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In this meeting, because in attendance by his own setting, to reduce input by those who may be a more progressive beliefs, not necessarily non Christian, but believes nonetheless that permit as a part of their spiritual principles and essential Christian ethic, it includes freedom of choice. I can think also little ways that our taxpayers dollars can be put into this city than to assign a bunch more of Houston spyness, standing around on dark street corners, and in bookstores, rubbing promises and trying to entrap more innocent citizens who have or their of their own free will. We must remember that this nation was not only founded upon Christian beliefs, but it was founded upon essential beliefs of individual freedom, that anytime that we tend to circumvent that freedom of choice, that set of laws is subject to very, very close scrutiny. It is our sacred trust, I believe, to protect that freedom of choice. That right to sell or not to sell, a right to buy or not to buy that right to be or not to be. And that at any time, at any law shall infringe upon that right in any way. And we should expect an outcomes very similar to the great era of the great experiment that we know about was also a colossal calamity to our nation, but provision now, I advise you PMPs considers consideration in your examinations of these issues. And you place the freedom of choice, the right of the individual to choose at the top of your list in your decision making. Thank you.



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Mr. Markets return what can we do you want to pursue that path? I guess a couple of questions. First of all, if I make the point that the first of these hearings was held in the spring valleys in your high school, for the second was very important church in Montrose area, this one happened to be out here. I don't think that anyone else today is viewed by the location of the hearings. I would also point out because we have stressed, the great day this committee was announced that we are extraordinarily sensitive has already marked the beginning to the balance strike in private. And it's certainly not the intention of this committee to infringe on those private rights and views and make that statement. I would ask you right now, if you have any evidence from what the committee has done today that we intend to do.



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Councilman, good, innocent. I respect your intent purpose of these hearings. I believe that these hearings must be held. I believe that the people that are here tonight, perhaps because of the alien atmosphere in which they might find themselves in a Methodist church or not here

or the alien atmosphere in which they might find themselves in a Methodist church or not here shouldn't be heard equally as well. And I would encourage that this meeting, as well as all the other meetings should have been held in place perhaps more suitable. Now, that is not necessarily a total criticism on our season



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one, our time passing questions. I'm asking the question again, as this committee, has any members committee said anything, as anything that we've done to date indicated that we have pursued the various things which causing concern.



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I him reiterate I believe by the essentially having this public town meeting in this establishment this institution may possibly have avoided drawing the quantity of freedom of choice progressives who are necessary Are they either non Christian, but still have a right to be heard?



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Mr. Barnard, let me pursue this point with you. Do you feel that it wouldn't infringe on people's rights? If this had been held in a Methodist Church?



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I think it would have no problems being held in a public school or any other public building.



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Question If you would infringe on people's rights, it would have been held a Methodist Church in May, will infringe on people's rights have been held at a



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Catholic church, it may have would have been infringed on people's rights to health and education building of Catholic



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school and may have to those who are non Catholic, rejected portrayals of religious crucifixes.



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But it's your contention that it absolutely infringes on people's expression of rights to have Ellen and



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I have not, I'm not dressing myself to that does theology any shape or fashion, I'm simply saying that,



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certainly derive that from your presentation that you felt that somehow this was a deliberate attempt to infringe on people's free speech rights by holding Amanda's church. I've asked you a series of questions trying to determine whether this infringement or this limiting factor in freedom of speech stops at the door of a Baptist church or does include Catholic churches, Methodist churches, or other types of institutions associated with the church, even a school building is going to be associated with the church, and I'm quoting indicate that in mind,



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I'm questioning the fact that what we're discussing here is, essentially, in many people's minds, legislating morality, which we should know by now cannot happen. And to bring that discussion of such legislation or control of a business that essentially most of the people here tonight have talked in terms of morality and things of this nature in their discussions into a, a an institution that predominantly has a particular doctrine, or course to follow in discussion of that morality. And we are perhaps impinging on the other people's rights.



