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March 3, 2022

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Via Email only: SSeverin@bcfaklaw.com

RE: Public Records Request 2021-11 - Re-release after remand; *and*
Request of February 10, 2022 for Executive Session audio recordings or transcript

Dear Mr. Severin,

First, thank you and your client Mr. Biggs for your patience while my office made revisions to these previously released records and the redactions thereto. The revisions are pursuant to (1) the Assembly's directions at the February 1, 2022 meeting to remand in part Mr. Biggs' appeal of the records withheld/redacted with the release sent to him December 17, 2021; and (2) subsequent discussion with the Assembly Members holding the privilege for the email communications that were redacted and their consent to further un-redactions in addition to those per the remand directions from the Assembly. Redactions have been redone and are detailed in the included Privilege Log, or "slip" per AMC section 3.90.060A. The changes from the December 17 redactions should be obvious, they are responsive to bases #1, #3, and #6 in your February 1, 2022 correspondence. Finally, as you assented to previously, the records were re-ordered so they are now in chronological order. The full 591 pages released December 17 are all included in this re-release, there are no changes to the content of the records, only what is stated above.

Second, there are no responsive records to the request you submitted February 10, 2022 on behalf of Mr. Biggs, for "All audio recordings or transcript of all direction" to counsel at the February 1 executive session. The Anchorage Assembly determined by majority vote to never release the audio recording, pursuant to AMC section 2.30.036. No transcript exists. Moreover, to the request for a cover letter, this letter and attachments is the response to that request.

As previously stipulated, appeal of the re-release of records in 2021-11 and the response herein to the February 10 request may be had within 30 days of the date of this letter. An appeal must be in writing and submitted to Assembly Chair LaFrance.

Sincerely,

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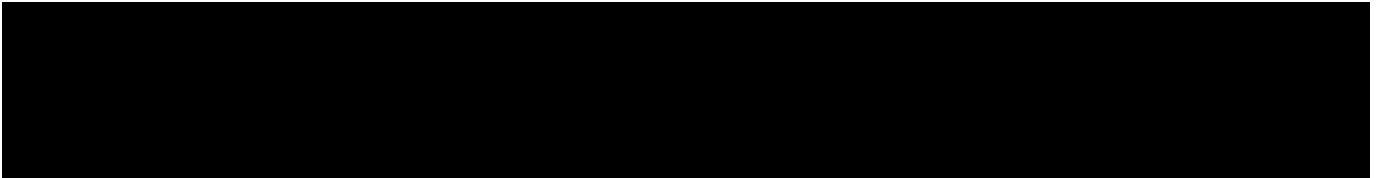
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Everthing that's going on for New Year's Eve

New Years Eve may be on a Monday night this year but that is not slowing anybody down! There will be events throughout the city no matter what your age or interest. Take the whole day off and celebrate with each of your groups of family and friends in a different way!

https://www.anchoragepress.com/news/conversion-the-real-hell/article_c570e40a-ded5-11e8-8e9e-2b28e7b54703.html

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Conversion, The real hell.

By RJ Johnson Nov 2, 2018

In the first part of this series the discussion was around homosexuality being caused by demonic influence, and what is called “Supernatural Ministry”. Through an act called Deliverance, there are many who believe they can change someone’s behavior. This means they believe that sexual orientation and gender are also behaviors that can be modified.

In the second part, it was the story of a pair of young women who, themselves, believed for a while that prayer and faithful living could change the truth that they knew in their hearts. It is something that I also believed. When I realized that I was not straight, I tried to pray and change it. I knew that the risk of being honest was that I would lose my family.

For this, the final part of the series, we have the stories of two people who faced conversion therapy. One who knew it as an ongoing threat, and one that was forced to endure it. Nicole Mimmzy and Tommy Blada knew Hannah Joy and Hanna B. from time spent at camps and retreats. Each also knew that they had some family members who were not ready to accept their authentic selves.

Nicole has always struggled about her own sexuality. Part of the reason that she questioned Hanna B. at camp that summer was because ever since she was 7 years old she had doubted that the Bible was correct. At that age she had questioned her mother about why people didn’t like it if a boy was with a boy, or a girl was with a girl. Her mother told her that some people

believed that it made their marriage less special. Nicole's reply was "Well that's stupid." She tried her hardest to follow the rules of her Christian family, but in seventh grade found herself hopelessly in love with her female best friend. It was the memory of these feelings that lingered with her when Hannah Joy had given her testimony. Something about the situation didn't add up.

Nicole eventually reconciled that there wasn't a way to be Christian and bisexual. After camp, when she returned to Anchorage with her family, and her sisters must have known that something in her had changed. They were all in the car together one day when she was told "In case you ever wondered, you are straight. You like men too much. If you were bi, there are camps we can send you to that would fix that."

Her sister told her that bisexual people were greedy sluts, LGBT people would go to hell, and that she supported conversion camps. Nicole knew there was no way that she could ever talk about, let alone act on, her feelings for women. She only dated boys until her senior year of high school.

Like most teens, Nicole spent all her time with her best friend. One fall day on the swing set, they kissed. They spent the rest of the night on the playground and then on top of her car watching the sunset and cuddling. Nicole knew then and there that she loved her. Hoping her family may have changed their minds, she tentatively asked her sister what she would say if she told her she liked men and women. Faced once again with the response of "I would tell you I'm sorry, but you are going to hell." Nicole didn't know what to do — face the truth about who she is and know that she will be shut out by her family, or hide her feelings and ache in love for her best friend. She soon



found out she didn't have to make a choice. Her best friend moved out of state and Nicole moved on dating a boy, still knowing she could not be honest or live her truth.

Tommy Blada would sit at the retreats with Hannah Joy. Like the rest of us, he struggled with his own feelings regarding his sexuality. He would confide in the group leaders. They would pray over him, read the scriptures that condemned his feelings, this sin of homosexuality. He also found himself in therapy, but his therapist instead decided to try and help him come out to his family. He agreed that it was best to approach the situation honestly. His parents took it surprisingly well, at first asking if he was sure, but ultimately seeming to accept their son, even deciding that it may be time for the family to take a vacation.



Tommy Blada realized quickly while traveling that his parents had lied — there was no vacation. He arrived at Agape Boarding School, in Cedar County, Missouri. He was stripped of his clothes, placed in an orange uniform, and locked into a facility. They roughly shaved his head, and during that incident his ear was left with a permanent scar from where the clippers hit him. He was forced to do manual labor to teach him how to be more masculine. He was told that his voice was wrong, it wasn't masculine enough, and he needed to work on changing it. He was forced to attend church for an hour each day, twice on Sundays and Wednesdays. The consequence for trying to get up and leave during a sermon was to be chained to the floor. Church was not just the common lectures and threats of hellfire and brimstone; it was meant to be torture. It was purposeful, psychological, manipulation as an attempt to break him. Tommy quickly learned that he would need to play by the rules if he wanted to survive. In the 16 months he was forced to be at this school, he saw his parents three times. Each time he would tell them of the physical and mental torture that he was enduring. Each time, they left him there.

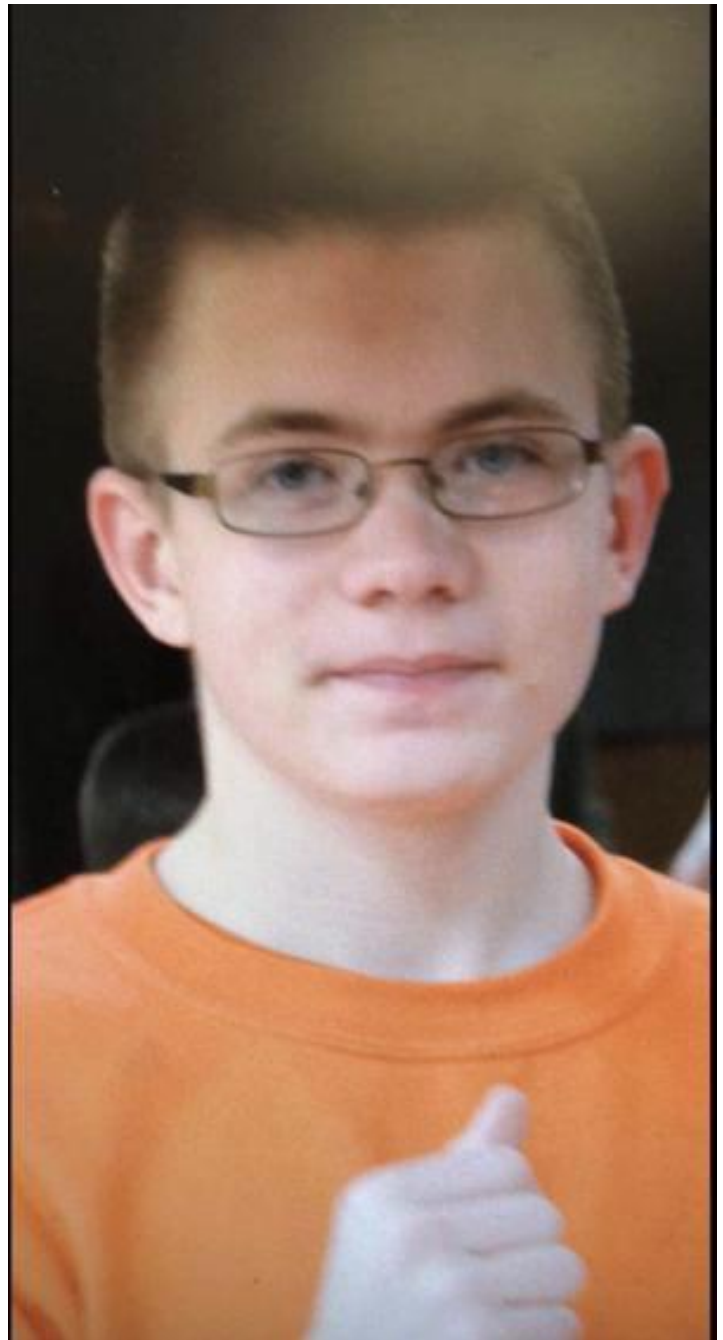


After almost 2 years, Tommy was released to go home. He was almost 18 at this point and knew he would do anything he could to keep from ever going back to Agape. His parents asked him when he returned if it had worked, and he avoided the conversation. Tommy set up a safety net for himself in case his parents ever tried to do that again. He started to make a plan of where he could stay, and who could rescue him if he ever needed to leave his family in haste.

When Tommy turned 18 he told his parents he was gay and that he would like to keep living at home and going to college but that he had a place to go if they wouldn't let him. His parents agreed that if he kept his job and kept going to college he could live at home. It wasn't long after that Tommy met his partner, they fell in love and moved to Anchorage to live.

It wasn't until just recently that Nicole finally started dating women. She is now 21 and has been out of high school and her parents' homes for a long time. There was a time after her 18th birthday when she was still worried her family might take her to a camp against her will. Those scars never truly left her, and she still feels a wall between her and her family knowing that they will never truly love her for who she is. Nicole has found peace in her life with polyamory and confident bisexuality. She has a wonderful girlfriend and a boyfriend who is supporting and loving, unsure of where exactly her love life will take her, but knowing she can weather any storm as long as she is honest with herself about who she truly is.

