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And what finally made me decide to respond is that there was an article in this week's voice by the current director of the Gay Lesbian Chamber of Commerce.



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Actually, that article was in was in last week. My responses in this week. Yeah,



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but what is your first No, his



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last name is Anita Renteria,



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I need it. And I would like to read my response and my response to the articles. I've written this for the hen net. But I'd like to read this and we can go as we go through it. We can talk about some of this and lead me to some of Sure. Okay. I've been watching the discussion about transgender inclusion into the Houston Gay Lesbian Chamber of Commerce with a great deal of sadness. Maybe I've just seen too much in one lifetime. Or maybe I'm just tired of fighting with the gay lesbian community. I once worked so hard to defend either way up and quiet for as long as I can. And I refuse to be quiet any longer. Every time I hear things like adding transgender to our name makes it too long. Or I don't feel the need to include transgenders. I hear echoes of George Wallace, gays and lesbians only yesterday, today and forever, anyone? Sadly, the answer by exclusion is would seem to be yes. They don't want no stinking bisexuals, they don't want no gender variant weirdos. They want the organizations to be just as white. I mean, gay lesbian is the driven snow. Can we say segregationist boys and girls? I know you

can. Oh, yeah. Now, you know, I've talked about that on the show before then I was I'm very proud to have been part of the civil rights movement in the 60s. And I honestly don't see any distinction here.



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Well, there's another I guess, similarity that I pointed out once on the net, and I'd voted in as part of the article submitted to the voice, but it's the what you liken it to George Wallace, I kind of wish I'd come up with that analogy. What I when I hear people really defend gay and lesbian, nothing else. That's it those three words period, I think of when I hear people like pat robertson say that this is a Christian nation, the Christian nation.



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Yes. And yeah.



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What knowing that, number one, that's not true. And knowing that those words when spoken by him have a very, very disgusting meaning.



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Yes, they do. For us. It's the rhetoric of it. That's yeah. And



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when, and I, as I did, get into that article in the voice, you know, and just the mere fact that words, the words gay and lesbian are said without the words bisexual and transgender. By itself, that's not an insult. But you, you just know the context. When when people start saying, it's, it's been gay and lesbian, that's where it's going to be. That's when the hairs start, you know,



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because that's not even true. Yeah. You know, Katrina, when



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I went to Texas a&m, when I was at a&m, the tradition of there was that there were no gay and lesbian organizations on campus. Oh, yeah, I was there. You knew what I went through up there. Tradition is off to often is another word for discrimination, or an excuse for discrimination in its in yovel. In my life, in my lifetime, I've seen way too much of it. And I've tried really hard

to stay out of this debate, partly indifference to Katrina and to Vanessa, because I know she's worked very hard behind the scenes. And partly because I thought this was just a cesspool that was never going to end.



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And also also with Vanessa, she, she has done a very, very good job of putting out very salient points on on to handle that band, and not getting, I'll just kind of say she avoid getting avoided getting dirty like, and I did up until today, there's that one message that I responded to today just sent me over the



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she actually asked me if I would just kind of stay out of it and let her handle it. And up until the point that it arrived that he showed up in the voice. I did. But my feeling is that once it became public in the voice, and it was fair game, it was time for me to speak up. Yeah. Well,



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one of the big problems I had with that piece in the voice is it really didn't say anything about the controversy about why the whole thing got started. It looked like it was just another article she



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probably doesn't know. Okay, you know, you know, you almost have to be an old timer this this this place.



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No, no, that article voice didn't say anything about the issue on hand at all. And that Yeah, and that's, that's what got it all started. And I wanted to point out that yeah, that's why this particular issue blew up at this point. transgenders simply didn't go out and decide to pick a fight with somebody.