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For the record, let me state that we have held hearings, right in places. Number one, the first sharing was a public school, the second one was at a Methodist Church in the Montrose area. The third one is my district at this Baptist Church. The fourth one will be a city hall. And I don't think that it's a fair criticism, frankly, to say that, by the side selection, we typically do anyway, bias, conduct of any speaker tend to infringe on anyone's ability to speak or have access to this process. And furthermore, this all these hearings are extensively advertised and not advertise from church Pope as well. But probably media on radio, television, in the newspapers. So I think that my own opinion, your criticism is not unfounded. And I have to say that if you do feel that it has served limit, some people I regret that, but I don't think we'll come to our fourth area City Hall. I question. Do you feel that any type of regulation on socially oriented businesses regarding scientists replace the age of the employees aged people who participate in services offered by establishments? You think any type of regulation is appropriate for sexual organ business?



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They'll be put into it this way, sir. I don't believe that if I should say I believe that if we're going

they'll be put into it this way, sir. I don't believe that if I should say I believe that if we're going to put restrictions and and infringe upon the freedom of choice of these free enterprise businesses, that we also need to have, say, restrictions replacing a filling stations in our neighborhoods and extra churches, so we don't have to listen to don't do



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it, the city would have passed an ordinance for example.



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I mean, after all, it's often strange because if the



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city were to pass an ordinance regulating where you can place automobile storage lots and say you can place automobile storage last within a certain distance and residential areas or churches or schools. Would you also feel then there'll be fair and constitutional facility to enact an ordinance prohibiting the placement of sexually oriented businesses fall within a certain distance churches, schools or residential areas? Would you think that'd be fair by your own example?



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There were a few years ago laws that restricted the placement of people in different neighborhoods. They will call me to ask my question because this



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is a very timely question because the facts are basically



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taught me something very strongly philosophical I'm sure you will.



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We have an ordinance on the books right now. Right lay the placements of automobile storage lies within certain distances, churches and schools and residences. And I agree if we regulate certain types of establishments, and we have our that we should be able to do it for us. their time. And they should be fair. And my point is, do you feel we should want to be regulated them the same way in regular regulated storage laws? Or do you feel that section orange businesses should have more permission under the law than, say, an automobile storage lot?



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I can't address myself to zoning of automobile storage locks. I'm not aware of the ordinance so I can answer your question directly. Well, I may be against that ordinance. I might be for that ordinance. But I am essentially saying that any ordinance that restricts freedom of choice is going to avoid to hurt somebody can understand your



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position? There's restrictions in place to the nature of these businesses is your mind restrictions, freedom of choice, and accuracy.



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Anytime that you think that can give us



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an accurate? Okay, so I think we we now understand each other. To the extent the committee understands where we are going. I don't think that we feel totally comfortable with the concept that any restrictions violation. And I think that's why we responded so strongly to the allegation that somehow by considering such restrictions, we are number one, limiting access to those things in an unfair manner, or that we would pass judgment upon the conduct conditions by which to use those businesses. That's, again, something I think we've tried very, very clearly this is not our intent. I think one of the things that has surprised me about speakers tonight, despite the difficulties, they have had most of the focus on things like limitations on signage, limitations on location. And we have not heard, at least in tonight's testimony, to the extent the first hearing in Spring Valley, Allied requests for Fannie which clearly we cannot do. So I'm hesitant, I tell you this barn barking record, because I think it needs to reflect to the committee again, and we say it over and over again, like it's critical, is extraordinarily sensitive to the individual constitutional rights, first of all rights, rights. Laws, are wished that were extraordinarily sensitive to that. But it's our sense of the matter, that there is a reasonable balance to be struck between those rights and protecting them, allowing individuals to pursue their lives as they will, and of the larger community, or to maintain other considerations. And things like the issue of children, and the effect of businesses on children. And what we are seeing started striking, striking a balance between those kinds of needs. And so I must categorically, again, we've had conversations very supportive. And I guess for the record is what the general public categorically rejected. The notion was committee number one doesn't understand the difficult job it's undertaking. Number two does not understand the importance of the rights of the individuals that are involved and may not agree with any section. And three that we understand is a balance to strike. And we are not talking about outright bans. We are not talking about placing people in certain districts or areas. We're talking about a reasonable set of regulations to deal with a problem that has a real impact on the city. And I want to make that point as many times as I have to enter into the record as many times I ask, because when a judge reads the record of these hearings, I want him to understand what these committee members, lawyers who advise the staff would work for. understood the responsibility, the

difficulties and the goal. And then we were not confused. We were not running a subtext. What we said was what we did. I want that clear. All right. Let me ask you two more questions to our heart. Number one, you signed in as respiratory? Or you've been doing a record? That's correct. You are and you've been granted.



