



Stand up for LGBTQ rights in Salem!

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Petition:

City officials want to temporarily house the Salem Public Library in a building owned by a church that rejects gay marriage and considers same-sex sex to be a sin. The Salem Human Rights Commission has taken a stand against this bad plan.

Support the Commission and send a message to the City Council in support of LGBTQ rights by signing this petition. There are alternative places to temporarily house the library while renovations are made. On July 22, the City Council likely will discuss this issue.

The Human Rights Commission statement said:

"The Salem Human Rights Commission (Commission) is deeply concerned about the proposed lease of the property owned by the Salem Alliance Church for the temporary location of the Salem Public Library.

The Commission values having a library that they can reasonably expect all persons will access, to be consistent with the purpose and intent of the City's Human Rights Code. The Commission believes that some members of the community, including some in LGBTQ communities, will not be comfortable accessing the space.

...The Commission respectfully requests that the City review the available properties for other potential options, and select another location, even if that location is not as ideal in cost or operations."

	Name	From	Comments
1.	Brian Hines	SALEM, OR	Religious freedom shouldn't extend to denying basic human rights. If the City of Salem pays the Salem Alliance Church for use of a church building to house the public library, this is an implicit endorsement of the church's anti-LGBTQ views.
2.	Michael Kelly	Salem, OR	Separation of church and State is guaranteed in our Constitution, and government agency should never use religious items or property as it gives the sign that government is in some way endorsing that belief system.
3.	Chris Morano	Salem, OR	
4.	David Watson	Salem, OR	Respect, fairness, justice and civic accountability
5.	Deejay Whitehead	Monmouth, OR	
6.	Carol Cook	SAN MATEO, CA	
7.	Sarah Bernardo	Salem, OR	
8.	JoAnn Paris	Saint Lazare, ca	
9.	Cara Watson	Salem, OR	I'm frustrated that SAC has been operating as a business without being forthcoming about the fact that they're a ministry of the church and I am frustrated by the vagueness of their answers about the LGBTQ stance & not having a non-discrimination policy for hiring at their "not-a-business" coffee shop
10.	Joyce Judy	Salem, OR	
11.	Vanessa Nordyke	Salem, OR	
12.	Alexzandria Rochefort	Salem, OR	
13.	Eric Schuman	Salem, OR	
14.	Victoria Binning	Salem, OR	As a member of the LBGTQ+ community in Salem, I want our public library to be place where everyone feels safe to go. I also don't approve of the City paying religious organizations. Full stop.
15.	Toni Keener	Salem, OR	The city shouldnt be supporting businesses that arent inclusive.
16.	Laurie Dougherty	Salem, OR	The City of Salem should stand up for its values as a city that welcomes everyone.
17.	David Brimmer	Salem, OR	
18.	Krista Aquinas-Gallagher	Salem, OR	
19.	Jim Scheppke	Salem, OR	Our library has enough problems as it is. It doesn't need to alienate a significant portion of our community (and for good reason). Take the time to find another site for the temporary library.

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20.	Ann Smith	Salem, OR	I have family members who are gay. I support them and defend their rights. Tired of faux christians passing judgement on the LGBTQ community
21.	M. Carmen Perez	Salem, OR	I feel that we all have equal rights
22.	Sylvia Primrose	Beaverton, OR	
23.	Malcolm Aquinas	Salem, OR	Hating someone for who and how they love is an offense against all humanity.
24.	Jennifer Hartung	Salem, OR	
25.	Kathleen Bobbio	Salem, OR	
26.	David Haldaman	Holland, MI	
27.	Beth Omansky	Portland, OR	Human rights are rights for all people.
28.	Nicole Anglin	Salem, OR	Everyone should be welcome at the library.
29.	Alex Adams	Monmouth, OR	As a member of the LGBTQ+ community I cannot support any city money going to the coffers of bigots.
30.	Esther Friedman	Salem, OR	
31.	Sharrie Fyfe	Salem, OR	In a national administration that promotes hate and fear, Oregonians need to prevent these negative tactics from bleeding into our state and local government. No body is anybody's business but your own.
32.	Kathleen Daniel	Salem, OR	Bigotry, in whatever form it appears in public life, deserves no quarter. Our community should NEVER condone discrimination, and renting any space from Salem Alliance Church is doing just that. NO.
33.	SHARRON APPLE	Salem, OR	
34.	Deb Adir	EDINA, MN	
35.	Tricarico Schwartz	Salem, OR	The library should choose a space that is inclusive of everyone, especially since 40% of homeless youth are part of the LGBTQIA+ community.
36.	Lojise Forest	Montreal, ca	
37.	Dawn Cumings	WAYNE, MI	
38.	Caroline O'Brien	Keizer, OR	human rights are being violated every day...STOP this transaction, do OT support their agenda of fear and hatred...DONT lease this building
39.	Fawn Chastler	Salem, OR	I'm a member of the LGBTQ+ community in Salem. There are plenty of Vacant buildings with ample parking. The old KMart for example.
40.	Tammy Freeman	Salem, OR	Because it shouldn't matter who we love.
41.	Rebecca Beaman	Salem, OR	Property owned by Salem Alliance Church is, essentially, hostile ground to all LGBTQ+ persons. The City of Salem has no business placing the public library in a place where all persons are not welcome to use it.