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No, absolutely no. And



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with me getting involved when I first sent out those first, first little query As I was genuinely asking a question, because I wasn't sure what the status was, even though I am a member of

the Chamber of Commerce and I, I joined it back in December, I believe right after I got my law license, because now starting starting a solo law practice a business, I needed to network. Sure, that's why anyone would join a chamber of commerce of any any particular ilk. Well, one thing that had always bothered me, even without having transgender, bisexual, transgender in the the mission, part of the mission statement. We are mentioned, though, in that paragraph that



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that damn phrase, the supportive members. No, no,



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no, no, no, no, no, no, I don't, I don't consider that to include us. That's not what I'm talking about. Okay. What I'm talking about is the sentence that comes after that, where it says that membership and again, I'm not going to quote the exact words, but it basically says, membership in the Greater Houston Gay Lesbian Chamber of Commerce should not be taken to infer someone's sexual orientation or gender identity. I phrase I characterize that sentence as a disclaimer,



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says we're not in there in the first place. How can we possibly Yeah, well, you see,



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were mentioned gender identity or transit, whichever way you want to put it. Where mentioned, we are Mitch, if you take all take those three or four sentences and call that entire thing, the mission statement, were there. All right, but were mentioned as something that they want to make sure that no one thinks they know and thinks they are. And if we can be mentioned, and that part of it, we can be mentioned in the mission part of it. And I did a word calculation on this. And I sent it around on handout as if you include transgender or gender identity. And every point where it said gay and lesbian, you add like three words to a group of words already, like 94, you do the percentages. And I've said several times, okay. There's, there's no need to put us into the name. It would be nice, but I actually understand if you start putting bisexual and transgender on something that already has a lot of initials and you know, GH GL CC, that's, that's a lot of initials already. Sometimes the name can be meaningless. I want to be in the mission statement. That's what counts for that entity where I go with this. And the, the argument I The analogy I drew in my voice article was okay, take the Human Rights Campaign, please. Yeah. Suppose safe because



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they cover? Well, certainly not



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me. Yeah. Are you want to know the ultimate? They I'm sorry. They have now written I can't believe this. They have now written a guidebook for transgenders in the workplace. Right. I HRC HRC This is the same HRC that only last week went that Senator Kennedy to be damn sure we were not included. In end it has turned around and written a book on employment, unemployment, discrimination in the workplace for transgenders, which to me is a little bit like the Jewish people writing the New Testament. Yeah, yeah. Pretty much.



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Kind of got on to my point. Okay. Take Take the Human Rights Campaign. HRC. Suppose they for some reason threw tea in the air. I don't know how that word transgender there, but suppose they did it put transgender in their title. If they still acted the way they did, going to Barney Frank, going to Ted Kennedy, and screwing us out of ENDA, what the hell good would be a being in the title meaningless? I've and this is something else I've said in the past, in glTF, the National Gay Lesbian taskforce that T doesn't stand for transgender. But we are there we are in the mission statement. They count.



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Let me let me get to some more of this. I'll read suggestions from the HDLC. See, the transgenders should become members first. And then maybe after an undetermined amount of time, transgenders might get written into the mission statement. By that logic, African Americans should join white only organizations like the Aryan Nation, so that maybe after an undetermined amount of time, African Americans might get written into the mission statement. an unfair comparison you say, not really, what's the difference between white only and gay lesbian? Only? Not much. In my view, segregation is segregation and prejudice is prejudice. Why should gay lesbian exclusion is be exempted from having the charge of prejudice lay leveled against them. And make no mistake about this gay lesbian exclusion is clearly our prejudice against gender. varying people. Exclusion is one our money, but don't want us in their organizations. They want our political support, talk about supporting our agenda, but do nothing. For example, I have received many promises over the years that the Houston gay lesbian Political Caucus was going to add transgender to their mission statement. Well, it's been 10 years since I received that first promise, and we still aren't in their mission statement. Now I hear there was talk of the issue being raised again, fully half of the items on the legislative agenda we took to Austin, or on behalf of the gay lesbian community. I'll be watching closely to see whether we made a mistake in doing that. And whether the promises made by the H GOP say are worth the air use to make them. And it's it's you know, I've been around too long to believe anything that anybody tells me in the gay lesbian community. I'm at the stage saying show me and I'm fed up with not only with the with the Chamber of Commerce, but with the HU LPC and with PFLAG, with some of these organizations that have had 810 12 years, the learning curve is over. And at this stage, I'm at the point of saying put up or expose yourself to be the biggest that I think you are. And I know that this has already upset a lot of people in the community. I got a call almost immediately after I put this out from somebody who said, Why are you always on the warpath? Well, I'm on the warpath, because after 10 years of waiting amount of patients.