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My credentials are with the National, Pentecostal, Pentecostal B lines.



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Okay, and what business do you run?



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I represent the Houston human rights.



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Do you have any other business interests? That's correct.



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Next speaker is Mr. John Sanders, Mr. Charlie heartless.



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I'd like to thank you for the opportunity of allowing me to come here tonight. It's sort of timely follow Mr. Barnhardt. What he was saying has written greetings to my point. I'm sorry. I find it offensive personally for me to have to enter the doors of a religious institution to meet before city council members or a city committee to discuss a moralistic type of law that is going to be up for an ordinance. I am an atheist about atheists. I have not been in a church for 15 years. And I can truly say I haven't missed a thing. I feel that like Mr. Barnard said that this, all of these meetings should be held at an institution, there was a junior high school around the corner, they have a very large auditorium that could accommodate everyone here and fill this place up. The, to me, having a meeting like this, in a church, speaking about a moral issue, such as this, which this has been identified as a moral issue is like a Jew having a trial in Hitler's court, or in his office, he doesn't have the chance. I as a taxpayer, though, feel that I have a right to come into discharge, because since this church does not pay taxes for fire and police protection, and I did, and they did not pay for garbage protection or garbage pickup, and I do I have a right to come in here because my tax dollars help support this church. Therefore I have a right to say what I want to I am not speaking in favor of the adult bookstore owners, I noticed that there have not been any here tonight that have spoken thus far. And I wonder why they are not here. Perhaps it is because this is actually church, like I've said it's simply a matter of

fact that most of the laws regulating sexually oriented businesses, the blue laws, laws regulating women's rights, gay rights have their roots in Christian morality and the Christian Bible. And in my opinion, that is a violation of the separation of state and church in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. I feel that this meeting as I said should be held somewhere else I can



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speakers we have four by six. No, I'm sorry. We're just taking the testimony because they say well, I shouldn't be speaking we don't have to take.



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Are you on the last?



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What's happening



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going to be looking at a study. They see a bumper sticker on the back.



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I wanted to face the I'm sorry. We will now continue with the speaker's list. I'd likely Mark though that those persons who have additional comments to make to the committee are welcome to submit those in writing. And we will take those in there they are handled by the staff and the mailing address is the same as for customers, or jetski that post office box 1562 And is it knows 77251 I'll try to remember to repeat that at the end of the hearing. The next speaker is Mr. Charlie. It'll be followed by Mr. Mitchell here.



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Thanks for the opportunity. I'm here to just give my opinion concerning sexual orientation businesses. I am Father going to be my seventh child and a few days and I'm concerned that our culture is becoming our mortal enemy not recognize that. At present, we really can't legislate all these places. But I, I knew that the zone completely away for residential areas, schools and from major thoroughfares by a good distance so that we're not attacked by the

signs. Illustrations as we drive by. We can't keep our children away from the the thoroughfares. It bothers me when one of my little girls asked me what a new D means that I explained to her that it means naked, it means without clothes. And she says, what do they mean that there's new women there. And I have to explain to her what that means. It I feel like those signs in those establishments entice you to do evil things to do things which are not. I feel like it entices men, including Christian men, to act in temperately, to be seduced by, by the lust for flesh, I do not know and do not have any statistics to say that rife is influenced by by the near gratification that comes from these places. I do not know how many men have committed adultery and have lost their families, because the enticement of these places. I do believe that the size and the clubs should be moved. Far from the road. They devalue human life, that they say women are machines that women are machines to, to tantalize, to arouse. And when women become machines, they're no longer valuable human beings. I do believe that it is important that you people in the legislative branch that you can raise the the cultural level, the humanization of our



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next speaker is Mr. Min SecureKey. He'll be followed by Representative Jean.



