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From: [Karen Grube](#)
To: [FGG, Public Comment](#)
Subject: [External] Objections to the CEDAW proposed ordinance April 26, 2022
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San Diego County Board of Supervisors,

I'm not sure any of the Board members have actually READ the text of the CEDAW convention. Its clear intent is to protect real women. I can't find a single mention in the entire text for any intent to include men who pretend to be women. You have perverted the intent of this document in order to further your own trans agenda with this proposed ordinance. THAT in itself is unacceptable.

I've actually researched this effort to "expand" CEDAW to include men pretending to be women. So far, they're barely even discussing this within a handful of other countries. Don't falsely call this proposed ordinance some version of CEDAW when it clearly does NOT reflect the intent of the UN Women organization.

Let's be very clear. A baby is born either male or female with the exception of those rare situations where a child is born with a genetic anomaly resulting in their being legitimately considered intersex. But that isn't what your ordinance is meant to protect. It's meant to protect biological men who want to pretend to be women. Newsflash: YOU CANNOT CHANGE YOUR DNA! You cannot "choose" your sex, whether you use the epithet "gender" to describe it or not.

This ordinance DOES NOT protect women.

For one, it subjects REAL women to being forced to compete in athletics against men pretending to be women. You know full well biological men have very real and unquestionable physiological advantages over biological women. Why would you pass an ordinance that subjects women to this when you say you're trying to protect women? That is the height of hypocrisy. But the truth is, that isn't your intent at all. Your intent is to promote an agenda that denigrates women by trying to erase the differences between men and women.

Further, it subjects REAL women to being housed with biological men pretending to be women in jails, prisons and other facilities such as domestic abuse shelters. We've all just learned what happened after the State of New Jersey decided to knuckle under to the ACLU in a settlement brought by two men pretending to be women. In what should have been an all-women's correctional facility that was forced to also house men pretending to be women, two women have become pregnant. I hope these two women sue the state for allowing these men into a women's prison. If they do, I will gladly donate to their legal effort. If something like this ever happens in San Diego, would you be prepared for such a lawsuit? Not likely. The same would be true of crimes (rape and other forms of sexual abuse) against real women forced to be housed in a domestic shelter with men pretending to be women. These shelters are meant to protect women from their abusers, and you want to allow men pretending to be women to share the same housing with these already-traumatized women victims? That's no way to protect REAL women.

Then, your outrageous proposed ordinance goes even further to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to coordinate and direct an intersectional gender analysis of the entire county. ARE YOU KIDDING ME? Then, you're going to make the Office of Equity and Racial Justice responsible for overseeing some kind of "Intersectional Gender Equity Action Plan?" Of course, you're going to pay "experts" to develop the plan. GIVE ME A BREAK! We all know how that works. Don't we have enough problems dealing with homelessness and lack of affordable housing here in San Diego? I mean, REALLY, is this what we pay our county supervisors to come up with?

This proposed ordinance is completely hypocritical and should be pulled from the April 26 Board meeting agenda immediately. You say you want women to "achieve full, substantive equality with men," and yet you subject them to circumstances that intentionally put them at a disadvantage against biological men pretending to be women. By "enabling all persons identifying as transgender, nonbinary, an/or gender-nonconforming to achieve full equality and equity" you are intentionally making it unfairly difficult for REAL women to achieve full substantive equality with men. In other words, it isn't REAL women you care about protecting; it's your agenda that intends, against all logic and nature itself, to erase the distinctions between men and women.

Don't embarrass yourselves or San Diego County by even keeping this proposal on the meeting agenda. Trust me, if you think you'll get some backlash if you pull this proposal, it won't be anything near what those who vote for it will face if you don't. You already know about the female student athletes suing over being forced to compete against men pretending to be women in athletic competitions. That was just the beginning. Parents are outraged about what's happening to their daughters in school when boys pretending to be girls are allowed to use the same locker rooms and restrooms and participate in the same sports. Don't make the voters of San Diego take this Board to task the same way many parents are confronting their local school boards - and replacing many of those board members because they're trying to push this trans agenda on their kids. And now you're trying to pull the same stupid stunt on the voters of this entire county. We're sick and tired of it and we're not going to take it any more. Just stop.