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42.	Norm Baxter	Salem, OR	I have family members who have been discriminated against because of their sexuality. The City of Salem should not support discrimination, directly or indirectly.
43.	Freddie Todd	Salem, OR	I think it is wrong to pay people that are actively opposed to equal rights of LGBTQ people. Any support to an organization such as this one is to agree with their oppressive agenda.
44.	Karen Slawson	Vancouver, WA	
45.	Kim Coffman	Salem, OR	
46.	Danielle Shearer	Salem, OR	
47.	Diane Jones-Musial	Salem, OR	
48.	Doug Gray	Salem, OR	
49.	Susann Kaltwasser	Salem, OR	I have two family members who are LGBTQ and many friends as well. There is no place in Salem for discrimination. Please restore the powers of investigation to the Human Rights Commission so it can be a more effect place where people can come to get help!
50.	Nick Eustrom	Salem, OR	
51.	Peter Teller	Salem, OR	Respect for All. LGBTQ rights are civil rights not convenient rights.
52.	Lisa Lillico	salem, OR	LGBTQ rights are human rights!
53.	Lisa Walters	Turner, OR	Because humanity.
54.	Patricia Vazquez	Mexico City, mx	
55.	Madeline Olson	Manzanita, OR	
56.	George Theobald	Cooktown, au	
57.	Albert M	Salem, OR	Why would the City choose this property for a public purpose when it discriminates against LGBT patrons. You can do better and choose a less controversial site. One not associated with persecution. I will not ceel comfortable going there or knowing that my tax money is giving Alliance support in their hateful message.
58.	Daniel Rollings	Salem, OR	Public spaces need to be accessible to all and not tied to religious groups (especially those that espouse hate)
59.	Charles DeRykus	Pt Townsend, WA	public institutions should distance themselves from any affiliations with religious organizations
60.	Ann Schepcke	Salem, OR	
61.	Celeste Vos	Laguna Niguel, CA	Everyone should feel welcome in city spaces!
63.	Aoife Mac Mahon	Salem, OR	
64.	David S.	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	
65.	Evelyn Vos	Laguna Niguel, CA	I believe in equal rights and everyone should feel welcome!
66.	Steve Pounds	Salem, OR	

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67.	Valerie Brooks	Salem, OR	
68.	Dona Horine	Salem, OR	
69.	James Curzio	Salem, OR	
70.	Judie Robinson	Salem, OR	
71.	Karen Parkison	Salem, OR	
72.	Shelley Ruble	FELTON, CA	
73.	Mark Sarson	Plymouth, gb	
74.	Amy Fisher	SANTA MONICA, CA	
75.	Kathrynne Geisler	Salem, OR	
76.	Linda MacDermott	Silverton, OR	
77.	Janice Lent	Salem, OR	No Discrimination!
78.	Hal Lubash	Brooklyn, NY	Government should not transact with religion whatsoever. Enforce the separation of Church and State!
79.	Nancy Ingham	Salem, OR	If there are no human rights there is no hope for us.
80.	Roberta Cade	SALEM, OR	
81.	K O	Salem, OR	
82.	Pam LePage	Salem, OR	I have many LHGBTQ friends and some of them are looking for work.
83.	Rebecca Harrison	Silverton, OR	
84.	Jan Burtyk	So. Wmspt., PA	Everyone deserves equal rights, equal treatment.
85.	Karen Shapiro	Salem, OR	
86.	Bonnie Davidson	Salem, OR	
87.	Michael Broderick	Keizer, OR	
88.	Joan Erickson	Rickreall, OR	
89.	Dana Johnson	Toronto, ca	
90.	Katherine Garretson	SALEM, OR	I am a queer woman who would like to use my library.
91.	Mark Stewart	Scotland, gb	
92.	Arianna Vielbig	Salem, OR	People should be able to utilize public services without fear of discrimination or retaliation (of any form). It is UNACCEPTABLE for the library to be in a space that openly despises and discriminates against our LGBTQIA+ community members. I'm appalled that it's even a consideration.
93.	Josiejo LePage	SALEM, OR	Because I am a Transgender and feel that this would limit my rights.
94.	Avery Pheil	Salem, OR	
95.	Ronda Grim	Salem, OR	
96.	Martin Archer	West Wickham, gb	

