



**Statement to Bloomington MN City Council
From the Child Protection League
Monday, August 2, 2021**

To Bloomington City Council members:

The Child Protection League (CPL) is a Minnesota nonprofit since 2013. Our mission is to **protect children from exploitation, indoctrination, and violence.**

The city of Bloomington is making itself dangerous to children.

Your website promotes a PRIDE event on August 14th with Drag Shows and Story Hour. We've looked them up, specifically saying open to all ages. We've looked these performers up. Tragically, Bloomington's nice-sounding proclamation of "dignity for all" is quite literally "degrading" to all.

You are flaunting perversion and targeting it to children. Minnesota state law states that "obscenity is harmful to minors." Section 617.291, Subdivision 2, states:

It is in the best interest of the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of this state, and especially of minors within the state, that commercial dissemination, and dissemination without monetary consideration in a place of public accommodation, **of sexually explicit written, photographic, printed, sound or published materials, and of plays, dances, or other exhibitions presented before an audience, that are deemed harmful to minors,** be restricted to persons over the age of 17 years.

The penalty for violating this statute is a gross misdemeanor. We believe you are in violation of state statute in offering obscene displays to minors. We urge you to cease and desist so that further action is not necessary.

This government body is not protecting children from harm. The citizens of Bloomington need to stand up to protect their children and that means holding you accountable for what you are doing.