Initially, Tommy's relationship was rejected by his family, but a visiting aunt helped start a conversation that seems to be leading to reconciliation. Tommy got a call from his mother saying that she thinks it is time she meets the man who will be marrying her son. They were able to start a new relationship with each other, and though Tommy still has some issues with trust after the trauma of conversion therapy, he is happily engaged, has a good job, and a life he loves. Now tensions with his family are easing, and he is hopeful for the future.



In 1998, part of my family thought they could cure me of the sin of homosexuality with an exorcism. In September of 2018, Ken Williams from the Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry was in Alaska for a "Moral Revolution" weekend at Church on the Rock in Wasilla. This series is stories from 20 years, demonstrating that there are those with the idea that someone's sexual orientation or gender is caused by demonic possession, or that it can be changed through prayer are teaching this in Alaska. Too many children who grow up in religious households learn from an early age to fear the consequences of being gay. There are 36 states, including Alaska, that have no legislation regarding conversion therapy for minors, and there are only 47 counties and municipalities around the country that have enacted laws in that regard. Laws against religious conversion will probably be impossible to pass.

Even for those who are not sent to a camp, therapist, or exorcist, feeling unwelcomed and unloved by your family because of something you did not choose is a form of emotional abuse. Psychology tells us that conversion therapy is dangerous. The condemnation and abandonment from family is hateful. The process of "Deliverance" or exorcisms is traumatic. At what point will we be able to recognize these dangerous practices as criminal?

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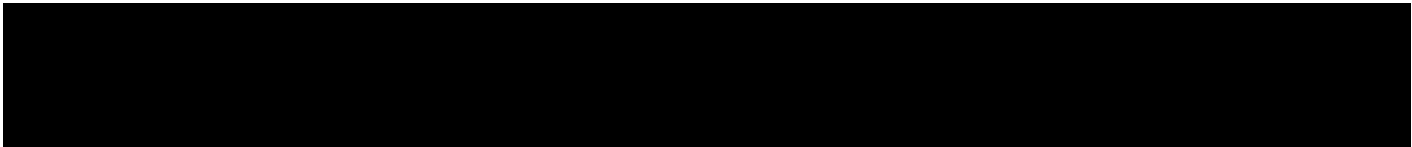
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Cc: Virgin, Kathey L. <kathey.virgin@anchorageak.gov>; Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy AO

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Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
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From: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 2:53 PM
To: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Virgin, Kathey L. <kathey.virgin@anchorageak.gov>; Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy AO

Hi Felix and Chris,

Best regards,

Dean

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From: Gates, Dean T.
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 9:03 AM
To: 'Constant, Christopher' <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Virgin, Kathey L. <kathey.virgin@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy AO

Hi Felix and Chris,

Let's get a meeting set up on our calendars and I'll arrange an interpreter. On 1/15 at 1230 right after the homelessness committee meeting would work, otherwise a time the week of 1/20 which is fairly open for me right now.
Kathy, can you get this set up please, thanks!

Best regards,

Dean

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From: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 4:35 PM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy AO

Christopher Constant
Anchorage Municipal Assembly, District 1
(907)947-9438

From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 4:25 PM

To: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>; Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy AO

All,

I am relatively free in the afternoon on 1/15 and 1/16. Otherwise, let's look at dates for the week of 1/20.

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:48 PM

To: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>; Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy AO

Ok. We'll be in touch on the 30th, when you return.

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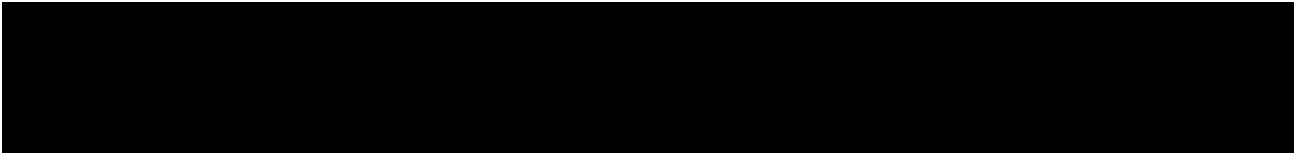
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Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:19 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy AO

Hi Felix,
I return to the office Monday Sept 30.
I'm likely out again Oct 9 (Wed) and return Oct 11 (Fri) or 14 (Mon) depending on travel.

Dean

From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:10 PM
To: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Conversion Therapy AO

Chris and Dean,



Dean -- You are going on vacation and not back until when? Let's coordinate on a meeting date when you get back.

Thanks.
Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
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764-0841

From: [Gates, Dean T.](#)
To: [Constant, Christopher](#); [Rivera, Felix](#)
Cc: [Muth, Abby](#)
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban
Date: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:32:22 AM

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Best regards,

Dean

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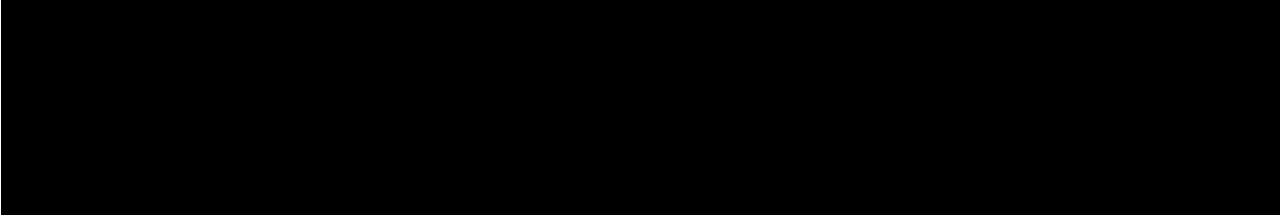
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Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 8:53 PM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T.

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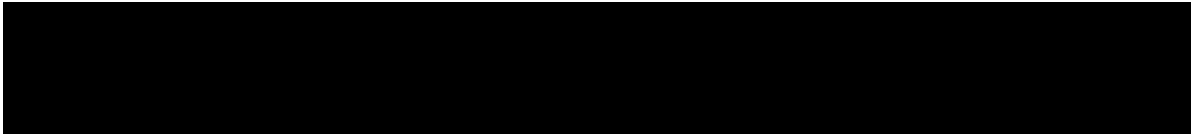
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Subject: Fwd: Conversion Therapy Ban

What do ya'll think?



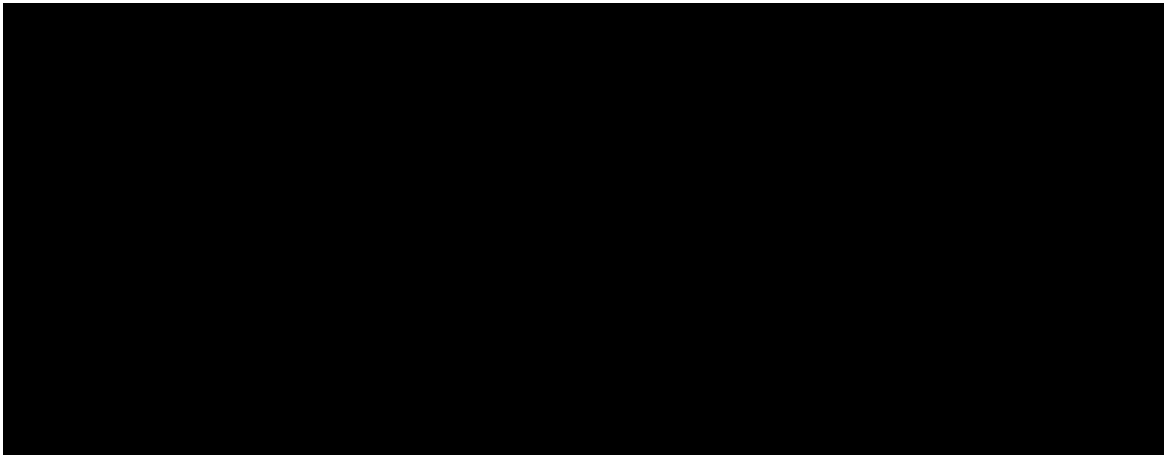
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From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Date: March 4, 2020 at 2:03:10 PM AKST
To: "Rivera, Felix" <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban



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Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 9:04 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

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Thanks.

Felix Rivera
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764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 6:28 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

Thanks!

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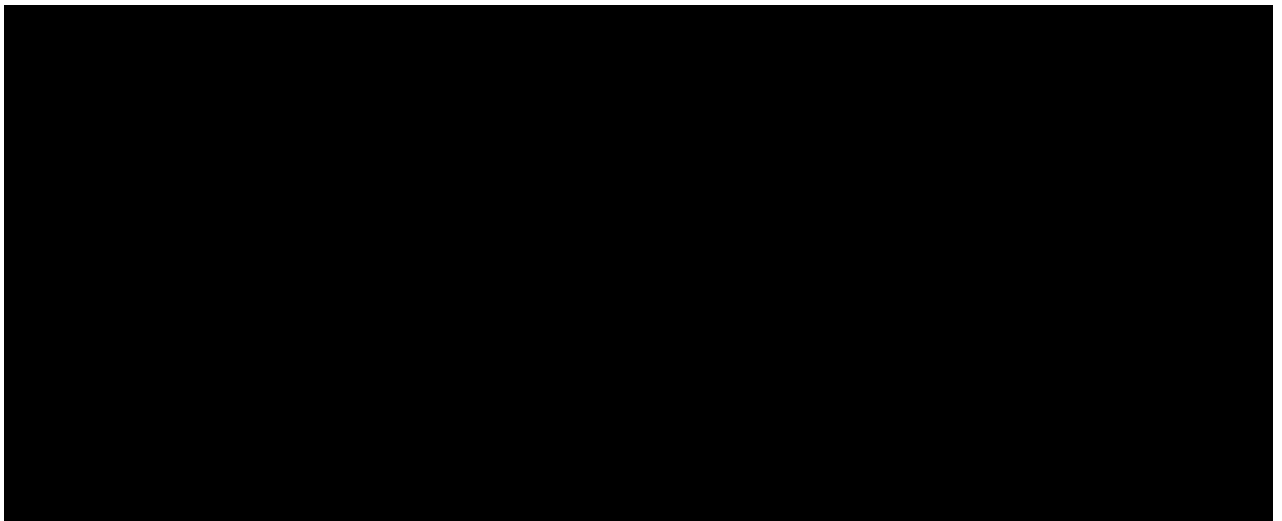
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Thanks.

