

From: Dakin Weekley [<mailto:dakinweekley@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 11:33 AM

To: Cheri Smith <[csmith@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:csmith@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

Subject: Comment on Gay Conversion Therapy Ban at tonight's Commission meeting

Mayor Cates and Commissioners,

I am writing to ask that you pass the ban on sexual orientation conversion therapy. This is a good piece of proactive local legislation that will protect our children from abuse. This so-called therapy has been debunked by the American Psychological Association as having no discernible psychological value and is actually harmful to those who undergo it. There are countless media stories in which experiences of psychological torture are recounted by the victims of this misguided practice. Seriously, just Google it.

There is no reason we should allow systematic psychological torture to happen in our community. We should join the other nine Florida cities that have banned this practice, because it is important to protect our children from abuse before it happens rather than after.

Thank you

Dakin Weekley  
414 Frances St.  
Key West, FL