M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Fargo Human Relations Commission

FROM: Willard Yellow Bird, Cultural Planner, Community Development

DATE: January 30, 2017

RE: Human Relations Commission Special Meeting

The Fargo Human Relations Commission is calling for a special meeting for immediate action, which will be held on Monday, January 30, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in the Public Health Conference Room (401 3rd Ave N). If you are not able to attend, please contact staff at 241-1474 or planning@cityoffargo.com.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Monday, January 30, 2017 4:30 p.m.
Public Health Conference Room
AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approve statement regarding HB 1386 and HB 1427
3. Adjourn

Human Relations Commission meetings are broadcast live on cable channel TV Fargo 56 and can be seen live by video stream on www.cityoffargo.com/streaming. They are rebroadcast each Thursday at 12:00 p.m.

People with disabilities who plan to attend the meeting and need special accommodations should contact the Planning Office at 241-1474 or TDD at 241-8258. Please contact us at least 48 hours before the meeting to give our staff adequate time to make arrangements.

Minutes are available on the City of Fargo Web site at www.cityoffargo.com/humanrelations.

Fargo Human Relations Commission Statement

The Fargo Human Relations Commission recognizes that legislation, at any level, can either promote acceptance and respect for diversity or contribute to divisiveness and discrimination.

In accordance with our mission, we recognize and accept that discrimination based on sexual orientation is a problem in North Dakota, and as such we unequivocally support HB 1386, which adds sexual orientation to the list of protected classes. This bill will allow North Dakota citizens who identify as LGBTQ+ the freedom that their heterosexual neighbors already enjoy, the freedom from discrimination in the workplace, housing, or any other area.

The Fargo Human Relations Commission calls on all Fargo citizens to contact committee members and representatives in the North Dakota Legislature and urge them to vote against discrimination -- urge them to vote in favor of HB 1386.

The Fargo Human Relations Commission works to promote acceptance and respect for diversity and discourages all forms of discrimination.

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The Fargo Human Relations Commission recognizes that legislation, at any level, can either promote acceptance and respect for diversity or contribute to divisiveness and discrimination.

In accordance with our mission, we value and respect the human dignity of our refugee friends and neighbors, and as such, forcefully oppose HB 1427 which means to target a specific group of people based on immigration status, track their physical movements throughout the country, create onerous reporting standards, and allow cities and the state of North Dakota to decide who should and should not get to become an American. It will not only have a devastating effect on our local economies, it's also unethical, immoral, impractical, unlawful, and could be unconstitutional.

The Fargo Human Relations Commission calls on all Fargo citizens to contact committee members and representatives in the North Dakota Legislature and urge them to vote against discrimination -- urge them to vote against HB 1427.

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