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From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 5:24 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban



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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 8:43 AM

To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera

Midtown Assembly Member

riveraf@muni.org

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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 3:07 PM

To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]

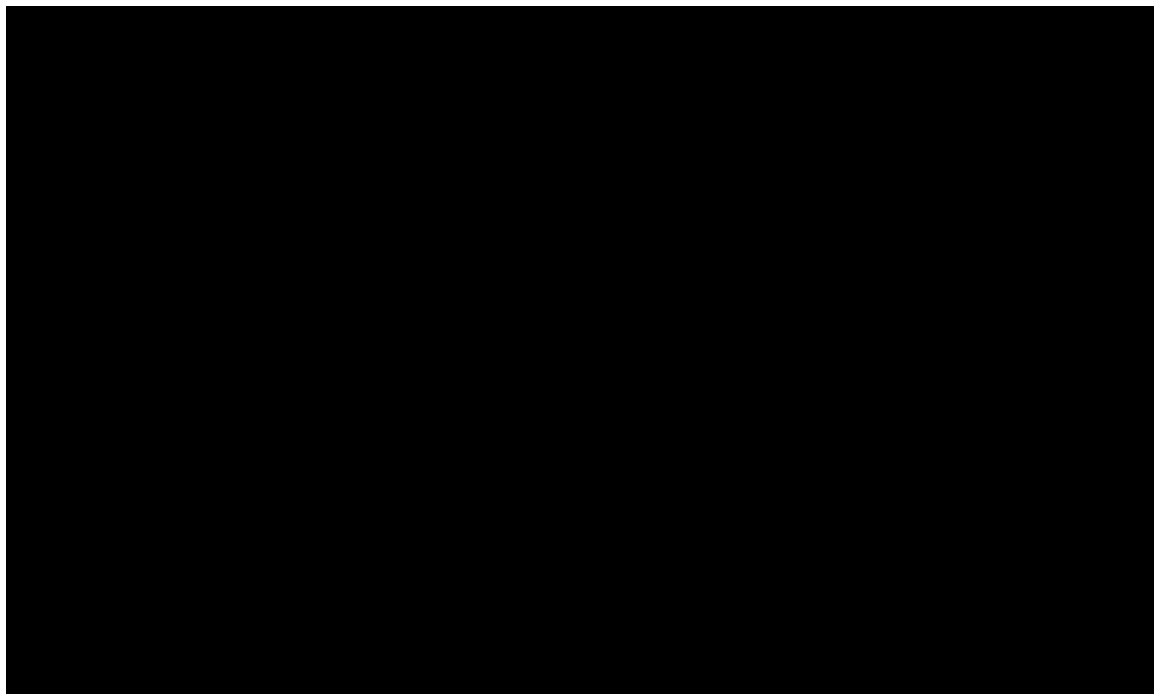
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Triada,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



Thanks.

Felix Rivera
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764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 5:33 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thanks so much for the update – I look forward to working with you on this!

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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 10:35 AM

To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Traida,

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera

Midtown Assembly Member

riveraf@muni.org

764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >

Sent: Friday, October 11, 2019 7:46 AM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Great - thank you! I'll be in and out of meetings, so cell is best: [REDACTED]

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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 11:24:09 PM

To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

I'm happy to give you a call with an update. I should have time tomorrow afternoon.

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 10:40 AM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix –

I'm back from a brief vacation and wanted to check in on this. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Just want to make sure I haven't missed anything – thanks!!!

-Triada

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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 3:00 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

I did see that! Very timely.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 2:51:39 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thanks for the update!

By the way, ICYMI this was just in the Washington Post the other day – this is a timely topic!

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/religion/2019/09/03/conversion-therapy-center-founder-who-sought-turn-lgbtq-christians-straight-now-says-hes-gay-rejects-cycle-shame/>

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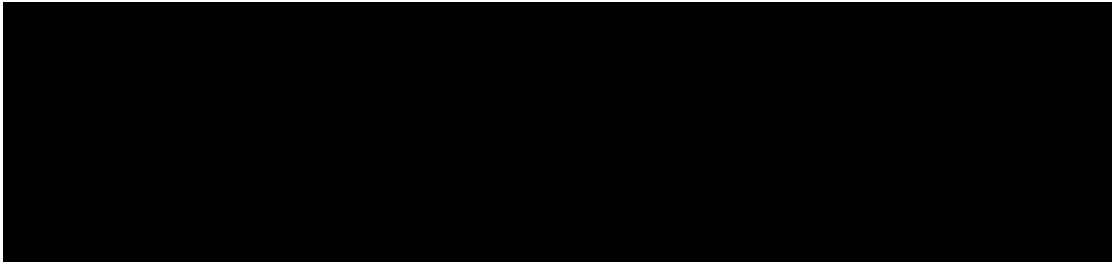
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Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 2:43 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

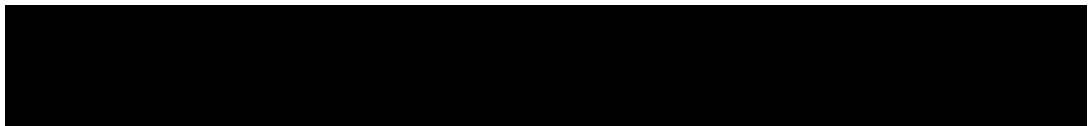
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Felix Rivera
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764-0841

From: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 2:44:43 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix –



Let me know – and thanks again for reaching out!

-Triada

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From: Triada Stampas

Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 11:03 AM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

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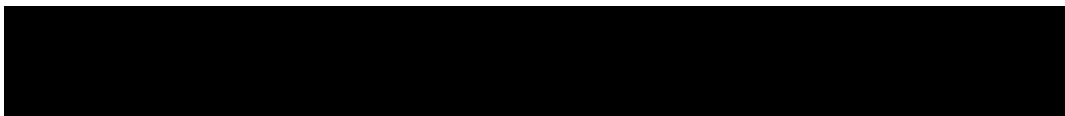
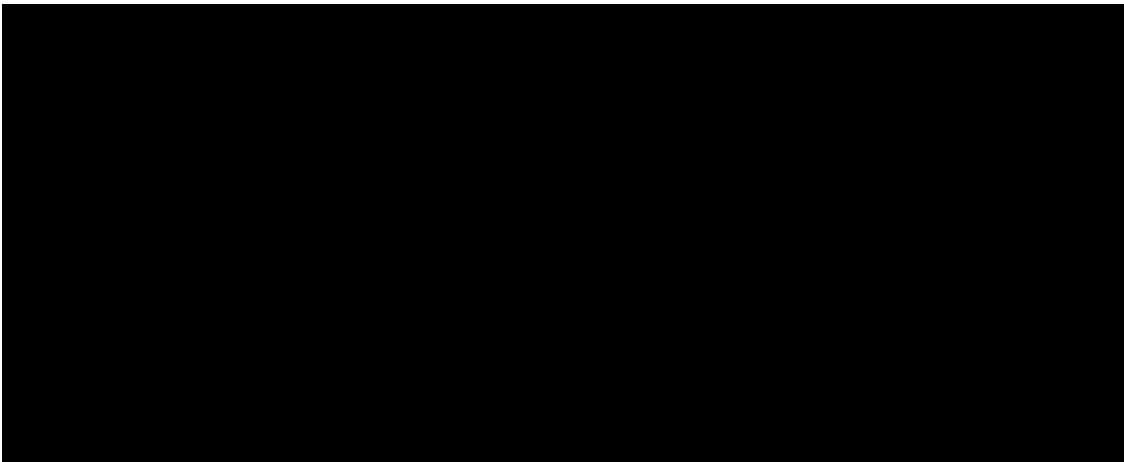
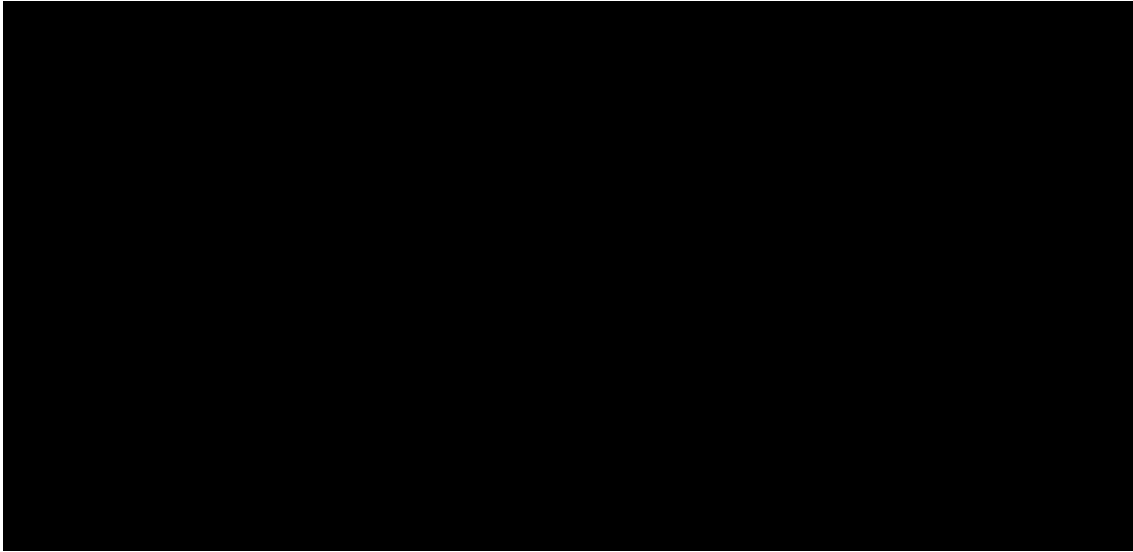
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From: Triada Stampas
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:43 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

DO you have a few minutes to talk about this? [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Let me know a good number and time to reach you.

Thanks!!!

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Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 6:42 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Cc: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

Great. Thank you!

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 2:59:34 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thank you so much for reaching out on this! We'll take a look and get back to you as quickly as possible.

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Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 8:35 PM
To: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]
Cc: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

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[REDACTED]

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
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764-0841

From: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 7:45:37 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix,

Triada and I are both out of the office until next week: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Josh

From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 6:41 PM
To: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]; Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Subject: Conversion Therapy Ban

Josh and Triada,

Please see attached a draft of a conversion therapy ban Chris and I have been working on in the last few months.

We are now ready to shop this ordinance around and are asking for legal review.

Can you assist in this review?