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Good evening, I heard about this meeting this morning on the radio program before I went to work. And it's the first of the meetings I've heard about, like to express my appreciation for the council and organs doing like to express a few opinions on this matter of sexually oriented establishments. I'm from the southwest side of Houston, outside of the loop on Westheimer. And there are a number of establishments out there including colliculus and few other places to be mentioned, again, I'd like to say this, in my opinion, this is a gross problem, and should be regulated out of existence altogether. I think it reflects on our ability to self govern ourselves that we compromise your cowardice, or or some sort of pragmatism that we don't take action to to do act in the public's interest. Now, I think it's a cultural problem. And we don't need cults are afraid to go into religious establishments. We don't need homosexual screaming to get rid of the heterosexuals. I think that the conditions we find ourselves in allow only certain things and I think we should support conditions which promote excellence, for example, in education through a classical approach besides classical literature and music. I think also that a fast growing economy with with more people's attention towards a healthy industries occupation. I think those these kitchen conditions can be created. And my proposal is that this section of the community can do this by vocally supporting President Reagan's defense budget debate. Specifically about his anti ballistic missile program which features X ray beam, which the satellite which can shoot down programs will eliminate the fear of thermonuclear war



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representative G reads you'll be following Mr. Sharp, shoot.



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Wonderful. I'd like to thank the Council for members of the committee for coming here tonight I, I have no intimidation about walking in any building in a public purpose, whether it's Berean Baptist Church or anywhere, I think we enjoy freedom of speech in this country. And whether it's in this church or in the junior high school down the road or anywhere else, or the McDonald's over here, we would still serve the same purpose. I'm here not only as a legislator for this area, who has been involved in this problem in the Aldine and Northside area for a number of years, but also as a founder with an eight year old daughter and a six year old son. The problem in the modeling studios besides cars, overall sexually oriented business, it's not something new that's just come up in the last few years, at least in the Audi area. It started in 1970, Ford and 1975. They were I had efforts in the legislature to solve the massage parlor problem. We weren't able to do something in that session. But we did and 77 come back and realize that it wasn't just a massage parlor problem. It was a sexually oriented business. So in 1979, we were successful in basically, zoning law that was passed by the legislature for counties and cities in the city of Houston not only enjoys their home rule authority, but also protection or the advantages of House Bill 656 54. And the county has been real successful with this. And I think the crux of the problem is the county has been able to use residences in their ordinance that has been upheld not only through the Fifth Circuit Court, but also up to the Supreme Court. And the council may want to look at amending that ordinance, although I understand the legality of of actually eliminating these businesses city wide. The county didn't have that problem. He put a distance marker, but I think we could have included residences in the city ordinance would go a long way in solving some of the problems in this area, particularly. The the first outcry was not only 1974 but in the community effort was in 1978 Not only this church, but Memorial Baptist Church had been Presbyterian Church, Hidden Valley Baptist churches, what managed churches and we had Catholics Baptists, ourselves with disciple of Christ and my church, even though we're very small, was involved in civic clubs in the area colonial Hill civic club was active. We formed a citizens group called all the citizens together. And we not only picked these establishments, but in 1979. The group went to Austin in lobbying the legislature for basically a zoning to for us to control our own neighborhood, whether it be massage parlors, or Secretary business, or garbage dumps or anything else people have the right to, in their own neighborhood to be secure. Not only morally, but also that they don't they want to bring up their children in the manner that they want to not the way somebody down in the corner wants to. With that I would be happy to work with the City Council and I have some legislation for the next session. Not only the two bills and Dan Hoeven talked about, but also some amendments to six feet before that we may be able to work with monopolised to work with council.



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I think there's no question I just wanted to mention to you, I know that you've been one of the legislature like legislators that have been very diligent trying to do something about sexually oriented businesses. And you're also aware that the mayor and council have made this particular legislation part of our legislative package for Austin this next year. And then we've already passed a register legislative resolution unanimously petitioning the legislature to give us more local enabling legislation, particularly where it deals with these businesses that are within 1000 feet of a church or school. And I'm hoping we can count on your help, again, for that particular piece of legislation. And I think probably there will be more because we do want to take a comprehensive approach. We want to research to see what we can do locally with our local ordinance making authority and that which we cannot do, which will require state enabling legislation. I thought that we can have your help and the help of all the Harris County delegation because we're very serious in what we're trying to do.