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Yeah. And that's, that's something that, that I've dealt with over the last year trying to find a job. You know, I hear people say, Well, just just wait for your your place. And in in the the quality go round, as far as you know, say employment discrimination. Well, how long? I've it's been, it's been a year, you know, and I never did find a job here in the state of Texas. For those of you who don't know, I did finally manage to find one, but not here in Minnesota, Minnesota, I found a very, very enlightened judge, who saw my resume looked at the resume. And although in the cover, I'd gotten the point in wearing the cover letter. I did state that I'm transgender, because I didn't like going on interviews across the country just to have somebody say, oh, yeah, get away. And the judge said, you know, it's a damn shame that you can't find a job in Texas because you can't transgendered. Yes. And



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it's a good question. How long should we wait? You know that that question,



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I cannot I cannot wait 10 years, I've waited a year and it's driven me into bankruptcy. 10



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years ago, the gay and lesbian community was screaming the same thing about when is it our turn at the table?



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Yeah. And now here we are. And it's interesting because they are trying to deny us what they want for themselves. Absolutely. Now, here's Fortunately,



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the person we have at the table is a nice Parker, thankfully.



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Yeah. Well, that's what I said, well



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in Houston anyway, unfortunately, she's not representing us in Congress. We can hope for one day,



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what I said in the article is this chief talk and promise of action was a hallmark of segregationists action was always going to be taken soon. They were working on getting things done. Legislative items were in committee. The real goal of the segregationist was to keep blacks placated and under control, promised them anything, keep them waiting, but do nothing was their formula. Sounds like our governor? Well, that's a whole different argument. Finally, African Americans got wise to this strategy and began to demand results. The rest as they say, is history. Yep. Well, my friends, this sounds like a strategy worth repeating. Speaking only for myself as an individual. I am announcing that as of today, I am boycotting every business associated with or supportive of the HDL CC. Until such time as they stop discriminating against gender variant people. I invite anyone who feels as I do to join the boycott. I suggest we accept the inclusion of transgenders in the mission statement is proof of their intention to bring segregation to an end. Okay, now I can hear people saying wait a minute, Sara boycott hurts her friends almost as much as it hurts the segregation is yeah, sometimes that's totally true. And one of the key complaints heard of the civil rights movement was the weak support of their supposedly allies. A running joke develop that a liberal is a person who leaves the room when the fight starts. I have no problem with putting pressure on our supposin allies. It's time they made their distaste of gender variant exclusion, loud, clear, and most importantly, turned into action. Talk of support are talking about support is not a substitute for Action. Personally, I found this latest outbreak of transgender phobia to be very hurtful. I and 1000s of transgenders like me have fought long and hard on behalf of gay lesbian issues. Starting with my experience at Texas a&m In the mid 80s, all the way to the present day, I work tirelessly and publicly on behalf of gays and lesbians. Yet all these years later I find transgenders are still viewed as a part from and not as part of the queer community. It leaves me wondering if all this work has been for nothing, and whether I should even continue to support the gay lesbian community as an activist. I wonder if I shouldn't stay home 10 My roses and let the world go by I realize I'm just one voice of course. And I've been but I've been a vocal and effective voice. If the gay lesbian community is willing to let activist like me leave in disgust over what we perceive as segregation is to exclusion ism. The right wing bigots will have been proven right. Gays and lesbians do want special rights? After all, isn't the demand for equality for oneself? While refusing the same equality to others? The definition of special rights? Yep, yep. Now, I've already gotten a response. And I'm not gonna say who this is from because this was sent to me privately, but I want to read part of this, okay. I know that my students see him, I want them. Okay, here we go again, wanting to add a group of people who for the most part are not even gay. And although some live as lesbians, biologically, they are still male. And so thus whatever pathological psychosis is going on. I don't want to deal with it. Pathological psychosis. As far as I am concerned, they are straight. Still, I see no damn need to change anything in either the organizations we've been discussing. Now you can argue all day that the homophobes placed us in the same category as the transgendered people. I say that their problem not ours. Imagine that one for a minute. I certainly do not. And yes, I suspect that there is indeed some prejudice there you think? I don't think a bunch of middle aged older men dressing as women is something I want anything to do with. Sorry, not now. Not ever. My attitude is in sync with Dr. Stan Rubino of Stanford University, who by the way, this is a study that's being referred to as paid for by the family, the family coalition. It says, who says that homosexual behavior is a slight alteration, but transsexualism and transgenderism are psychotic and pathological. And no, I don't want these types of people in my gay in the gay groups in Houston. Well, gee, this sandwich there, I don't even know where to