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97.	Bobbi McAllister	Portland, OR	
98.	Jules Warner	Newberg, OR	
99.	Erin R	Keizer, OR	
100.	Yvonne Rogers	Salem, OR	
101.	Cary Ballew-Renfro	Salem, OR	I can't use the library if it moves to this site.
102.	Jean Logan	Salem, OR	All people are loved by God. God's people are responsible to love all people. LGBTQ are God's people. To deny them work is to deny God's law to love all people. I won't support a venu for our city library that discrimates against LGBTQ people!
103.	Pam Gentsch	Salem, OR	Loving someone, anyone, is a Human right!
104.	Mackenna Petry	Salem, OR	
105.	Lila Harris	Hubbard, OR	
106.	Michele Wrenn	Salem, OR	
107.	Nick Clark	Salem, OR	
108.	Tiffany Reagan	Albany, OR	
109.	Logan Harney	Salem, OR	
110.	Francine Boullosa	Salem, OR	I believe locating the temporary library at the Salem alliance owned site will cause a significant number of youth and adults to experience location dysphoria and result in public protest. The choice of Salem alliance owned property goes against the library policy to be all inclusive
111.	Kai Sousa	Salem, OR	The city should not house any public and publicly funded operations in private holdings, especially ecclesiastical holdings, even temporarily. The particular church in question, while doing many things that do serve the community at large, is anti LGBTQ+ in it's practices. Housing the library in a building owned by a church that gives to the community with one hand while actively preaching against the equality of specific members of that community will make those members of the community hesitate to use library services for the duration of the situation. There are many large, empty buildings in Salem, surely one can be found for a reasonable price that doesn't belong to a discriminatory entity.
112.	Timothy Terry	Salem, OR	
113.	Cari Nazer	Salem, OR	Salem needs to be more inclusive, this would be a step in the wrong direction.
114.	Elliot Yoder	Salem, OR	I am LGBT and use the library often. I would not be comfortable using the library, which is meant for EVERYBODY, in a place that doesn't welcome everybody.
115.	Mason Miller	Keizer, OR	Human rights

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116.	Rachel Wolthausen	Salem, OR	Religion institutions should not house city property.
117.	Joseph Linahon	Willamina, OR	Separation of racist homophobic churches and the state.
118.	Wanda Edmonds	Salem, OR	The Salem Alliance Church shouldn't be involved in this. The Library is PUBLIC. That includes everyone.
119.	Melissa Montigny	Salem, OR	If the Salem Alliance Church wants to be against same sex marriage then so be it. However, our tax dollars should not go to this church. The city would be funding their anti LGBTQ views. NO, NO, NO to this location being the temporary home of the Salem Library. Why should my tax dollars go to an organization who believes my marriage is wrong and immoral??? My family will stop using the library if the city insists on housing the library on the property of this homophobic organization.
120.	Scott N	Salem, OR	
121.	L Baehr	Salem, OR	
122.	Tabitha Rowe	Salem, OR	As a publicly funded space it needs to be all inclusive.
123.	Elizabeth Ketcham	Astoria, OR	
124.	Sharon Evanoff-Eastman	Tualatin, OR	
125.	Gregory Gregg	Salem, OR	All Americans deserve equal treatment. Discrimination is discrimination whether it is because of a person's skin color, religion, gender or sexual preference.
126.	LJ Frederickson	Salem, OR	equal rights for all
127.	Denise Smith	Salem, OR	
128.	Alivia Biko	Salem, OR	Civil rights is why.
129.	Raja Aznir	Salem, OR	
130.	Linda Collingwood	Salem, OR	
131.	Subhash Monga	Mohali (Chandigarh), in	
132.	Christi Wolfe	Salem, OR	
133.	Anna Chinburg	Milwaukie, OR	A library does NOT belong in a church, not all churches are including of everyone. This is not a safe environment for people who are looking for books! There is a Salem Library, not in a church with religious beliefs that wont discriminate!!
134.	Amy Masker	Salem, OR	
135.	Beverly Nodzak	Salem, OR	
136.	Eileen True	Sarasota, FL	When you disrespect others, you also disrespect me. We are all brothers and sisters. So, what kind of church is this, anyway?
137.	Joseph Walsh	Portland, OR	all human right are important to me
138.	Abigail Du Bois	MORTON GROVE, IL	