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I agree with you councilmember said, because I've already worked with been with the mayor's office and Councilmember Jansky, and just this evening, I visited with the mayor about the city package on sexually oriented businesses. And she reiterated her support for something coming from this committee and also the general city legislator. Know, I think you're right, we're looking at a comprehensive, although, as Mr. Holman said that there are ways that the city can do it now under existing structures, you know, assigning more emphasis in the city attorney's office to prosecuting in the municipal courts and things like that, but, but overall, that the city of Houston is a city unto itself and should be able to control its environment, just like the citizens in our neighborhood ought to be able to control our neighborhood, through the city



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represent great headlines publicly, thank you for the help you've given me. This issue, or all the other issues we've worked on together been a real help to me, in performing my job as counselors. I like to get something clear for the record, do you feel additional legislation is necessary and desirable? Regarding sexually oriented businesses?



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I think we could always strengthen the laws, you know, it's not just, we can't sit here and say, Okay, we're gonna go to Austin or go back to city council and change an ordinance or law and it's going to solve our problems. That's not, that's not gonna solve it. It's going to take an effort not only in stronger laws, but also in an effort enforcement priorities with the police department, let the police bark know, the Vice Squad down there know that, you know, this is not one of those, you know, victimless crimes. Sure, I can't go out here and say that John Smith, he goes, you know, visit his Valentine strip, and maybe solicited for prostitution. Is he a victim? Or is it the community, that's the victim? And, and so, you know, we do need stronger laws. But we also need, you know, more efforts by by not only city police, but city attorney's office in, you know, enforcing the current statutes in let me for the record, and I appreciate the

committee being so diligent about the record, having had so many laws on this, go up to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and judge Singleton's court. I recognize how important it is to have a good record. And these businesses are a detriment to community, not just prostitution. But as Daniel would say, crime, increased drug use the serving of minors, alcoholic beverages, the property values. And I wonder we have a place over here on data street that opened about a year or so ago, called the eaves and it's a showgirl. And it's in a, quote, commercial area there, but it's right across from some apartments. But I wonder how much the business owners own that and now would be able to evaluate their property or sell their property for because, you know, half a block away is a place that advertises such activities.



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Do you feel we need to give yes or no to that? Do you feel the need to have additional regulation? Or do we not need additional regulation, both at the state and city level?



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I think we need both additional regulation and also more emphasis, but public nuisance state laws can be enhanced both Republican common nuisances, we can tighten up, you know, House Bill 654, when we first considered it, it was passed. And it said, we were concerned about the more sexually oriented business that were quote massage parlors, modeling studios, whatever their names. Now we have, you know, they're, they're using movies is a guy. And so we need to re examine that law and change it. So they can't go under a movie house and be protected by the First Amendment when that's not their primary purpose.



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As a legislator, and as an attorney, do you feel these hearings serve a useful purpose?



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Oh, definitely. I think not only gathering public input because that's the job of not only a city council, but also the state legislature to to gather public input for our decision making. And you know, we have a good crowd here tonight. It's nice folks are veterans for many years and not only picketing, but going to Austin and also coming to city council in the last few years. Is you will thank you.



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Thank you, sir. Next speaker Mr. Churchill Sure you do.



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Thank you for the opportunity. My name is Chuck steady.



