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Re: I really need you at Monday nights City Council Meeting

Robert Dawkins [robertdawkins@democracy-nc.org]

Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 9:55 PM

Thank you to everyone that attended or spoke at tonight's meeting.

I think we took another step forward tonight. Having City Council hear personal narratives from our speakers was really powerful. I wanted tonight to be more about the narrative and less about the applied pressure.

Ms Friday and I have had 1 meeting with Willie Ratchford representing the city, the City Manager and City Attorney have reviewed our ordinance and I wanted tonight to be a chance for the Council to hear from the people without direct action tactics.

The City Attorney has stated that the city will move forward with preparing an ordinance that addresses most of our concerns before the end of the year. We as advocates will continue to work to make sure that all of our concerns are addressed.

I want to share with you what Raleigh passed last week. While I like their ordinance, it does not address surveillance, infiltration of political groups and data collection. Raleigh's ordinance states the following:

ORDINANCE 2014 – 360

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND RALEIGH CITY CODE SECTION 4-1004. ENTITLED POLICY OF NONDISCRIMINATION NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RALEIGH:

Section 1. That Section 4-1004(a) be deleted and rewritten to read as follows:

(a) The policy of the City of Raleigh is, and shall be, to oppose any discrimination based on actual or perceived age, mental or physical disability, sex, religion, race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, familial or marital status, economic status, veteran status or national origin in any aspect of modern life.

Adopted: October 21, 2014

We have an opportunity here in Charlotte to make the best civil liberties ordinance in the state. I know that we are all busy with Get Out the Vote. When the election is over, I think that we need to spend November sending emails to City Council members informing them of what we think should be included in the Charlotte Ordinance. I will be in touch with all of you after the election.

Sleep well advocates and thank you.

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On Sun, Oct 26, 2014 at 7:45 PM, Robert Dawkins <robertdawkins@democracy-nc.org> wrote:

Just a reminder that I need all of you there as we continue to push the city to pass our racial profiling/ civil liberties bill. I am sorry that I have been out of pocket with election related stuff this week. I know we have all been busy but need the city to know that we really want these needed protections. If you haven't confirmed that you are coming, please shoot me a confirmation email.

For all of the speakers, I am sending you another copy of the model ordinance and our prepared talking points for you 3 minute presentation.

Thanks

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On Tue, Oct 21, 2014 at 5:51 PM, Robert Dawkins <robertdawkins@democracy-nc.org> wrote:

Greetings – Next Monday, the 27th we have an opportunity to show support for protecting civil liberties and civil rights in Charlotte by attending the community forum in support of a civil liberties ordinance.

Please come at 6PM and wear black.

City of Charlotte, NC
600 East Fourth Street

Last month Representative Rodney Moore spoke in support of the policy. Next week we expect to have several speakers to urge the Council to pass the ordinance.

The Charlotte Observer is highlighting [one of the issues](#) that our racial profiling / civil Liberties ordinance would correct.

With your help over the next several weeks we can get this Racial Profiling/ Civil Liberties Ordinance passed before the City Council adjourns for the year.

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2014/10/20/5255462/council-members-vow-to-get-answers.html#.VEXHSmd0xjo>

Let me know if you can attend. There is no need to turn out the media if you don't attend

Thanks and see you next week at the City Council meeting

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