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139.	Taylor Quade	Silverton, OR	
140.	Julie Bradley	Newberg, OR	Because trump and pence has caused so much hate and are continuing to harass and take our rights away !
141.	Ed Springer	Newberg, OR	
142.	Eve Dedek	Salem, OR	Separation of church and state.
143.	Trinity-Rain Lindeman	Vancouver, WA	
144.	Taylor Dowler	Monmouth, OR	
145.	Spencer Tepper	Andover, MA	Let's support organizations that respect basic human rights
146.	Delana Beaton	Salem, OR	
147.	Gin Sawin	Salem, OR	Queer library using Christian
148.	Joel Rosenblit	Salem, OR	
149.	Maryann Lane	Salem, OR	I do not want my tax dollars to go to a church that discriminates.
150.	Elise Sullivan-Miller	Keizer, OR	I don't believe the PUBLIC library should be moved to a place of some specific religion that dislikes people based on who they love. It should be somewhere ALL are welcomed.
151.	Forrest Burris	Salem, OR	
152.	Melody Valdez	Salem, OR	Two reasons: separation of government and religion. But most importantly the churches stance on LGBTQ, whether intentional or not having the library here could appear as the city doesn't want LGBTQ to use the library.
153.	Heather Barker	Salem, OR	Everyone, yes everyone even those in the LGBTQ+ community deserves to be treated with respect and compassion. This is why I don't go to church because they don't have respect and compassion for everyone! Find a different location to house the library because this is definitely the wrong one!
154.	Linda Snyder	Salem, OR	I do not want my tax dollars going to a church that discriminates.
155.	Sandra Oliver-Poore	Salem, OR	LGBTQ persons are taxpayers & human beings, they wholly deserve to have their taxes spent on projects that dont exclude them. Everyone of us deserve free access to public places as long as public laws are met. We have the gift of separation of church & state from our founders on purpose, as well as various amendments along the way to strengthen personal rights & privacy.
156.	Jessica Space	Salem, OR	Honestly, City dollars don't need to go to a building owned by a religious affiliation who rejects a population of people. The public library should be welcoming to all, even during a temporary situation. There are other buildings, find a nonpartisan one.

