many members of the Metropolitan organization I am here tonight because and I am more concerned grandparents but most of all I am here because I am a God fearing person. And I wonder at time child adjust God can continue to put up with our with our with our sexually oranges, places and other dens of iniquity. When I drive past one of these oriented, self sexually oriented businesses, I say to myself, as most people here would say, Why doesn't someone do something about these places? Why are they not regulated? So that their glaring advertisements Do not offend them. I have here a picture of some of the sexually oriented witnesses in our area and I would like to talk a little bit about them. This one says New Girl continuous entertainment This one says Triple X rated movies. Foxy hostesses. private room This one says sugar This one says how do we knew your intentions for Nacho? Wow, noon 4am. I think you as legislative members of the city council and Mr. Green as related legislative member of the state can do something to regulate the size or the physical size and what goes on these posters or the billboard so that when we drive by with our families where you don't hazard kids ask me what's that? Granddad, granddad and so forth? I thank you and I'd like to offer these

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just to bring this forward. Yes, I think Mr. Hart has questions

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where they've said to you that they are considered getting



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thrown by them I took a snapshot of myself. Well, let me



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Let the record show that Mr. McKenna entered into evidence photographs and I hope I can read all these names and probably can't look called bubbles club had to bear with me on how to do this place called lil afters. Stone box. Final one has no apparent name, but advertises adult movies. Girls were photographs. Next speaker is Miss Moore.



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I'm also a member of assumption church. As the mother of four children, I know how it bothers me to drive in front of business that advertising is completely new. A heart car full of kids are with me. And it's hard to explain why there are places advertising loudly. The things that I'm teaching them are morally wrong. It bothers me that within a two block area of our church, there was a peep show which shows X rated movies. A place that used to advertise nude waitresses, but now as Jack McKenna says it advertises AAA smoothies, boxing hostesses and private rooms. Third, there's a place to advertise and showgirls, and it's a topless for. On the grounds of high church, there's a junior high school. On the next block is a public junior high school, and about two blocks down and elementary school. Now my kids are more sophisticated about sex than I ever dreamed of being a very, a lot of the movies but I think are too sexual. They think there's nothing wrong with them. I'm old fashioned. And yet, when the place right next to our church started advertising showgirls, one of my kids said, that's awful, Can't we do something about it? I don't feel I have the right to force my views on other people, or tell them how they can earn their living. But I know that Houston is made up of many, many families like mine, and a great many feel the way that I do. And we do have a right to ask for restrictions regulating this kind of business. I would like to see these places rated as far as possible from homes and schools and churches, you might consider confining them to one area. Our if this isn't possible, at least keep their advertising from being too explicit. We need restrictions regulating the location, operation, and advertising of this type of business. And surely, if we can have restrictions, forbidding bingo being played in American Legion hall, and in churches, and if we've had laws forbidding certain items being sold on parks of Sunday, we can get help on this issue.



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made to make a walk all the way back?



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You've raised a particularly important point I'd like you to discuss in detail the establishments that formally advertise new hostesses and then change to serve to not serve to advertising Triple X movies, would you describe how that change occurred when and



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I don't know exactly when it occurred. But this place used to be a spaghetti restaurant. And then last year, I drove by and I almost fell over completely new waitresses and acid. And so when we had a meeting discussing what we were going to try to bring about over here, I decided that I better go back to that place, which I did last week to make sure that it was still operating. And I don't know if what is there is better than what was there before at least my 10 year old. No, my 10 year old does know what nude means. She maybe wouldn't pick up on what Triple X movies meant and private rooms and Foxy hostesses meant,



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this is your opinion that the activities in that establishment are the same as activities, we're advertising for new houses.



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It sounds a lot worse to me. private rooms has only one connotation. And my 15 year old daughter almost almost overemphasize, and she was very shocked. I was practicing what I was gonna say here tonight. And her mouth fell open when I said private rooms and she said,



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Is this your opinion that the primary product of this establishment is something other than movies?



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Yes, I do. I think that the Do you want me to say what I think it



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is? I'm asking the question. I will answer.



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I do and I think it's very played and it's just advertising open prostitution is what it



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is. If if if a court challenge were to arise on the basis of First Amendment coverage, because the place is showing movies, would you feel this is a valid constitutional challenge?



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I think that's already been decided because of the fact that certain, for instance, maybe 20 years ago, when Lady Chatterley's Lover came out the book, all of you who are old enough to remember it, it was banned in Boston, this would have been on community standards alone. The blue laws that we've had on Sunday, that is surely a moral issue, which is strictly what we're speaking about today.



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Is the European Union. The primary product of this establishment is the showing of motion pictures or is it your opinion price versus business about something else.



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I think that involves something else. That is my opinion.



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So it's your opinion that a court challenge grounds of fair judgment of First Amendment rights would not be valid because the primary function is established as not showing to release some other activity.



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That is correct.