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start. I know it. And who the hell is this person to speak for the gay community?



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All of this person thinks he is the king immunity apparently, pathological. First of all, the fact that this person would agree with a study that was paid for by Focus on the Family says about anything you need to know right there pretty



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much everything but bring in Paul Cameron, this



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is a person Yeah, he opposed this person imposed putting lesbians in the name. And furthermore, he has



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stated more than more than one even though this particular email you're talking about was private. He has stated on hand that publicly several times that he was very opposed to adding L to G. Yeah.



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And interestingly, he now says he wants to go join the Log Cabin Republicans because they think they'll welcome him. And, you know, I gotta say, I don't know that the log cabin, Republicans will would welcome somebody at this level. I mean, even they have limits, I hope.



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Yeah, while you were reading that, you know, I didn't want to say anything, just because at some point, you hear something and you can't comment because that is just so



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this crap. The part of what he's referring to here is that what's called the DSM for the diagnostic and statisticians manual, in which transgenders at one time were listed is pathological. We're not anymore letting that listed that way anymore. But gays and lesbians had this fight with psychiatry that went on for decades. Yeah. And now he's got the gall to use the argument that we used against them. Use his son is that



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is actually it's actually the perfect analogy. Perfect example, rather of saying, We've got ours, we're not going to let you get your as homosexuals got out of the DSM that is known that homosexuality is no longer listed as a disorder now



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what are the people even lobbying like hell to get us out of it? Now, having said that,



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though, there's been several articles about this yet, that doesn't mean that there aren't psychiatrists who still consider it to be a disorder. Oh, absolutely. The curative therapy crap. That's right. But gender I believe that the way the DSM actually phrased it is the gender identity disorders. And there's there is a little bit of a debate within the transgender community about whether or not that needs to be there because some, some doctors who perform the surgery feel they need to make a diagnosis to perform the surgery. But the converse of that is, some people get forcibly diagnosed with it as a child, and are forced to endure absolute horrors,



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including a lot of gay lesbian children, we might add Well, yeah,



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I mean, if you want the the quintessential documentation of that, go find a book called The last time I wore dress by Daphne Szalinski. She, I believe she identifies as lesbian now but she was diagnosed as you know, gender gender identity disorder, because she wasn't feminine enough for her parents



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who went through the tortures of



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the dam because of the biggest problem here is that it's that it's being a misdiagnosis that that diagnosis is being misused. Yeah. Okay. So it's not so much that the diagnosis is there. And personally, I think that there's an absolute valid reason to have a medical diagnosis that requires a big difference that a psychological diagnosis of SRM Yeah,



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because a lot, a lot of that, I mean, there's no definitive determination about you know, how transsexuality get started in the brain or whatever. But you know, one of the things that some people have come to the conclusion of, you know, it's a hormonal thing when the mouse believe I'm going to state the square all fertilized egg start off as x x. At some point, though, it's the other way around.



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The chromosomes are with the chromosomes are, yeah, but what happens is that the body's develops based on you can think of the chromosomes as the, as the schematic, you can think of the hormones as the operator's manual, the body will build itself based on what it hears from the hormones, or from the from the chromosomes via the hormones. If you don't add testosterone to a fetus, during birth, during gestation, it's going to come out for anatomically female chromosomes only, it very well could be x, y, okay. But without those hormones, it will develop anatomically, as



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she said, are much better than I was.



