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Randy Fine
Florida House of Representatives
State Representative, District 53

September 20, 2022

Ms. Shannon Lewis, City Manager
City of Melbourne
Melbourne, FL 32901

Dear Ms. Lewis,

Thank you for your immediate response to our request for all permit applications for “Drag Queen Story Time” and/or “Space Coast Pride Fest.” Organizations that seek permits must describe those activities honestly. Someone cannot put in a permit for one thing but do another.

We have reviewed the 129-page file you provided and have found **no evidence that Space Coast Pride disclosed that they would be hosting “Drag Queen Story Time,” or any events targeting children for that matter**, as part of their permit application.

According to their official website, the purpose of “Drag Queen Story Hour” is to “capture the play of the gender fluidity of childhood” with pre-school and elementary-aged children.

The State of Florida has taken a strong stand against exposing young children to subjects and content that are inappropriate and not suitable for them. **Government, including our chartered municipalities, should not be fostering, encouraging, or supporting behavior that exposes children to sexualized behavior and performances.**

Space Coast Pride hid their efforts to host sexualized performances targeting children by not disclosing their plans. You are within your right, and I strongly encourage you, to pull their permit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Randy A. Fine".

Randy Fine
State Representative, District 53

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