



April 21, 2016

Utah Pride Center (via email)
Carol Gnade, Executive Director
Board of Directors
255 East 400 South, #200
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Re: Addressing Discrimination & Censorship at Utah Pride

Dear Ms. Gnade:

Rather than simply express our outrage at your censorship of MormonBoyz.com, I feel compelled to ask you the reason you excluded a part of Utah's diverse LGBTQQI community from a celebration that honors that very community.

The foundation for "Pride" celebrations is positive – dignity, equal rights, community, and a celebration of sexual and gender diversity. No where in the vision of "Pride" is there room for shame and social stigma. Your recent decision to exclude an adult business from your Pride festivities is counter to everything we have all worked so hard to achieve for ourselves, our communities and our sexual freedom movements.

By excluding MormonBoyz.com you are placing yourself in a position where you are inflicting the same discrimination, marginalization and hatred we've all worked so hard to defeat. In the case of our opponents, those actions against our fundamental human rights are all couched in moral, cultural, and religious prejudice. That's why I'm asking you the reason for your actions.

MormonBoyz.com is an active part of Utah's diverse LGBTQQI community with a long commitment to sexual health, PrEP awareness, and community empowerment. From the sex workers at Stonewall, to the free speech battles waged by posing strap magazines, to money raised for HIV, the adult industry has been a critical ally in our movement for health and equal rights.

We urge you to reconsider your decision to exclude MormonBoyz.com from your pride festivities and let this celebration be one of inclusion rather than exclusion, one that celebrates freedom of sexual expression, freedom of speech and our most fundamental human rights.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ricci J. Levy".

Ricci J. Levy
President & CEO