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Yeah, and all that is the language of what's been said here. And I gotta be honest, and saying that, that I'm fed up, I am, I am more than willing to lead a boycott of the huge Gay Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. And I'm sick. And you know, I'm not gonna mention names within the caucus. But I'm real tired of being promised stuff every two years, and then having this absolutely nothing happened. And I gotta be honest, and saying that I'm at the point of saying something that I've sort of hinted at for a while. And that is, I no longer trust the leadership of the gay lesbian community as far as I can spit. They have I'm sorry, they have lied to us. They have misled us, they have double dealt. Us. They've used us when they thought it was convenient. And I really am seriously wondering whether it is worthwhile for us to continue our

political associations with the gay lesbian community. And if we wouldn't be better off to say, Screw y'all, we'll go do this on our own. We can't trust you anymore. Are we at that point, because I think we're getting damn close.



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Well, one, one problem with that is I don't feel that I can just because, yeah, I'm transsexual, but I'm lesbian, too. And those issues are mine. And that's, and whether the, you know, this character who wrote the letter to you likes it or not, the fact that Pat Robertson at owl lump us together is our problem. It is our problem, because every law based on that idiocy, that insanity affects us 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and will affect us until we die until we get every one of those laws wiped out of existence. It is our problem.



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Well, but the problem for me is that I'm at the point of saying, maybe it's time for me to get out of the political arena, because I find working with some of these gay, lesbian political leaders so distasteful that they are just liars. I can't put this any other way. In some cases, they're flat out bigots. In some cases, they're just deceptive double dealing SOPs. And I'm at the point of saying, Why should we be associated with these people? And why am I talking to them? Why am I working with these people? Isn't there some way I can get around? Women go directly to the community. And the frustration is the answer for the most part is no, because they're too apathetic to care. I don't know what the answer is, but I'm pretty much fed up with it. And I don't know how to go to get around that I'm seriously thinking that just to get out from underneath this, I may just say, get me out. Because I'm tired of working with people that I can't trust. Well, you mentioned



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app apathetic. And one thing that it's popped up from a couple of emails, I believe, from Chamber of Commerce members and or officers, I forget exactly who was sending them around. But there was a little bit of a justification for our being are continuing to be excluded in the mission statement by that they were saying that, well, that's what a majority of the membership voted on there. And I understand if they're saying that, yes, if they were just stating that that is a fact. But that that is not how I was reading it. I was reading it for Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Commerce, sorry.



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They did that in the all of a sudden midnight move. Yeah, they did. There was no vote there. There was it was



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one of the organizations in secret. Yeah, well, one of the several people have said that several people have sent this around saying that justifying the exclusion and one of the two groups

people have sent this around saying that justifying the exclusion and one of the two groups, maybe I've got it wrong. I'm one of the two groups by just by budget, seem to be justifying it by saying, Well, that's what the majority wanted. Well, whether you like this analogy or not, I'm gonna go ahead and make it a majority of the voters of the state of Colorado in November of 1992, decided that they wanted to make non heterosexual non persons majority majority is not always right now, I am not throwing federal constitutional arguments at the Chamber of Commerce or the Political Caucus, we can't yank them to the supreme court and say, Make y'all change James



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Bond, roe worked up the Bill of Rights in large part because he feared what he called the tyranny of the majority. Male Hello, but yeah,



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but the bottom line is the fact that any anyone in any of those organizations is using some majority vote from the past as a justification for keeping what that majority did that. That is the act, the bare definition of circular logic, I understand that that would be a justification for not snapping your fingers and changing it. Obviously, there are rules to go to go through to bring things to a vote, I understand that fact, the Chamber of Commerce is having a board meeting this coming Monday, which I'm going to show up and say something about this issue, to hopefully to get it get it moving. Now one reason I had not really dove in headfirst when the subject came up is because I am going to be leaving town soon. And I wasn't sure what sort of standing I had to really make a big stink about it considering Yeah, although I am a member of the Chamber of Commerce now. Yeah, it's doubtful I'm going to renew the membership not out of any ill will toward the organization because I won't be living here in December. But some of the comments some of the justifications that were sent around for why this is going on, irked me beyond belief. And the the one email that I got today that caused me to send out that nuclear flame, one of one of the arguments in there regarding feeling that you've been discriminated against, he was likening his his feelings toward the discrimination he has felt as a particular racial minority saying that he's no he's learned. learn not to be bitter about it.