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
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764-0841

From: [Gates, Dean T.](#)
To: [Constant, Christopher](#); [Rivera, Felix](#)
Cc: [Muth, Abby](#)
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban
Date: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:32:22 AM

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Dean

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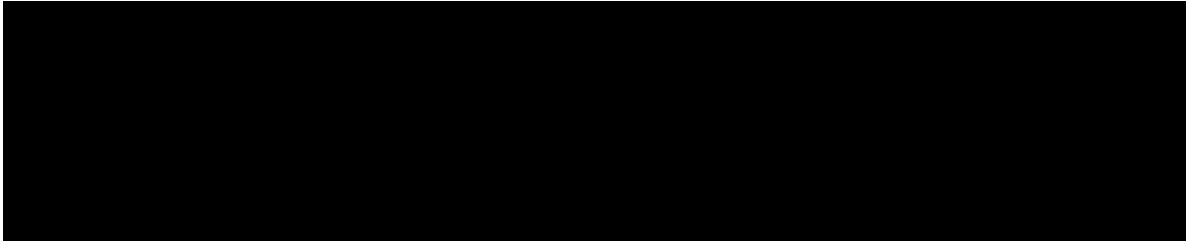
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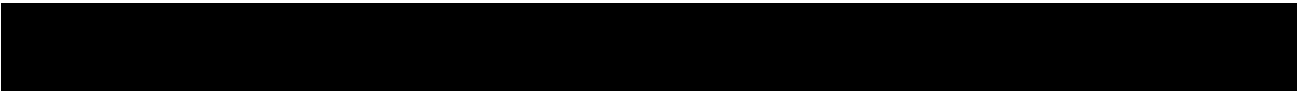
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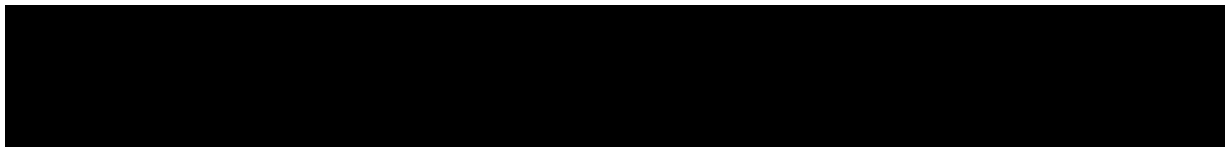
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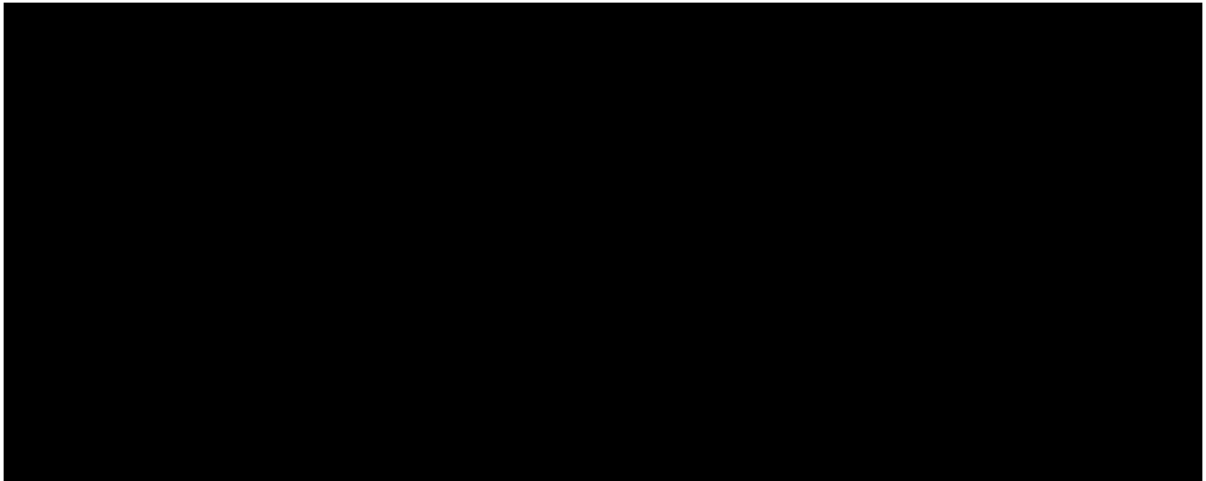
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Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
764-0841

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Date: March 4, 2020 at 2:03:10 PM AKST
To: "Rivera, Felix" <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban



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Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 9:04 PM
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Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

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riveraf@muni.org
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Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 6:28 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

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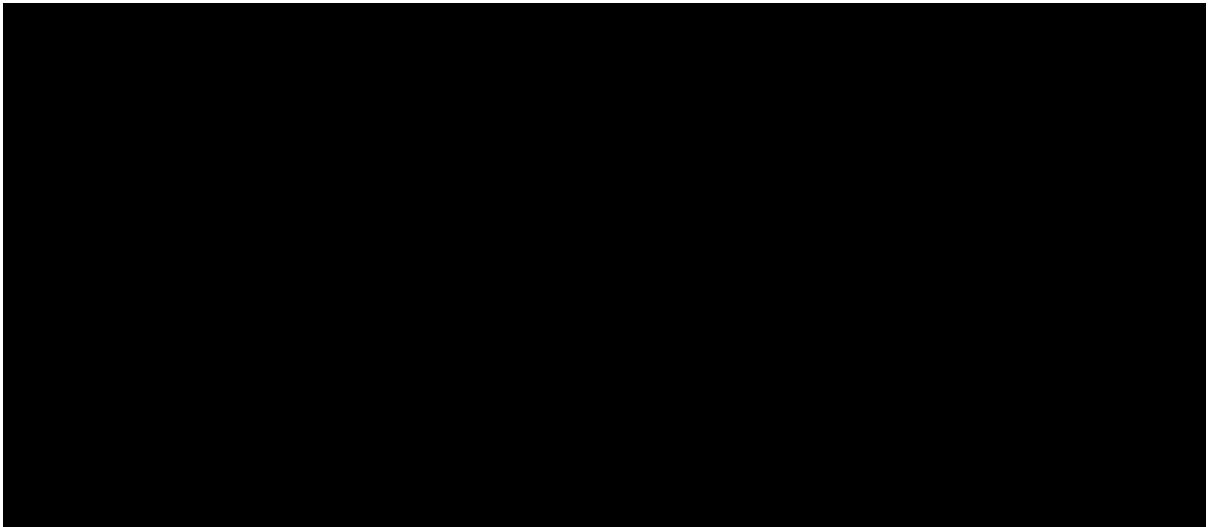
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Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban



Thanks.

Felix Rivera
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riveraf@muni.org
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From: Triada Stampas <TStampas@acluak.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 5:24 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban



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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 8:43 AM

To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera

Midtown Assembly Member

riveraf@muni.org

764-0841

From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 3:07 PM

To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 5:33 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thanks so much for the update – I look forward to working with you on this!

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Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 10:35 AM

To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Traida,

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >

Sent: Friday, October 11, 2019 7:46 AM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Great - thank you! I'll be in and out of meetings, so cell is best: [REDACTED]

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Sent from my mobile device - please excuse typos and unintelligible autocorrects!

From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 11:24:09 PM

To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

I'm happy to give you a call with an update. I should have time tomorrow afternoon.

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 10:40 AM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix –

I'm back from a brief vacation and wanted to check in on this. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Just want to make sure I haven't missed anything – thanks!!!

-Triada

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Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 3:00 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

I did see that! Very timely.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 2:51:39 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thanks for the update!

By the way, ICYMI this was just in the Washington Post the other day – this is a timely topic!

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/religion/2019/09/03/conversion-therapy-center-founder-who-sought-turn-lgbtq-christians-straight-now-says-hes-gay-rejects-cycle-shame/>

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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 2:43 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

Thank you for your email.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 2:44:43 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix –

[REDACTED]

Let me know – and thanks again for reaching out!

-Triada

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From: Triada Stampas

Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 11:03 AM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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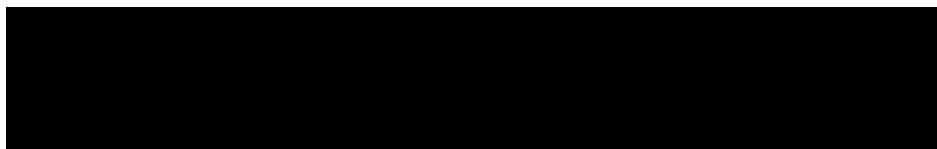
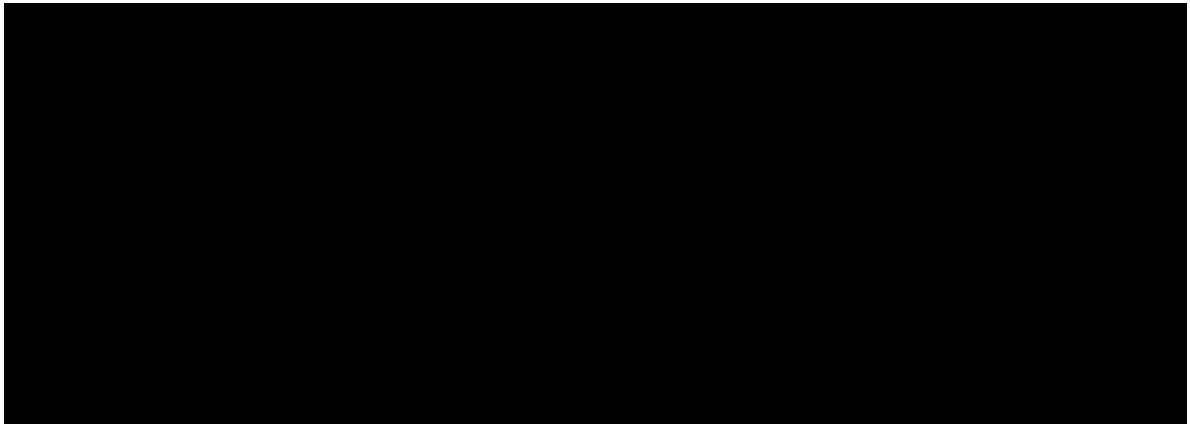
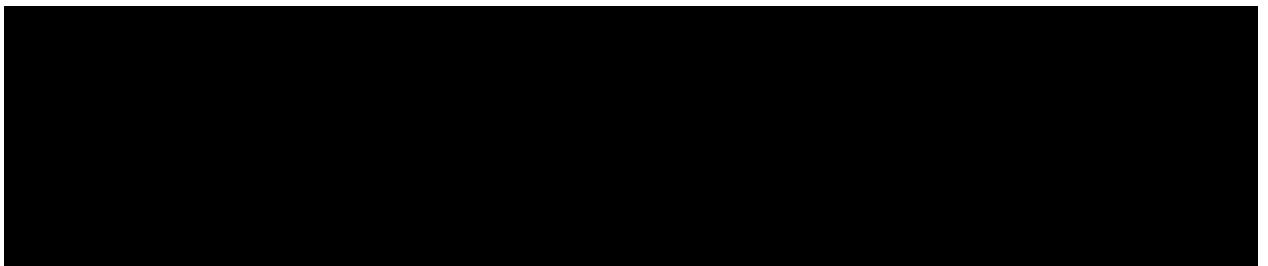
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From: Triada Stampas
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:43 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

DO you have a few minutes to talk about this? [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. Let me know a good number and time to reach you.

Thanks!!!

Triada Stampas
Pronouns: she, her, hers

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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 6:42 PM
To: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Joshua Decker <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

Great. Thank you!

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 2:59:34 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thank you so much for reaching out on this! We'll take a look and get back to you as quickly as possible.

Triada Stampas
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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 8:35 PM
To: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]
Cc: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 7:45:37 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix,

Triada and I are both out of the office until next week [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Josh

From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 6:41 PM
To: Joshua Decker <[REDACTED]>; Triada Stampas
[REDACTED]>
Subject: Conversion Therapy Ban

Josh and Triada,

Please see attached a draft of a conversion therapy ban Chris and I have been working on in the last few months.

We are now ready to shop this ordinance around and are asking for legal review.

Can you assist in this review?