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From: [Rname Who](#)
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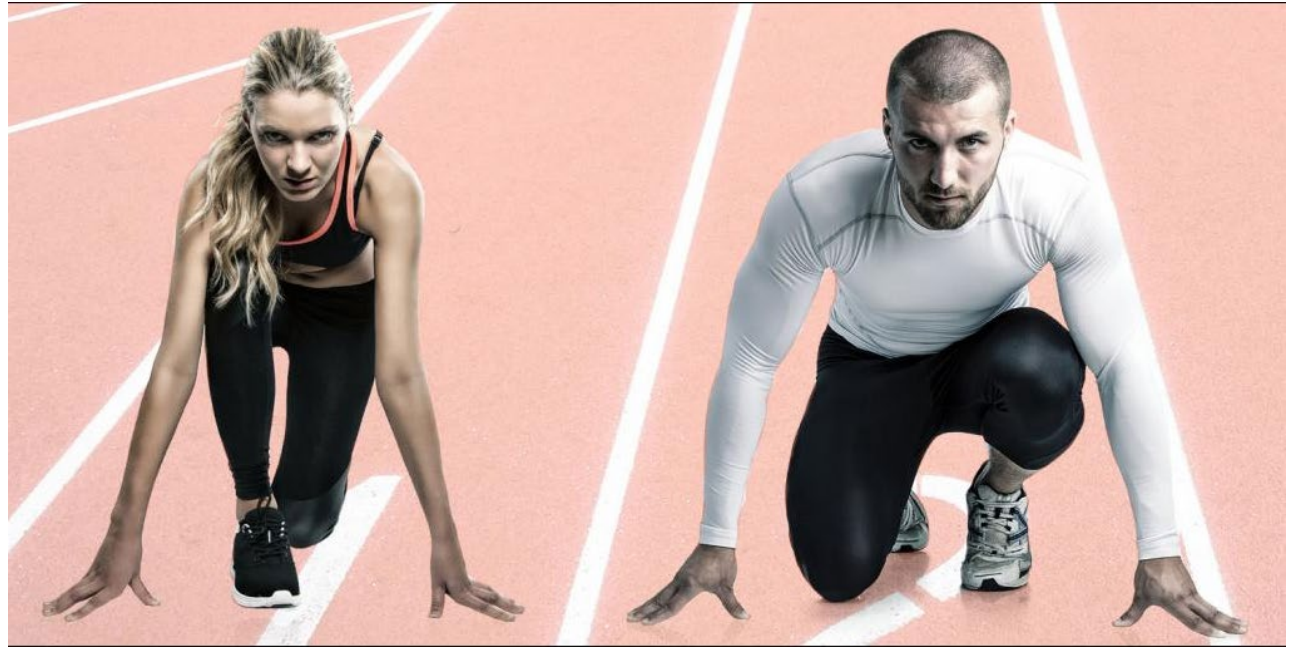
Please find attached a slide for presentation during my public comment on item#34 for Tuesday's BOS meeting.

Best regards,

Robert Welstand

OPPOSE CEDAW

Protect Title IX



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Cc: [FGG, Public Comment](#); [Karen Sutton](#); [Martin, Ruth](#)
Subject: [External] Advocacy Letter: An Ordinance to Provide for the Local Implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
Date: Monday, April 25, 2022 11:10:13 AM

Dear San Diego County Board of Supervisors,

The League of Women Voters of San Diego and North County San Diego ask you to codify women's rights by adopting the CEDAW Ordinance.

Events in recent years have demonstrated that government-sponsored discrimination can no longer be allowed, and half-hearted efforts at reform are insufficient. We commend your establishment of the Office of Equity and Racial Justice to address these challenges. The CEDAW Ordinance will further strengthen these efforts.

Cities and counties throughout the U.S., including San Francisco and Los Angeles which adopted CEDAW Ordinances decades ago, have experienced the benefit of enforcing these rights for half of their residents and workforce. The elected leaders of these cities and counties believe that the CEDAW ordinances have materially improved the lives of women and girls in their municipalities and fostered more transparent and accountable governance. San Diego women and girls deserve the same.

The League of Women Voters of San Diego and North County San Diego look forward to vigorous implementation of the CEDAW ordinance. We stand ready to be helpful in any way appropriate. We urge you to consider a process by which civil society can be engaged in assuring that the objectives of the CEDAW ordinance are achieved.

Sincerely,

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