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That's a message from Craig Zhu.



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Okay, go ahead.



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Greg two is the editor of outsmart. And here's it this is what this is. I can read this because this was publicly sent to brandy. He says, growing up in Houston as a Chinese Asian American, my parents took my brother and sister and out to dinner and occasionally when a waiter and

waitress never showed up and the food never arrived, or we would overhear discriminatory things we would leave the restaurant. Sometimes rather quickly if my parents thought where there is discrimination. Many of us Asians were picked on beat up because we look differently, et cetera. Though, we get to the bottom line, he says to brandy, I realize you resent the fact that the words bisexual and transgender are not part of the and unfortunately the word is cut off here. But if that keeps you away from community or environment, I am sad for the both of us. Unfortunately, some of our invitations will never be written exactly how we want it. But life is like a giant buffet line offering you all you care to eat, but you must require your part Just a patient to which I say be as well one thing I'm tired What are in their table while watching people eat their food



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I am in there. He said that really irked me and one thing I teed off on him on is yeah believe he said you know, if you look for discrimination you're going to find it. Well



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you know about that I have profound



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that in a couple of other statements affairs I took it as basically telling us we didn't have any standing to bitch well BS we do have standing the bitch. And I'm going to continue to bench until there is no reason to bitch actually,



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I think there it the truth. I think that the people on the hand net, and elsewhere have been surprised that the vehemence of our response I don't think they realize brain port Brandon. Yeah, for poor brain. And he innocently put out a post. Yeah, and created a firestorm. Sure did. And I don't think he had any idea that this was a wrong spot for us. And this, this issue had been lurking in the weeds for the past several years. And all of a sudden transgenders throughout the city, turned up, like, like, like zombies from graves or something and said, wait just a minute. And I don't think they had any clue. And I think they're shocked by their anger and don't quite know what to do with it.



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But by the way, not just transgenders turned up supporting us. There's been several several people and they're very proud very supportive.



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Brothers and sisters for it for supporting this issue.



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The one on one I want to send kudos out to is won't want to get his pronounce his last name quickly. Dan de Donato. Yeah, he's sent out one of the one of the absolute best ones. And yeah, and the fact part of what was excised from the article I sent into the voice was basically the letter of his that appears in the voice. So what's something that got chopped out of mine appeared anyway, that was one of the the absolute best things I've seen. And so yeah, don't don't take us to say it as saying that, you know, all the gays and lesbians are against it. That is not true. There are a lot of support. Yeah. And I'm just singling him out because that that that was one particular one that that struck me as being, you know, hey, way to go.



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I think the upshot of it all is if Brandon wolf took a vote today of Hamnet members, we would not be merging or being we will not be a part of chamber.



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I'd like to think that's true, but I'm not sure.



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I'm pretty sure. I'm sure of it.



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I feel sorry for bringing because I don't think he had any I don't know if I don't think he did he this issue has been lurking Jimmy knew about this, because we have talked about on the show before but this issue has been lurking in the weeds now for several years. Yes. But Brandon just walked away. And I feel so so we're really is a good guy.



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While we've been talking tonight. I've been thinking about other groups that probably don't have transgenders in the mission statement. I mean, definitely like the gay and lesbian switchboard. I don't think we have transgenders in the mission stir, no.