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: [Veneklasen, Jennifer O.](#)
To: [Constant, Christopher](#)
Cc: [Metcalf, Rebecca R.](#)
Subject: FW: Email Review - Public Records Request No. 2021-04_Constant
Date: Monday, April 5, 2021 4:17:48 PM
Attachments: [C.Constant Responsive Email Records.zip](#)

Member Constant –

Attached is a zip file of email records we believe to be responsive to this request. Please let us know by Friday if you feel any should be withheld due to privilege or exemptions for particular records under [AMC 3.90.040](#). If we do not hear back from you by **Friday, April 9**, then we will assume the emails are ready to be released in their entirety.

Please note that some responsive records sent to the “iMas_Assembly Members” are not included in your individual files. The emails you already flagged regarding a threat to you and your residence are being reviewed by Muni Legal. Rebecca or I will follow up with you on those before release.

Best,
Jennifer

From: Veneklasen, Jennifer O.
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 12:38 PM
To: AssemblyMembers <MASAssemblyMembers@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>; Jones, Barbara A. <barbara.jones@anchorageak.gov>; Metcalf, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Metcalf@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Email Review - Public Records Request No. 2021-04

Assembly Members,

Assembly Counsel staff and Clerk’s Office staff have been working diligently to go through several hundred emails potentially responsive to Public Records Request No. 2021-04. As a reminder, the request is for:

Emails to/from the accounts of: All current Assembly Members
Search terms: "Russell Biggs" OR "Save Anchorage" OR "Reclaim Midtown"
Date Range: April 1, 2020 through February 15, 2021

We are flagging any records we believe could be privileged or partially exempt from disclosure. This smaller batch of flagged emails will be reviewed by the Legal Department before release. Legal may advise us to release the records we flag, to withhold them in their entirety, or to redact portions of records.

However, because we do not know all the attorneys in the Legal Department whom you may have communicated with on various public matters, nor do we know the details of your communications or other privileges that may exist, we want to give you the opportunity to review the responsive

emails from your account prior to release. By Monday we'll send you a zip file of the records from your account (size permitting) and you will have five days for review. I apologize for the quick turnaround, but we have an obligation to the requestor to move as quickly as possible in producing records.

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Veneklasen | Deputy Municipal Clerk
Municipality of Anchorage | www.muni.org | 907-343-4688

From: [Veneklasen, Jennifer O.](#)
To: [Rivera, Felix](#)
Cc: [Metcalf, Rebecca R.](#)
Subject: FW: Email Review - Public Records Request No. 2021-04 - Rivera
Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 10:45:00 AM
Attachments: [F.Rivera Inbox.zip](#)

Chair Rivera,

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Best,
Jennifer

From: Veneklasen, Jennifer O.
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 12:38 PM
To: AssemblyMembers <MASAssemblyMembers@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>; Jones, Barbara A. <barbara.jones@anchorageak.gov>; Metcalf, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Metcalf@anchorageak.gov>
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From: [Rivera, Felix](#)
To: [Gates, Dean T.](#); [Constant, Christopher](#)
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:59:45 PM

Hey all,

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov
(907)-764-0841
He/Him/His

Dena'inaq elnen'aq' gheshtnu ch'q'u yeshdu. (Dena'ina)

I live and work on Dena'ina land. (English)

From: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

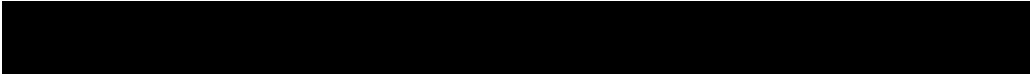
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Best regards,

Dean



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From: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 9:25 AM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban



Christopher Constant
Anchorage Municipal Assembly, District 1
(907)947-9438

From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 8:58 AM
To: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thanks, Dean. 


Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
764-0841

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2020, at 12:30 AM, Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov> wrote:

Sorry for the delay guys, public health emergencies can be a little distracting!



Best regards,

Dean

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From: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 8:53 PM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T.

<dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>; Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Christopher Constant
Anchorage Municipal Assembly, District 1
(907)947-9438

From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 7:15 PM

To: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T.

<dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>; Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>

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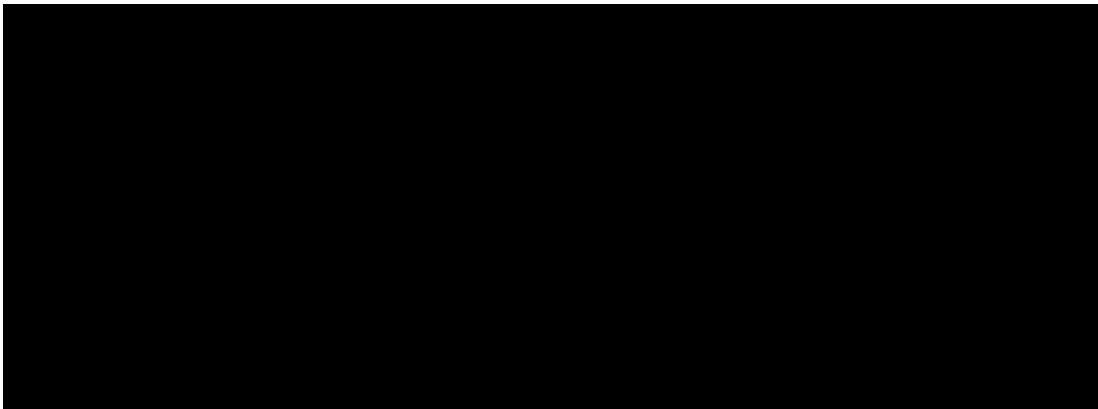
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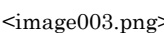
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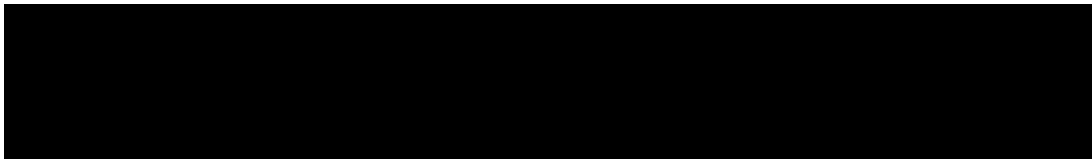
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Midtown Assembly Member

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Thanks!


Triada Stampas

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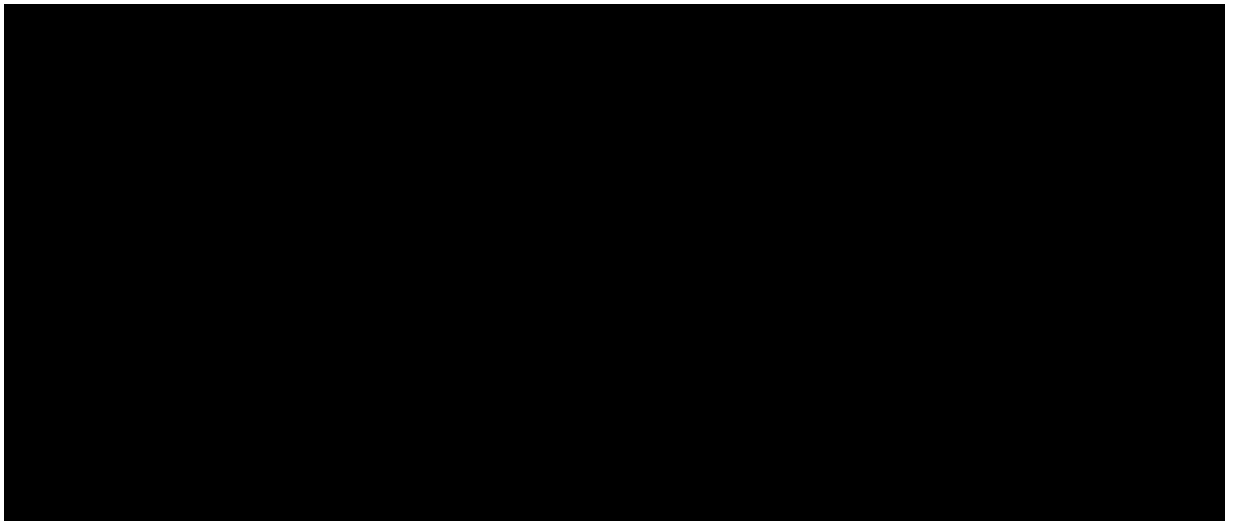
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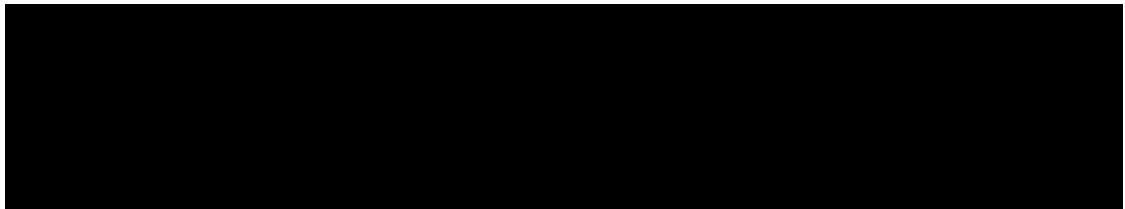
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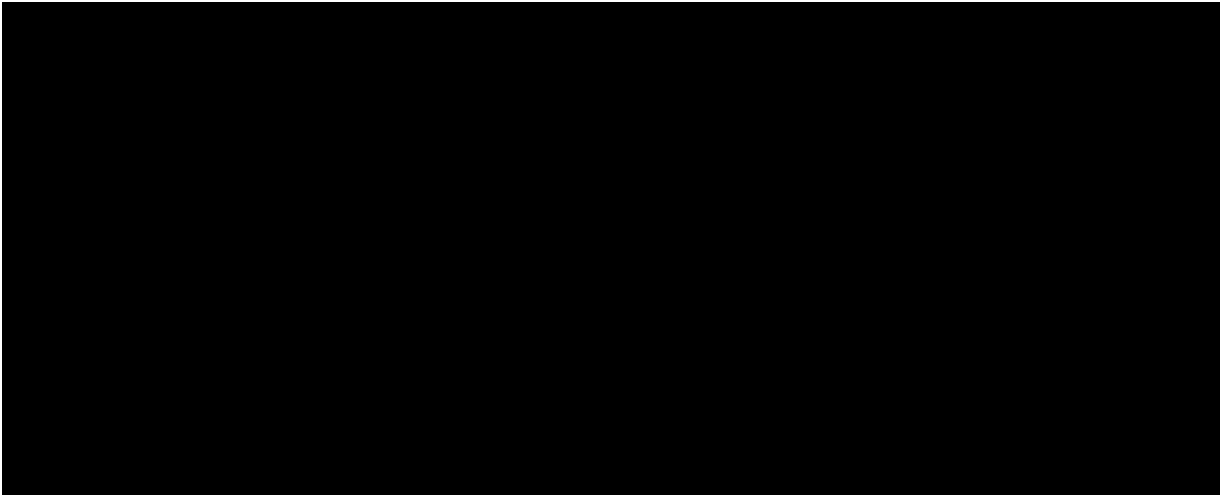
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Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 6:42 PM

To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]

Cc: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

Great. Thank you!