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Funding Agency in the city of Houston for over 10 years. I owned and operated a legitimate new license As I close two years ago on city council made it mandatory to license my business as a sexually oriented business. My business never was a sexually oriented business, a professional photographer, and I've been a nudist for 30 years. I'm Chaplain at the library nudist ranch in Washington, Texas. I perform lead weddings out there every summer. Social family nudism is a wholesome, healthy, normal, unnatural, honest frame of mind and attitude and way of life. I voluntarily closed my studio, because I would not cower to being called a sexually oriented business, that in conjunction with the other unscrupulous people posting, opening fronts, calling themselves nude modeling studios, and fronting for prostitution, therefore, I would get the customer who had been to the other place, they would come to my place expecting the same thing. And I ended up with a bunch of houses when murdered model. Nine bullet holes in my business, irate customers so voluntarily closed because I was never a sexually oriented business. I was written up in several magazines in 1975 as the only legitimate nude modeling agency in the United States under 4500. At that time, in 1973, I was 1973 I discussed, was interviewed on channel eight in Houston about the President's Commission on obscenity and pornography. And that found that the majority of people in prison for sex related offenses were not exposed to pornography in their formative years. Two, they had no sex education in school. And three parents cannot be objective about sex with their children. So they were raised with a false sense of values. Now the best thing to do is to be realistic and not call a place a nude modeling studio. Unless legalize prostitution, calling them warehouse. We make fun with movies and theater plays, calling it the best little whorehouse in Texas we all know that prostitution exists, has throughout history cannot be controlled and regulated, you cannot control it regulate morality.



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questions based on the testimony and the time that you were offering in the city of Houston, your students? Not that tiny budget studio that time. To your knowledge.



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To my knowledge, I was the only legitimate.



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And you have stated to the committee's I understand that. From your direct experience. There was prostitution taking place in other businesses and designated as modeling studios. Yes,



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sir. Every other month?



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In your words, every other one. Just want to make sure we understand certainly, okay. What other kinds of criminal activity to your knowledge were taking place and other businesses at the time you were engaged with your operation?



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I'm hearing rumors about different things going on places.



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And you see Jimmy direct evidence of things you've heard about.



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Well, I had a model work for me after she had been shot in her place a few years earlier. And there were some places there weren't drugs going on. I of course I did. I wouldn't allow it auto to work for me and she used drugs.



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What's your was it your experience that some of the people who applied to you for jobs models would work because other places? Yes.



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And I rehabilitated and canceled several of them who are straight today



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treated that termination. Actually,



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they needed that to support the drug addiction. But they couldn't go to my place because they didn't make that much money in the legitimate nude modeling business. There's not much money to be made. They were able to acquire drugs and licenses.



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And then I think the other thing that I want to make clear is that you were saying that people would come to your business was labeled or hesitant as a modeling studio, and would ask for services other than modeling.



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Even though the words nothing more stated or implied were written in large letters was out the door and on the desk, they would still ignore that higher amount and assume that there



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was something else going on. So there was actually language that said the words were nothing, nothing more stated or in law. And despite that people still make soliciting, essentially, or sorts of official



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training.



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Very much appreciated. The next speaker, Mr. Scott Kern has to be followed by Mr. Bill Bose.



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Thank you for allowing me to speak. Very bad call. If I have a cough, I'll try every voice in the microphone. I would like to thank those people who spoke earlier, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Sanders, for you speaking on behalf of the civil rights of people. And I would, I don't intend to cover ground that they have already spoken to. But I feel like it is important to remember that legislation cannot be passed to enforce morality on people. There are laws existing already to control any violations which these businesses might might be alleged to have committed, or can't be proven that occurred on their premises, I don't feel that any further legislation, excuse me, would help to control these, and that it would not be of the taxpayers interest to spend any more funds in trying to limit these businesses are prohibited from existing. And it seems to me that the real issue here is and I've heard many people here speak on this is that is an offense to their morality, or their religious beliefs, that these businesses might be located in the neighborhood. And they've also said that they feel that it is harmful to the moral upbringing of their children to view these businesses. And I really do not see where it is the city or County's responsibility to regulate businesses on the failure of parents to teach morality to their children, which is their prerogative. And I don't see any problem there with if a parent teaches his child morality effectively, that he should be able to tolerate what he sees in society that may not agree with his morality. And I personally do not take offense at these businesses. Well, I would, I would also like to comment on something that was brought up by Mr. Barnhart that the holding of this type of meeting, especially on topics such as this in a church, probably does by us, the type of people who would attend. And I assume that most of the people here have

who have identified themselves as Christians, and are also Baptists, and many members of his church. And I, myself am an atheist, and I'm very uncomfortable being here, but I came in last, because I feel it is important that people speak on a civil rights issue such as this, which may possibly be a violation of constitutional rights of persons as freedom of speech. And I do not feel that we should be holding a meeting of such an emotional topic in a non secular meeting place such as this. Person.