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And honestly, I don't think for the transgender community part of it, they've probably never really given that a lot of thought, because they're not really political organizations. We've been

a lot more concerned with organizations that have a direct impact on our rights. Well, that's true in there. That's, that's, that's one of them. And the chambers. And the chambers want to in, of course, I have been angry about so long, but starting from the way it was done. And then the way that that my arguments in anger to them got blown off. So from my I have to say, from my personal point of view, I'm really pleased to see the transgender community rise up and say and be free be furious about this, because I feel kind of vindicated in a way. I was probably two years too soon in my fight over it. But now it's been sitting out there all this time. And here it is. And I don't think they know what to do. I honest to goodness, don't think they have any idea just how angry we could be or how vehement we would be about it. I think this has been a real shock to them. Right?



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Yes, and I want to speak about about the caucus and the transgendered people. First of all, we need more transgenders. Yes. I'm very proud to say that Michelle Meyers who did the news with me for the for the longest, you know, she's treasurer, she's treasurer of the caucus. And we are changing we are it's a it's a fact it's not maybe or two years. It's a fact it's being printed up



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in a big way. You're a board member Yes. Is now I am



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position one on the board. It is a fact, transgendered is being put into the mission statement. Now, we're running and we want to put transgender up into the title you know, You know, instead of gay, lesbian, bisexual, you know, gay.



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I don't even care about that. I don't care if we're not putting the name if we just be putting the mission statement. Oh, that's,



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that's already done that that's a that's a done fact it's



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well let me know when the voting is on. We



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the board voted it. Oh, okay. Oh, the gentleman. The gentleman membership had no,



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evidently one of the board members was absent for that meeting. Not me. Not me. Nevermind, anyway. I'm glad to hear that I



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don't. Because I was I was unaware.



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Yeah. Well, that was something that I was to. That was something that Michelle and I both We, of course, you know, for course, we even before I became on the board, this is something we both were working very hard to do. And we don't get it. Good. Well, hallelujah. It's about time, you know, because that is to you. It may not be important in the name. But to me and Michelle, and to some others. It is a lot



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like to see it there. But



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it's not unimportant. It's just it's not the the main issue.



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Yeah, I know. I understand the fight that Phyllis put up over it, and I even agree with it. But if they they could just get us in the mission statement. I've said all along that the day that they finally did it, and the day they voted for it was the day I would start showing up. I think the caucus could use some people like me in the caucus. But I wasn't willing to lift a finger, one for one a little bit until we finally got in there. And the



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other side of the coin is when shell did yeah, she got involved. And she's working her tail off for the caucus and enacting change. That's right.





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I mean, besides Sir, I need somebody to help me fight Stubblefield.



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Well, now we're not going to mention any names on the gear. So



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looks like it's a little bit too late. But



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yeah, so I knew that. I didn't. I didn't necessarily mean to tee off on on these any particular organization. But at the other hand, I there's no point in skirting this issue. It's become very public. It's been all over the internet. Yes. And I expect that the issue is going to continue probably for some time. And



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that is the beauty of Hamnet, we are able to have these discussions slash arguments. And I think you're reaching more people than ever before. I think so too, is and people are realizing just what's going on here. I think so to think it's a wonderful, I love



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it. And I have to say even though every one letter, like the one that I read, I'm getting two letters of support of support. So that's the name of the game. It is a different world than it used to be I have to say. And one just quick thing about this. No matter what happens, I want to say thank you to brain and for putting off putting this list together. Yeah. And for being this job that is in Brandon has been fabulous.



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Yeah, this may be rather late at night to do it and a little bit early. But you know, I want to start a movement to perhaps get him to be one of the marshals of the pride parade for next year. I think you're doing as he's been putting this sucker together. Yeah, probably more work than I can imagine. He seems to be on online all the time because he seems to come up come back with an instant response to all Tandy things.



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I noticed that yes, anyway, I think we need to wrap this up because Big Daddy j is waiting in the

wings to bring you the red eyes special. The first of the blues programs for our fabulous blue Sunday right here on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station. In the background. You're hearing a new artist for after hours. Charlie pit CHEO. He builds himself as the Castro cowboy. Interesting. Yeah, I'll be playing some some other stuff from him. Over the next few weeks. You've been listening to after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station. I'm Jimmy Carper. And Sara dipalma has been with me tonight. And remember



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when decorum becomes repression, the only dignity free people have is to speak out. Good night, y'all. And thanks to



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all of our guests