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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau Prime Minister of Canada 80 Wellington Street Ottawa ON K1A 0A2

## Dear Prime Minister:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on November 22, 2021, passed the following resolution regarding conversion therapy:

"WHEREAS Conversion practices or conversion "therapy" (also known as "reparative therapy", "reintegrative therapy" or "aversiontherapy") include any treatment, practice, or sustained effort that has the intended effect of denying, repressing, discouraging or changing a person's non-heterosexual sexual orientation, noncisgender gender identity or gender expression, or any behaviours associated with a gender other than the person's sex assigned at birth; and,

WHEREAS all such practices are unscientific, dangerous and proven to cause harm to their victims; and,

WHEREAS such practices are opposed by more than 50 professional associations, including the Canadian Association the Canadian Association of Social Workers, Canadian Psychiatric Association, Canadian Professional Association for Transgender Health, Canadian Psychological Association, College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario, as well as the United Nations and World Health Organization; and,

WHEREAS Bill C-6-2020, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (Conversion Therapy), which proposed five conversion therapyrelated offences, was an historic piece of legislation preceded by decades of advocacy by conversion practice survivors, that progressed to the second reading stage in the Senate before dying on the order paper when an election was called in August 2021; and,

WHEREAS several cities across Canada have adopted bylaws to prohibit conversion practices or are in the process of doing so, including the City of Kingston and the City of Thunder Bay in Ontario; and,

Yours truly,

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**Director of Legislated Services** 

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c: Hon. Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Housing, Diversity and Inclusion

Hon. David Lametti, Minister of Justice

Hon. Marci len, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Tim Louis, MP (Kitchener-Conestoga)

Raj Saini, MP (Kitchener Centre)

Marwan Tabbara, MP (Kitchener South-Hespeler)

Laura Mae Lindo, MPP (Kitchener Centre)

Mike Harris, MPP (Kitchener Conestoga)

Amy Fee, MPP (Kitchener South-Hespeler)

Monika Turner, Association of Municipalities of Ontario

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