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Yes, you didn't hesitate to come to the



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end? Yes. However, there there may be many other people who felt that the eyes may be against them in such a place because most of the people who would come here are people who are either members of this church, or feel that they would be at a place where there would be a majority who would hold their values. And also,



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I would just share my three years of experience of counsel and my five years working for County Judge John Lindsay. I have often noted that the place where people need really doesn't matter. People that are really interested in doing something about changing the community, or some section of the community will go anyplace that they can be heard actually interested in. I think, as the gentleman pointed out to previously, that we've had a meeting in public schools, churches in the run of the meeting at City Hall. So I will say you feel that a question, I would want to ask you about clarification, you were talking about the year that we should really need to attend on regulating section 14 businesses, or section going into businesses or particular businesses in this category? Well,



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I'm not, I'm not totally certain of what your definition of a sexually oriented business is. The gentleman who spoke before me, gave a specific example of a business which he felt was not sexually was classified as such, I do not feel that nudity is offering sex to persons, either in the form of modeling, or dancing, or whatever type of entertainment it might be. And to confuse this with prostitution, is erroneous. And if people have specific evidence against any business, and there are already laws existing, which speak to those, and



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I just asked you objecting to, and I just can't get quite get a clearer picture. What are the objectives?



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I feel that these businesses have a right to exist, that constitutional rights, nude modeling Studios, New dancing. I don't know what other businesses you're talking about. I've heard people make accusations that certain businesses might be a front for prostitution. But I know of no such and if there are, then they I'm sure that law enforcement officials have proper channels which they could enforce the law against us.



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Shows oxygen essentially.



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Yes, I don't feel that there's any regulation air needed. In such a case. There are laws that stipulate businesses, such as that pandering to minors, or businesses, we serve alcohol to minors, that wouldn't be in direct violation of law, I don't feel that movies or viewing of nudity is harmful to anyone, if they object to it on moral grounds, then is their choice not to the attendance type of businesses. And I also do not feel that their objections warrant prohibiting these businesses from being located in certain areas.



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I mentioned that we can now of course, the regulation essentially.



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I'm speaking about laws against prostitution or soliciting such an incident occurred, that would be in violation of law. Am I correct? And people are have made remarks about bombings or incidents of violence, which are in violation of other laws. That's what I'm talking about.



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In Catholic churches deals with.



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Mr. Kurtz, do you feel City Council acted appropriately? When it regulated? Billboards demand that was much more comprehensive, and we never regulated billboards? Could you give me a specific example we regulate the number of billboards you could have in a particular area? We regulate their size, their placement, their location? What the type of type of construction material that can be used many, many different aspects of outdoor signage we're regulated? Do you feel that those actions were appropriate?



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I've heard both sides of that issue. And I really have to say that I don't have any feelings one way or the other on that. I don't know what the legality of the situation is, as far as placement of advertising, or how it is done. And I would leave that to those people who are more qualified to speak on it.



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I don't have any feelings one way or the other. Do you think the city had the legal authority to do that? Do it on your side?



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I feel that it did if it was not in violation of the person's constitutional rights to erect such a sign. I don't know if any did speak to that.



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You don't have any whether it was in violation of constitutional rights or something Highlights? Do you feel that the city acted appropriately regulated the ability of record storage lot operators to create records within certain distances of churches and schools residences, he felt that was appropriate for location of what we passed an ordinance which prohibited records, storage lot operators from creating storage lots within a certain distance with churches, schools and residences. Do you think that was appropriate?



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I don't know that much about the issue in particular, really did not see what possible harm can come from location of something like that from a school. I don't understand what what the intent of the resolution was,



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was was a lot about sex.



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Do you? Do you feel a city was within his legal rights to pass an ordinance?