Felix Rivera

Midtown Assembly Member

riveraf@muni.org

764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >

Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 2:59:34 PM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Cc: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thank you so much for reaching out on this! We'll take a look and get back to you as quickly as possible.

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To: Joshua Decker [REDACTED] >

Cc: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] <[g](#)>

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

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764-0841

From: Joshua Decker <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 7:45:37 PM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Cc: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >

Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix,

Triada and I are both out of the office until next week: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Josh

From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 6:41 PM

To: Joshua Decker [REDACTED] >; Triada Stampas
[REDACTED]

Subject: Conversion Therapy Ban

Josh and Triada,

Please see attached a draft of a conversion therapy ban Chris and I have been working on in the last few months.

We are now ready to shop this ordinance around and are asking for legal review.

Can you assist in this review?

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
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From: [Rivera, Felix](#)
To: [Gates, Dean T.](#); [Constant, Christopher](#)
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:59:44 PM

Hey all,

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
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(907)-764-0841
He/Him/His

Dena'inaq elnen'aq' gheshtnu ch'q'u yeshdu. (Dena'ina)

I live and work on Dena'ina land. (English)

From: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

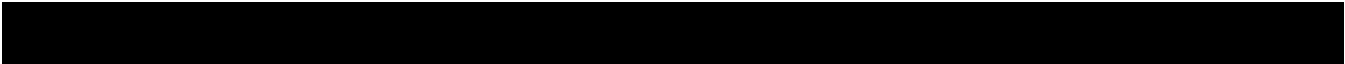
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Best regards,

Dean

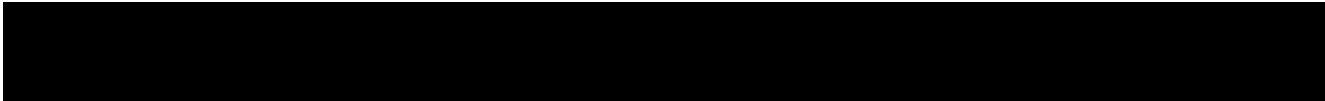
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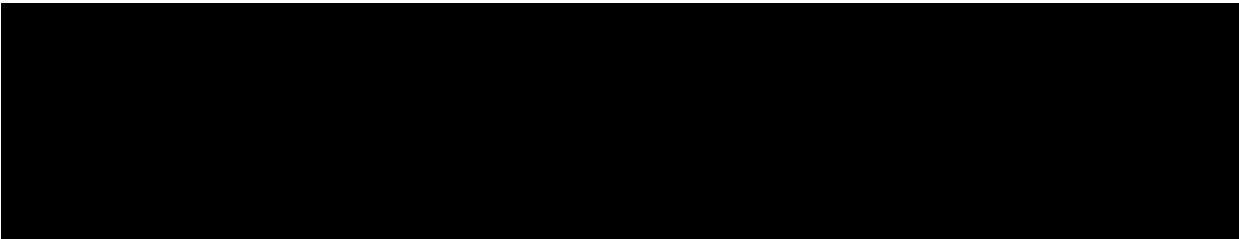


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On Apr 3, 2020, at 12:30 AM, Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov> wrote:

Sorry for the delay guys, public health emergencies can be a little distracting!



Best regards,

Dean

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Subject: Fwd: Conversion Therapy Ban

What do ya'll think?

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Date: March 4, 2020 at 2:03:10 PM AKST
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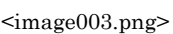
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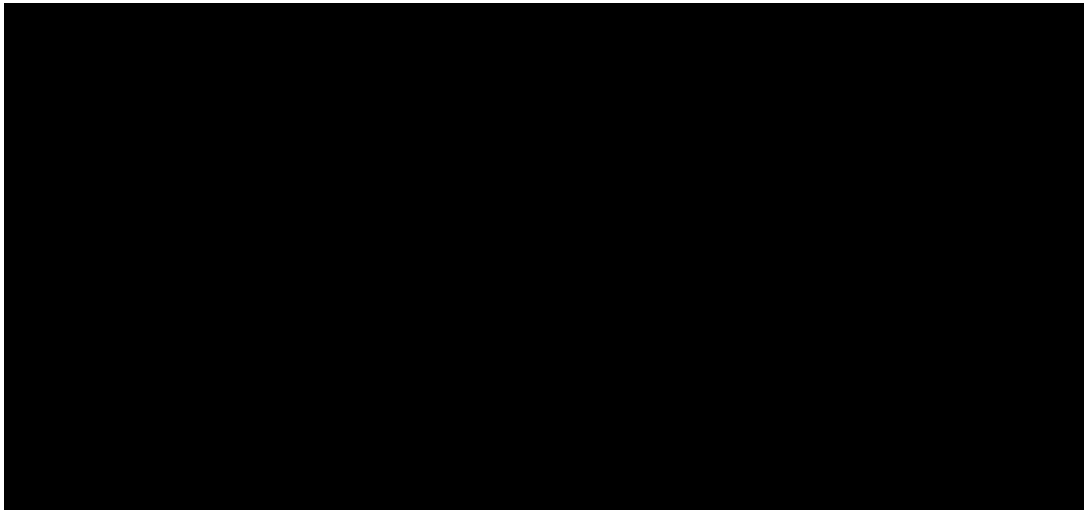
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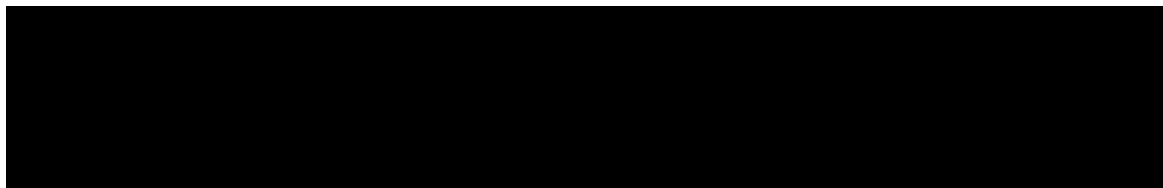
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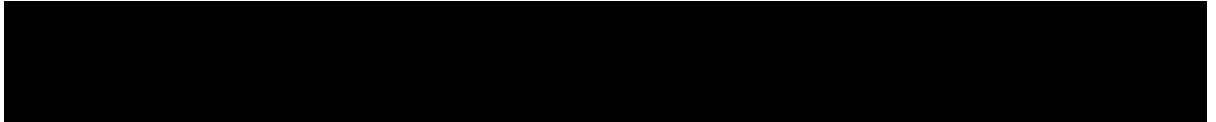
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Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 6:42 PM
To: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

Great. Thank you!

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 2:59:34 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Joshua Decker [REDACTED] >
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thank you so much for reaching out on this! We'll take a look and get back to you as quickly as possible.

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[REDACTED]

Subject: Conversion Therapy Ban

Josh and Triada,

Please see attached a draft of a conversion therapy ban Chris and I have been working on in the last few months.

We are now ready to shop this ordinance around and are asking for legal review.

Can you assist in this review?

Thanks.

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From: [Rivera, Felix](#)
To: [Jones, Barbara A.](#); [Veneklasen, Jennifer O.](#)
Cc: [Quinn-Davidson, Austin](#)
Subject: Re: Press list
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 9:25:25 PM

Barbara and Jennifer,

A few additions to the press list:

- Alaska Journal of Commerce -- Not sure on contact
- New Assembly reporter at APRN since Zachariah left -- I'm not sure who this would be, could someone call and ask?
- KTUU reporter: mleseman@ktuu.com
- Mountain View Post -- Not sure on contact
- Matt Hickman at the Anchorage Press: matt.hickman@anchoragepress.com
- KOAN -- Not sure on contact
- Sol De Medianoche: info@soldemedianochenews.org
- Telemundo Alaska -- Not sure on contact

Thanks much!

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(907)-764-0841

He/Him/His

Dena'inaq elnen'aq' gheshtnu ch'q'u yeshdu. (Dena'ina)

I live and work on Dena'ina land. (English)

From: Jones, Barbara A. <barbara.jones@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:22 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Veneklasen, Jennifer O. <jennifer.veneklasen@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Quinn-Davidson, Austin <austin.quinn-davidson@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Press list

Here is the most current list.

From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:06 PM
To: Veneklasen, Jennifer O. <jennifer.veneklasen@anchorageak.gov>

Cc: Jones, Barbara A. <barbara.jones@anchorageak.gov>; Quinn-Davidson, Austin <austin.quinn-davidson@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: Press list

Jennifer,

One of the leadership goals that Austin and I had was to review and make any suggested additions to the press list.

Could you send that to us so we can take a look?

Thanks.

Felix Rivera

Midtown Assembly Member

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From: [Constant, Christopher](#)
To: [Rivera, Felix](#); [Gates, Dean T.](#)
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 10:10:23 PM

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Christopher Constant
Anchorage Municipal Assembly, District 1
(907)947-9438

From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 9:50 PM
To: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>; Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Dean,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

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Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix and Chris,

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Anchorage Press [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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Best regards,

Dean

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Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hey all,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

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From: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Anchorage Press [REDACTED].

Best regards,

Dean

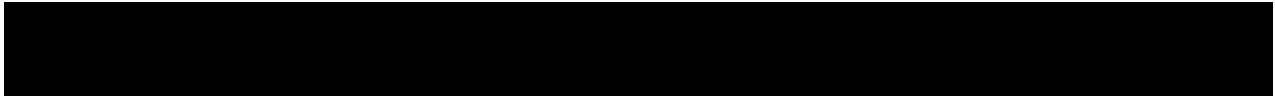
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Cc: Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 8:58 AM
To: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

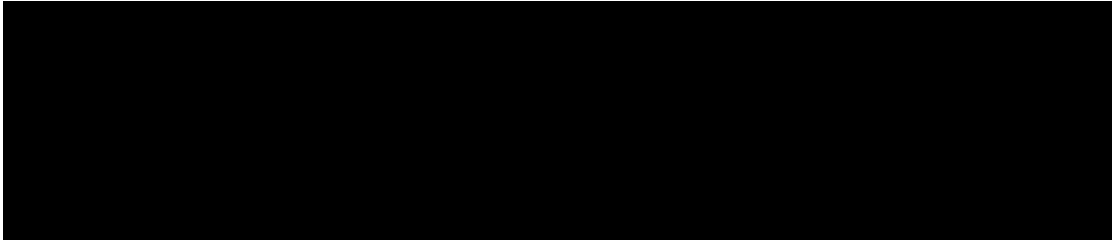


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764-0841

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On Apr 3, 2020, at 12:30 AM, Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov> wrote:

Sorry for the delay guys, public health emergencies can be a little distracting!




