

To the City-Parish Council from Lafayette Area Pastors

Dear Councilmen Jared Bellard and William Theriot:

We are a group of spiritual leaders who humbly recognize those in authority. We honor, obey, and pray diligently for our elected officials. It is out of a sense of love and compassion for all people that we share our hearts with you.

We know you and your colleagues on the Lafayette City-Parish Council have received expressions of passion in support for and in opposition to Drag Queen Story Time at the Lafayette library. We applaud Mayor-President Joel Robideaux's call for this event to be cancelled.

Your colleagues have stated through their press release of August 31, 2018 that they will not intervene with the Lafayette Public Library Board of Control. We respectfully appeal to you that, indeed, the council does have responsibility and should act to protect the children of Lafayette Parish. We believe this is an inappropriate selection for three to six-year old children.

Since the Mayor and Council have the responsibility to appoint members of this board, we urge you to review the Library Board of Control's parameters by which children story hour readers are selected and approved. In light of the sensitive nature of protecting the innocence of children, please share these parameters with us.

We urge you to pass a resolution stating that the council's position is that this is not an age-appropriate educational program or presentation.

Sincerely,

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First Baptist Church Lafayette

Jacob Aranza
Our Saviors Church

Bobby Richard
One Church

Jeff Ables
Crossroads Church

Sam Brooks
The Open Door

Timothy Miller
White Dove Church

Bryan Keelin
Carencro Vineyard

Carlton Benton
Living Glory Ministries

Brandon Miller
Family Life Church

Ivan Ledet
Jubilee Nation Christian Ministries

Marlice Dugas
Believers Alternative Ministry

James Craft
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All Cities Church

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Ken Lazard
Destiny of Faith

Bob Zannini
Life Church

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Trinity Bible Church

Richard Ledet

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Caleb Moran
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Oasis Family Worship Center

Carl Comeaux
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Northwood United Methodist

Ben Davis
Pathway Church

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St. Peter Baptist Church of Laf.

Chris Blanchard
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Todd Menard
Family Life Church

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Our Saviors Church – Lafayette

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Our Saviors Church – Broussard

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First Baptist Church Broussard

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The Garden Church, Lafayette

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First Baptist Church Milton

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Lighthouse Family Church

Jay Miller
The Family Church

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Vatican Baptist Church

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