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Thank you very much. We appreciate you coming back. This next speaker is Miss Connie Cooper be followed by Mr. Larry Mae.



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My name is Connie Cooper, and I'm from St. Louis, a very Catholic Church. I'm a mother of two boys. And I'm also work in parenting. And we're here today, because we have been here before our on the county level with TMO. Against massage parlors. Now we're here on a city level. And

we're asking you to look into the regulation of these places. We would like not to be here again, our time as parents as well as working people it is valuable. So I think by us being here, you should know that we are aware of the problem that we're interested in the problem, and that we would we would like something to solve this problem. Thank you.



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Next, Mr. Larry. He'll be followed by Mr. Dan



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relevant. I'm going to remain parishioner of st Leo's voting. I have a residence in green Ridge North



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father of three.



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I'm not a newcomer to the city of Houston. I've lived in a Texas in the city all my life.



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My father lived and pay taxes in the city all his life. My grandfather lived evade taxes, who see most of his life. We've all invested our life in the city of Houston. I hope that my children will also I am appearance, as well as their parents have enjoyed the growth in the city of Houston. Growth in New York's growth and business



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growth in the economy. We've enjoyed the progressiveness and the excitement in the city.



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We're also willing to put up with some of the congestion grounds, traffic problems and the noise. But we will not put up with the visual abuse. The sexually oriented businesses sprouting up within shouting distance of our own church. In our schools. We will not put up with the devaluation of our property due to the imposition of sexually oriented business in our neighborhoods, thus making making it uninviting the future homeowners and their families. We will not put up with the unsavory office for the community has drawn to these types of

businesses and increased crime in our neighborhood. What we expect in return for our lifetime investment in this city is a comprehensive, viable ordinance to limit sexually oriented businesses.



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We expect the audience to limit them generally to the accepted moral limitations and customs of our community. We expect return for our taxes that we pay limitations on the left of these businesses. What we expect from our elected representatives is for support and keeping Houston community that our children and their children will want to raise their families and what we expect is continued hope in the future of Houston as a leader in growth and insert as well in size and morals as well as the economy.



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I like to ask those a couple of questions. Number one you mentioned Rachel and I miss mystery how many children you had three, three. So I get a thrust of your testimony. Part of your concern arises Opposition is apparent in effective businesses on your children.



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Yes, sir. It's difficult to teach good moral values when you have a tremendous amount of competition and glaring red lights.



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Another issue, which side is trying to recruit, recall the signage is excessive, unnecessarily garish and so forth.



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Yes, it is. It's obvious to most people what these businesses are. And those who need this type of business or their services. They don't need a side income where they feel that



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they feel that the customers the clientele, that business would be able to find the business without the garish signage, definitely they always had. You also mentioned the issue of the closeness of the proximity with businesses to two types of establishments, one churches, schools. Are there any other categories? Want to see is protected in terms of a distancing requirement? Or do you limit yourself to those two categories,



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I think she may also be limited as to his proximity to assemblies where children would normally attend activities such as bowling alleys, stadiums, or game rooms,



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playgrounds or parks.



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Austin is ready to



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fire was one other point you mentioned that was about the effect on property values during the course of your discussion. Have you got anything that you can report to this committee in terms of effects we have had other persons and other hearings have actually entered evidence about one person who owns a condominium complex market survey and they decided some of the potential clients inside of these adjacent businesses reasons for not investing in giving evidence on that issue.



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In Greenridge, North latest one of the things we're trying to stop, we have plenty of evidence of other areas where this type of



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business become prevalent.



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As properties documentation made already property values have increased. It's our position here, stop it and this grows any larger than it is so that we can prevent the same thing happening in Vegas.



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But your say your subdivision has mobilized on this issue because of conservative property values.





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This community this theory



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You're not just saying just use your visual for the distance to be sensitive.



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Thanks very much. The next speaker is Mr. Dan prova. He'll be followed by I don't know if it's an MS or Mr. Rodriguez because I can't read the first day.



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I would like to take speakers in order, sir. As an aside that's the procedure the committee through each of its hearings.



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Procedure The committee has been established in the prior two hearings that we take the speakers in the order they appear on the list. I think rather than deviate from that normal procedure, the chair is going to rule that we're going to follow our course of action.



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Like the record to reflect that Mr. COVID has submitted to the committee and packaging materials to make sure that I have letter credit the airlines Civic Association memorandum to Georgia Dale virgin ski. Kristen Martin, from Dan roba. Houston City Council Committee on Secondly, businesses. In addition is submitted an article from the leader. October sorry, November 4 1982. titled A new blood cleanup campaign on an airline here's a completion copy of a letter on airline Civic Association letterhead, dated May 13 1982. To the honorable Jean green, with attachment which is known has passed bill number 1870. Statutory material burdens annotated statutes article 1170 II