Best regards,

Dean

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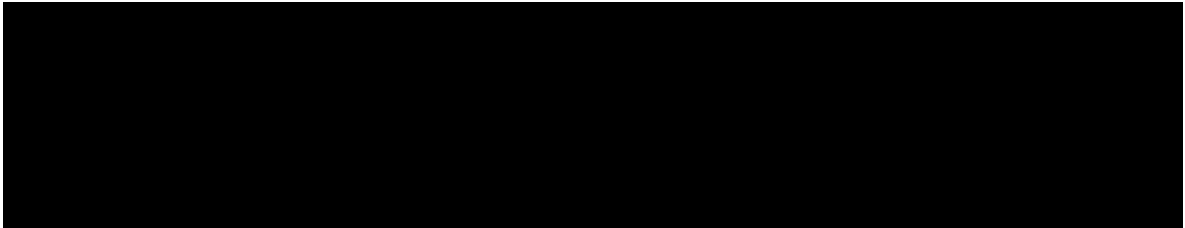
From: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 8:53 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>; Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban



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Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 7:15 PM
To: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>; Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Conversion Therapy Ban

What do ya'll think?

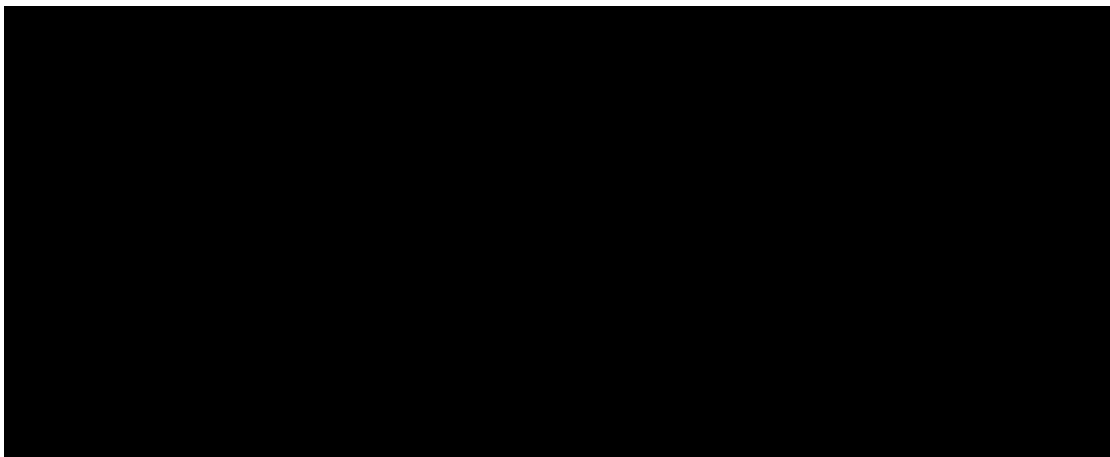


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From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >
Date: March 4, 2020 at 2:03:10 PM AKST
To: "Rivera, Felix" <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban



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Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 9:04 PM

To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera

Midtown Assembly Member

riveraf@muni.org

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From: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 6:28 PM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

Thanks!

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Sent: Sunday, March 1, 2020 7:44 PM

To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

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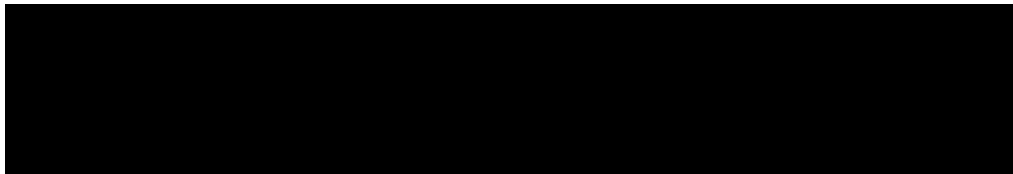
From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >

Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 5:24 PM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

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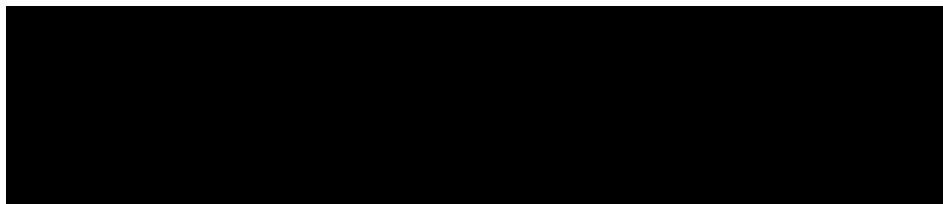
From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 8:43 AM

To: Triada Stampas 

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,



Thanks.

Felix Rivera

Midtown Assembly Member

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764-0841

From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 3:07 PM

To: Triada Stampas  >

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
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764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 5:33 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thanks so much for the update – I look forward to working with you on this!

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Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 10:35 AM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Traida,

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

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Midtown Assembly Member
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From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2019 7:46 AM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Great - thank you! I'll be in and out of meetings, so cell is best: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 11:24:09 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

I'm happy to give you a call with an update. I should have time tomorrow afternoon.

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
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764-0841

From: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 10:40 AM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix –

I'm back from a brief vacation and wanted to check in on this. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Just want to make sure I haven't missed anything – thanks!!!

-Triada

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Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 3:00 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

I did see that! Very timely.

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From: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 2:51:39 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thanks for the update!

By the way, ICYMI this was just in the Washington Post the other day – this is a timely topic!

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/religion/2019/09/03/conversion-therapy-center-founder-who-sought-turn-lgbtq-christians-straight-now-says-hes-gay-rejects-cycle-shame/>

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Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 2:43 PM

To: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

Thank you for your email.

[REDACTED]

Felix Rivera
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From: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 2:44:43 PM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix –

[REDACTED]

Let me know – and thanks again for reaching out!

-Triada

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Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 11:03 AM

To: Rivera, Felix [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

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From: Triada Stampas

Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:43 PM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

DO you have a few minutes to talk about this? [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Let me know a good number and time to reach you.

Thanks!!!

Triada Stampas

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Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

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Josh

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To: Joshua Decker <[REDACTED]>; Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Conversion Therapy Ban

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Can you assist in this review?

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To: [Rivera, Felix](#); [Gates, Dean T.](#)
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 10:10:25 PM

Christopher Constant
Anchorage Municipal Assembly, District 1
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Hi Felix and Chris,

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Best regards,

Dean

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Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hey all,

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[REDACTED]

Thanks.

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Midtown Assembly Member
felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov
(907)-764-0841
He/Him/His

Dena'inaq elnen'aq' gheshtnu ch'q'u yeshdu. (Dena'ina)
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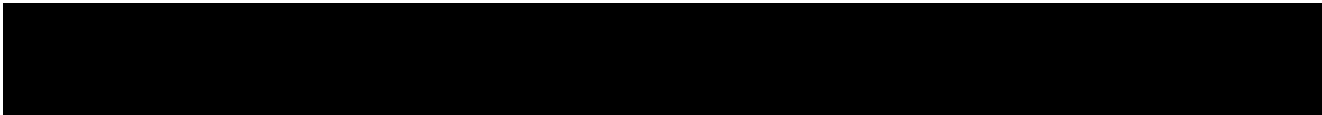
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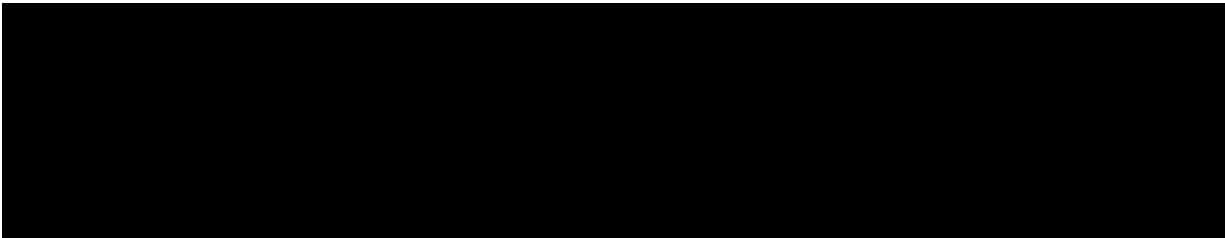


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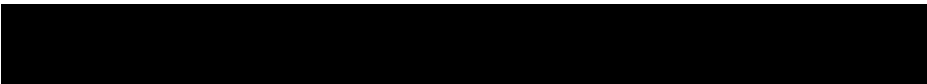


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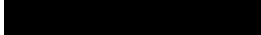
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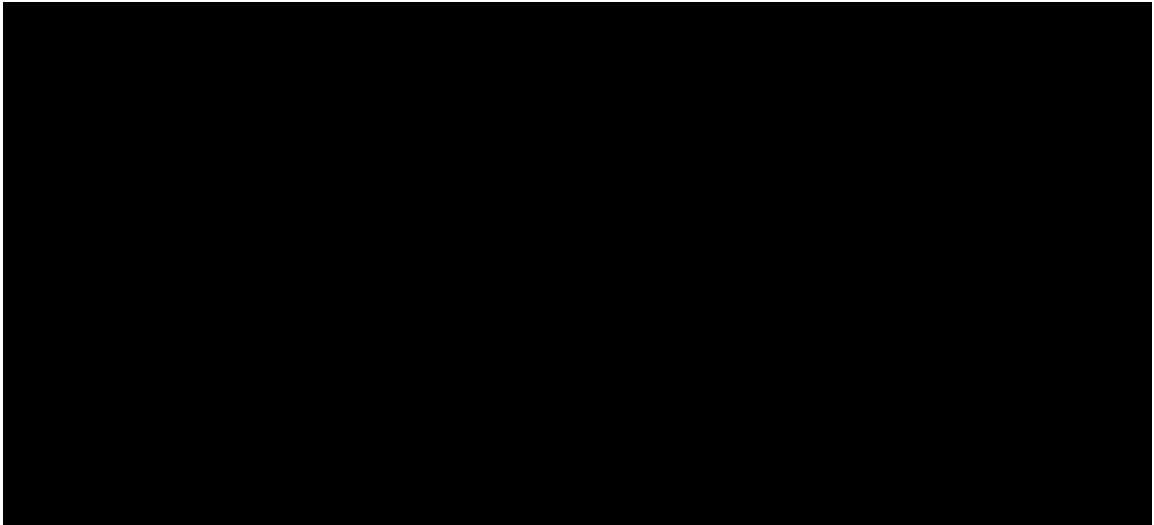
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[REDACTED]

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From: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2019 7:46 AM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Great - thank you! I'll be in and out of meetings, so cell is best: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 11:24:09 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

I'm happy to give you a call with an update. I should have time tomorrow afternoon.

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
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764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 10:40 AM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix –

I'm back from a brief vacation and wanted to check in on this. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Just want to make sure I haven't missed anything – thanks!!!

-Triada

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Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

I did see that! Very timely.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
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764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 2:51:39 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thanks for the update!

By the way, ICYMI this was just in the Washington Post the other day – this is a timely topic!

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/religion/2019/09/03/conversion-therapy-center-founder-who-sought-turn-lgbtq-christians-straight-now-says-hes-gay-rejects-cycle-shame/>

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To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

Thank you for your email.

[REDACTED]

Felix Rivera

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riveraf@muni.org

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From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 2:44:43 PM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix –

[REDACTED]

Let me know – and thanks again for reaching out!