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157.	Debi Brockamp	Salem, OR	Because the library is government sponsored, there needs to be safeguards that the LGBTQ community will be treated fairly & with respect. Salem Alliance does not have a record of acting in this manner.
158.	JAN JASKOSKI	Salem, OR	
159.	Tim Jaskoski	Salem, OR	
160.	Jane Emmons	Salem, OR	
161.	Cindy Kepler	Gresham, OR	Separation of church and state is not optional.
162.	Ann Niederehe	Salem, OR	
163.	Kimberly Scott	Albany, OR	
164.	Beth Cooley	Salem, OR	LGBTQ should have Equal Rights!
165.	Aaron Marvin	Salem, OR	Salem residents' tax money shouldn't go to any group or organization that discriminates against the LGBTQ community.
166.	Ed Kramer	Salem, OR	
167.	Richard Davis	Salem, OR	
168.	Sonya Gaub	Salem, OR	Restoring the country that we had before this Administration and making sure that Congress protects us so we never go through this nightmare again!
169.	Theresa Ede	Salem, OR	A private, and hateful church is no place for a PUBLIC library.
170.	Nicole Anderson	Dallas, OR	Everybody should feel safe comfortable and welcome at a library. Putting a public library in a church that is against any part of the community takes away from that.
171.	Melinda Miller	Woodburn, OR	
172.	Alicia Zabalza	Jefferson, OR	Separation of church and state, not to mention how is our LGBTQ+ community going to feel safe/comfortable accessing our library when they know they are not welcome in that building?
173.	Daryl Navarrete	Salem, OR	
174.	Reed Buckley	Salem, OR	I support the right of all LGBTQ People. Please make another location available.
175.	Meredy Goldberg Edelson	Salem, OR	The message that is sent by using space for the library from an organization that doesn't support LGTBQ+ rights is that intolerance and discrimination is tacitly condoned. Leasing the space from this organization is just wrong and taxpayer dollars should not go to any organization that doesn't accept all of Salem's citizens.
176.	Cherriene Dean	Keizer, OR	
177.	John Jenne	Salem, OR	
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179.	LouJean Fobert	Salem, OR	The library should not be housed in a facility where LGBTQ people might feel unsafe or uncomfortable visiting.
180.	James Mulcare	Clarkston, WA	
181.	Linda Crisp	Salem, OR	people are people!
182.	J S	SALEM, OR	The discriminatory practices of Salem Alliance Church and harmful, derogatory beliefs held by the pastor directly affect the lives of myself and my loved ones in negative ways. While I support the missions of Broadway on a broader spectrum, I do not want to support city money going towards the Salem Alliance Church.
183.	Berto Rossi	Salem, OR	
184.	Mary Ann Jones	Salem, OR	
185.	Mary THOMAS	BASILDON, gb	No one should be persecuted because of the difference of their sexuality within the framework of consensual adult sexual relationships.
186.	Cecilia Craig	Salem, OR	Everyone should have all RIGHTS!
187.	Patricia Guild	Silverton, OR	EQUAL rights for ALL!
188.	James Ring	Cathedral City, CA	
189.	Terry Stein	Salem, OR	
190.	Dave Larmouth	McMinnville, OR	The City should not do business with a church, and especially not a church that rejects LGBTQ+ people.
191.	LaVelle Lasher	Salem, OR	It's a matter of equal rights for everyone, and showing that through the business we do with others (or don't do).
192.	Sandra Curtiss	Salem, OR	The city should value the civil Rights of everyone in the community
193.	Mitchell Juul	Salem, OR	Not only is it a failure of separation of church and state, it is also harmful to the community as a whole.
194.	Shelley Wright	Salem, OR	
195.	Andrew Brottlund	Renton, WA	
196.	Kirsten Spain	Portland, OR	A public ☐ should not be housed in a church let alone one that discriminates against anyone.
197.	Rachel M	Keizer, OR	I have friends and family in the LGBTQ+ family and I believe in common decency, no exclusion and basic human rights without discrimination!
198.	CM Hall	Newport, OR	I'm from Salem (North Salem HS and Chemeketa) and I identify as queer. I think this creates an unsafe and unwelcoming place to move the library even temporarily here.
199.	Teresa Fry	keizer, OR	
200.	Jason Cohee	Salem, OR	
201.	Zanne D'Anna	Salem, OR	

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202.	Evan Sorce	Salem, OR	I believe that we should be promoting equality and justice for all residents of Salem.
203.	Lin Johnson	Silverton, OR	Our tax dollars should not go toward support of a bigoted organization.
204.	Anthea Knapper	Salem, OR	Salem Alliance Church is discriminatory. I also believe this to be a violation of the separation of church and state.
205.	Derek Olson	Salem, OR	
206.	Jeanne Niphanprasart	Salem, OR	
207.	Byron Harmon	Salem, OR	
208.	Denizr Conner	Salem, OR	As a lesbian, and a taxpayer, i want to access my library and would not want to lend support of any kind to this anti-lgbt organization
209.	Ellen Keithley-Garcia	Salem, OR	
210.	Eric Taxer	Zephyr Cove, NV	
211.	Marilee Corey	Salem, OR	
212.	Rian Gayle	Salem, OR	
213.	Maddison freemire	Salem, OR	Im part of the LGBT and i would love to help anyway i can.
214.	Gordon Lunde	Amity, OR	Jesus did not discriminate. Equality for everyone.
215.	David S. Nichols	Portland, OR	
216.	Ralph Tracy	Salem, OR	
217.	Cynthia Coleman	Salem, OR	
218.	Dan Howland	Salem, OR	
219.	Claire Barnes	SALEM, OR	I don't want my tax dollars going to an organization that discriminates.
220.	Michelle Nicholas	SALEM, OR	The public library should be in a location that is welcoming to all
221.	liz wall	Aumsville, OR	no tax dollars to organizations that discriminate and promote hate..
222.	Neil Sherwood	Portland,, OR	I'm a former resident of SALEM and I have many LGBT friends.
223.	Gene Stewart	Salem, OR	
224.	Heike Tash	Salem, OR	
225.	Laudine Buckley	Salem, OR	Strong supporter of Human rights
226.	Audra Marazzani	Salem, OR	Doing business with hate groups is never acceptable and as a city we must not let this happen.
227.	Ash Renard	Coos bay, OR	It's 2019, tired of irrelevant dogma ruining innocent LGBT+ lives