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Well, I'm I'm not going to pretend that I know the legality of all ordinances that are passed. But what I'm, what I came up here to speak about was the constitutionality of legislating against morality, or to enforce one set of beliefs over another. And there I can't see of any other way to describe the legislation against what has been termed as sexually oriented business, except on the grounds that it violates people's code of morality. And the other issues which you've brought to my attention, do not seem to apply to that.



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So you would apply different standards to outdoor science in general and record storage lots that you would do sexually oriented businesses, and if



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someone can make a case to demonstrate that those issues, which you're speaking about, are in violation of someone's constitutional rights. And I feel that it was in the best interest of the public that those were passed. I did not have such



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you might be interested in knowing that in both cases, both the record operators and the billboard industry argued that their constitutional rights were being violated by us passing those ordinances. Is the fact that they made that argument does that convince you that probably is a violation of their constitutional rights. No, I



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would have had to hear that argument is that?



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Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you all. So picked, the ones I was here and all the is very close to our heart. I'm not a preacher, a politician, a father, a mother or an atheist. I'm just playing Oh, lord ferry Houstonian that has lived in this area for 22 years. And for about the past seven or eight years of it every time I pulled out of my audition, I've had to look at a Dolly Parton type billboard on one side of the freeway. As the other was said it was the best little whorehouse in Texas but it's a whorehouse and rest assured that on the other side of the freeway, the letter I received from Mr. Garcetti was the fact that we were going to come out here and try to get some ideas on how to draft an ordinance to eliminate these places. Everybody has dwelled on the moral aspect which or be it for me to disagree with that. And the thing that I was going to recommend Mr. Green and so the others have recommended that in residences be included in this as a matter of distance. So that really had took care of all of the suggestion that I had. But one other thing I would like to mention is I don't take it like for my family to come in from Kentucky and visit me and as they turn in here in my audition to come

to my house have to look at these Cotton Pickin billboards that we got so the county cleaned these places up. I can't understand why the city can we both operate under the same constitution. So if the county can do it, why not to see that's all I have. I



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will go back and check the list for anyone who was not present with CALL



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Thank you, Dale and the board to be here tonight. And I feel it a privilege to be here and I don't mind being in this place or a public school or, or downtown and I just want to express my opinion that I will meet in a school or a church. In fact, I'm proud to be here in church. It's the first time it kind of amazes me it's the first time I've ever heard of Reverend check object to being in church. I just don't understand that maybe some troubles me. But my father in law came in town the other night and and as I was showing him around a small town and we have you know, I had to explain what was these many fields from the country with these many films and these new models and studio seemed like a kind of wrapped up my whole conversation. But I believe the righteousness exalts a nation is seeing is a disgrace to the people. And I want to bring up a family, standard truth and biblical principles, scriptural principles. I'm not a devout atheist. I'm a devout Christian. In fact, I love Jesus tonight. And



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I'm gonna ask the audience, please participate in the Speaker's presentation that goes from yeas and nays on what the speaker is saying. That comes with a chair



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that was not taken off.



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I don't feel as a person or an individual, I want to push my rights on anyone else. That's not my stand up here. But I just stand for truth. I want my family to be raised up and in truth and righteousness and right things. I believe we let these things continue, that there could be other things might have found in this, like the breakup of the family, drugs, prostitution, and a lot of other things. And I want to raise my family in a good neighborhood in a right neighborhood. And I'm thankful to God to be here tonight. And in closing, I just want to say that every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is a little



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stuck in the way of doing speakers Listen, there was as I read it in one speaker who was not

present all this was very good. Mr. Rodriguez here



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I'm coming here as as a father of three children, and as a businessman. I sell insurance on all the vendor I get a bunch of drugs that are always coming to my office, and they they're always having accidents, etc. My car's been burned and cars shut up and etc. And we have had many cases where they these cars are burned and shut up in places like Dinah drive I have also had my business windows broken by drugs, throwing bottles and breaking them on the sidewalk. And to me, this is not right. And it's causing these floods bringing places in new places where they they sell, you know, beer, liquor and all that. And also I belong to this discharge here. And I'm in charge of the bus minister here and excited that we we must send kids from 45 to the charge. We also must now an airline and these these kids, they signs in Sunday, mood ladies bars, and that's I think this this is bad for the poor children. Just say the sign was just bad