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I guess the part that's been noted for our references article 1175 enumerated powers. Next article 4408 forfeiture of charter and under the Texas business Corporation Act article 201 purposes as well as article 701, involuntary dissolution. And finally the case by case, the key that's MC k versus City of Mount Pleasant court of civil appeals, Texas 1959. Let the record reflect those documents were entered into evidence with the committee by way to record your nature three minutes now. Okay, by way of clarification,



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the cover letter is a copy of the remarks that I haven't tasted. I cannot finish in three minutes. I think most of you probably realize that on October the 18th. We closed the last minute Buffett studio Wonderland drive, I had the pleasure getting in the car with one of the last officers who had taken this kind of a personal affront to him and we drove for the first time in five years as a waiting. There were no air signs, no flashing lights indicating the type of activity. That was the culmination of about a five year campaign, which during which we closed some 40 establishments in the unincorporated area of Harris County. I understand these meetings is input from I've got some comments and suggestions to make. Recognize the idea. These comments are based on proven procedure. We have far since passed the sensitive potion of outrage. Some of the people over in counseling bases area which has a rich history that are going through right now. We came to grips with reality. And I will challenge you that if you're going to successfully you sincerely combat this problem, there are few points you're going to have to make. Number one, we will have come to grips with the fact that we're dealing with a criminal situation and not the prostitution situation. I have here which I did not submit to you a copy of the arrest records. Some of these stations are some of the places we close here in Harris County. And it runs all the way from murder, attempted murder, right? firebomb, terroristic threats, sexual harassment. This is the type of activity that goes on in these places, including one suicide and narcotics arrest when there was specific questions regarding the amount of times murders and one suicide. I recall, it was a thing that we developed knowing now. You don't have to face the crime problem and non prostitution problem number one. Second thing, if you're going to be successful, you're going to have to personally come to grips with it and approach it from the standpoint of a total commitment, and sustained pressure. That's the only way it's going to the new laws and the new ordinances are great. But I'm here to admit that new models and new ordinances are not necessary to launch a successful campaign to control these places. And that is why part of this information was submitted to you. And I'm asking that you concentrate on the existing statutes that you have number 32, the openness and junction primary which was so it's very familiar with, it's very broad in scope. The law is very specific. That's why I gave you a copy of the setting on the wrong road has a right to designate what constitutes a nuisance, and it has the right to control the House Bill 1870, which you have a copy of GE is already pre filed. We almost got it through last year. We didn't quite make that first edition key. And that public list of some judgment puts puts the financial burden the legal fees on defendants, and there are five or six other points I wish I had more time to go into but I will tell you now that you can really, really sincere about this going back. This band is committed with making recommendations farming Task Force and start taking action. Commit yourself verbally. Get with Mr. Seller getting commitment from the city attorney's office to get the necessary manpower. You have have laws on the books that you can control this with Morehouse will be better use when we got in give that man his office the authority to put the necessary manpower on hand.



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You cited criminal records, have you got any records of that sort that you could offer the committee.



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I've heard that you get them from the city police department and from the Harris County

Sheriff's Office, they are they will they will give you the restaurant because



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you haven't done that you would offer this committee. Any other notes? I think besides the packets



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outside the very lengthy package, the mayor, Council Member on April 14, it's in your file on your phone. It's a historic recap of everything we did in the county from my birthday, November of 1978.



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Just in case that our official filing system I will seek



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to do get additional copies of



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all the cases that you cited for counting cases.



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Yesterday. Another thing that Margaret,



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I'm talking about the closers yesterday, We're all counting



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90% of what we're done with public mission suggestion.



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You are aware Mr. Robot, the charge in this video runs considerably beyond new models. And
w/also talking about a comprehensive search. For this. We are charged with just that. And it also

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last part, that I want to underscore the fact that we follow specific concerns in different sections of the city. Our task, as we've been directed by the mayor and working for the Council on behalf of the council is the full range of such businesses to come up with a comprehensive ordinance. That's why we keep stressing that word. And understand we appreciate your concern. I personally sincerely hope it's going to be as easy you seem to think it's going to impress that



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we're back to a matter of priority. Mr. James will both tell you that focal distance and judging will work on movie theater. The same thing we'll have to do much



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I speak with Miss de Rodriguez and Miss Rodriguez is probably the best is he or she here? I hope I'm reading the last name right



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let me read all the names



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the first name being Thomas or Tanya or rang a bell is somebody who was that shocking recommendation is he outside or?



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Not here I'm gonna go on to the next speaker. The next speaker is Mr. Rogers Zimmerman to be followed by George Barnhart.



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I don't want to be repetitive I think most of everything I wanted to bring out is already being brought out. So I just like to thank the see these places eliminated or reservation of seeing the comment that's been made. So we're talking about signs and biases go far beyond this to eliminate because I think they'll just put off the inevitable because later on you're going to be

dealing with think airlines a real good example. When I first came to Houston shocked what was going on. I'm really grateful to see airlines property values. The undesirable element there that was just a hindrance to traffic



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is clearly their



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next speaker is Mr. George Barnhart, followed by Mr. Don Sanders.