-Triada

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To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

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Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:43 PM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

DO you have a few minutes to talk about this? [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Let me know a good number and time to reach you.

Thanks!!!

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Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 6:42 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Cc: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

Great. Thank you!

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 2:59:34 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thank you so much for reaching out on this! We'll take a look and get back to you as quickly as possible.

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Cc: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Felix Rivera
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764-0841

From: Joshua Decker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 7:45:37 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix,

Triada and I are both out of the office until next week: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Josh

From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 6:41 PM
To: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]; Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Subject: Conversion Therapy Ban

Josh and Triada,

Please see attached a draft of a conversion therapy ban Chris and I have been working on in the last few months.

We are now ready to shop this ordinance around and are asking for legal review.

Can you assist in this review?

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
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764-0841

From: [Gates, Dean T.](#)
To: [Rivera, Felix](#); [Constant, Christopher](#)
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:19:49 PM
Attachments: [AM for AO conversion therapy ban DRAFT.v1.docx](#)
[Conversion, The real hell. News anchoragepress.pdf](#)

Hi Felix and Chris,

[REDACTED]

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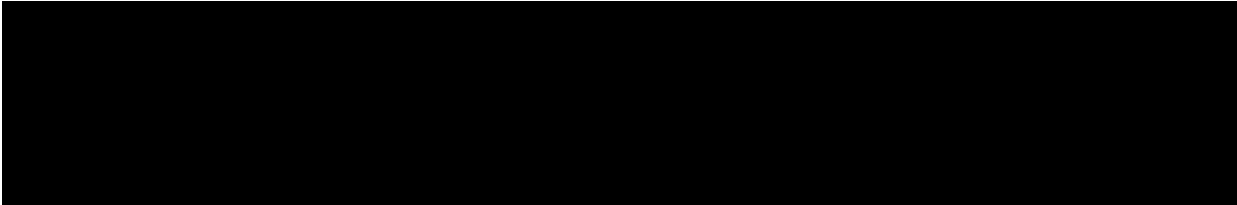


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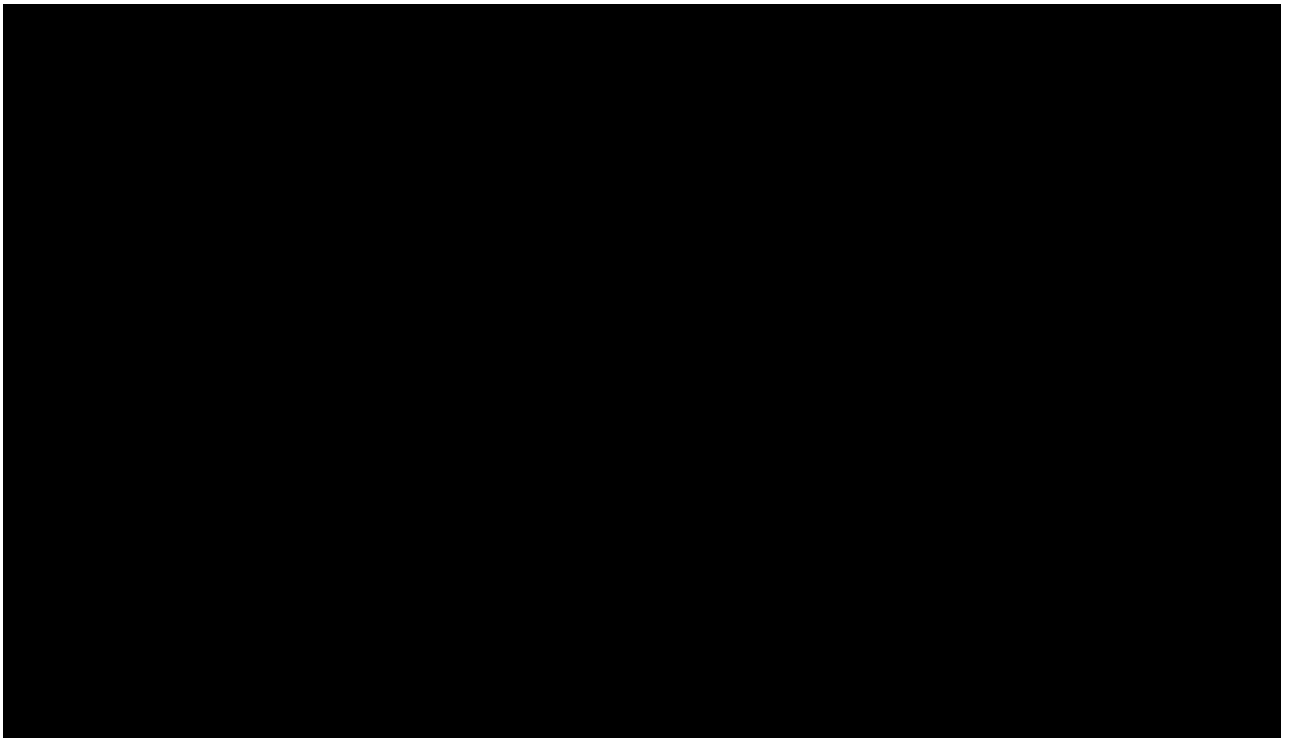
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Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thanks so much for the update – I look forward to working with you on this!

Triada Stampas

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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 10:35 AM

To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Traida,

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera

Midtown Assembly Member

riveraf@muni.org

764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, October 11, 2019 7:46 AM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Great - thank you! I'll be in and out of meetings, so cell is best: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 11:24:09 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

I'm happy to give you a call with an update. I should have time tomorrow afternoon.

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 10:40 AM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix –

I'm back from a brief vacation and wanted to check in on this. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] just want to make sure I haven't missed anything – thanks!!!

-Triada

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Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 3:00 PM

To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

I did see that! Very timely.

Felix Rivera

Midtown Assembly Member

riveraf@muni.org

764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 2:51:39 PM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thanks for the update!

By the way, ICYMI this was just in the Washington Post the other day – this is a timely topic!

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/religion/2019/09/03/conversion-therapy-center-founder-who-sought-turn-lgbtq-christians-straight-now-says-hes-gay-rejects-cycle-shame/>

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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 2:43 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

Thank you for your email.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 2:44:43 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix –

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Let me know – and thanks again for reaching out!

-Triada

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From: Triada Stampas

Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 11:03 AM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

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From: Triada Stampas

Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:43 PM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

DO you have a few minutes to talk about this? [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Let me know a good number and time to reach you.

Thanks!!!

Triada Stampas

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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 6:42 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Cc: Joshua Decker <jdecker@acluak.org>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

Great. Thank you!

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 2:59:34 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thank you so much for reaching out on this! We'll take a look and get back to you as quickly as possible.

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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 8:35 PM

To: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]

Cc: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 7:45:37 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix,

Triada and I are both out of the office until next week: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Josh

From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 6:41 PM
To: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]; Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] >

Subject: Conversion Therapy Ban

Josh and Triada,

Please see attached a draft of a conversion therapy ban Chris and I have been working on in the last few months.

We are now ready to shop this ordinance around and are asking for legal review.

Can you assist in this review?

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

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Everthing that's going on for New Year's Eve

New Years Eve may be on a Monday night this year but that is not slowing anybody down! There will be events throughout the city no matter what your age or interest. Take the whole day off and celebrate with each of your groups of family and friends in a different way!

https://www.anchoragepress.com/news/conversion-the-real-hell/article_c570e40a-ded5-11e8-8e9e-2b28e7b54703.html

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Conversion, The real hell.

By RJ Johnson Nov 2, 2018

In the first part of this series the discussion was around homosexuality being caused by demonic influence, and what is called “Supernatural Ministry”. Through an act called Deliverance, there are many who believe they can change someone’s behavior. This means they believe that sexual orientation and gender are also behaviors that can be modified.

In the second part, it was the story of a pair of young women who, themselves, believed for a while that prayer and faithful living could change the truth that they knew in their hearts. It is something that I also believed. When I realized that I was not straight, I tried to pray and change it. I knew that the risk of being honest was that I would lose my family.

For this, the final part of the series, we have the stories of two people who faced conversion therapy. One who knew it as an ongoing threat, and one that was forced to endure it. Nicole Mimmzy and Tommy Blada knew Hannah Joy and Hanna B. from time spent at camps and retreats. Each also knew that they had some family members who were not ready to accept their authentic selves.

Nicole has always struggled about her own sexuality. Part of the reason that she questioned Hanna B. at camp that summer was because ever since she was 7 years old she had doubted that the Bible was correct. At that age she had questioned her mother about why people didn’t like it if a boy was with a boy, or a girl was with a girl. Her mother told her that some people

believed that it made their marriage less special. Nicole's reply was "Well that's stupid." She tried her hardest to follow the rules of her Christian family, but in seventh grade found herself hopelessly in love with her female best friend. It was the memory of these feelings that lingered with her when Hannah Joy had given her testimony. Something about the situation didn't add up.

Nicole eventually reconciled that there wasn't a way to be Christian and bisexual. After camp, when she returned to Anchorage with her family, and her sisters must have known that something in her had changed. They were all in the car together one day when she was told "In case you ever wondered, you are straight. You like men too much. If you were bi, there are camps we can send you to that would fix that."

Her sister told her that bisexual people were greedy sluts, LGBT people would go to hell, and that she supported conversion camps. Nicole knew there was no way that she could ever talk about, let alone act on, her feelings for women. She only dated boys until her senior year of high school.

Like most teens, Nicole spent all her time with her best friend. One fall day on the swing set, they kissed. They spent the rest of the night on the playground and then on top of her car watching the sunset and cuddling. Nicole knew then and there that she loved her. Hoping her family may have changed their minds, she tentatively asked her sister what she would say if she told her she liked men and women. Faced once again with the response of "I would tell you I'm sorry, but you are going to hell." Nicole didn't know what to do — face the truth about who she is and know that she will be shut out by her family, or hide her feelings and ache in love for her best friend. She soon



found out she didn't have to make a choice. Her best friend moved out of state and Nicole moved on dating a boy, still knowing she could not be honest or live her truth.

Tommy Blada would sit at the retreats with Hannah Joy. Like the rest of us, he struggled with his own feelings regarding his sexuality. He would confide in the group leaders. They would pray over him, read the scriptures that condemned his feelings, this sin of homosexuality. He also found himself in therapy, but his therapist instead decided to try and help him come out to his family. He agreed that it was best to approach the situation honestly. His parents took it surprisingly well, at first asking if he was sure, but ultimately seeming to accept their son, even deciding that it may be time for the family to take a vacation.



Tommy Blada realized quickly while traveling that his parents had lied — there was no vacation. He arrived at Agape Boarding School, in Cedar County, Missouri. He was stripped of his clothes, placed in an orange uniform, and locked into a facility. They roughly shaved his head, and during that incident his ear was left with a permanent scar from where the clippers hit him. He was forced to do manual labor to teach him how to be more masculine. He was told that his voice was wrong, it wasn't masculine enough, and he needed to work on changing it. He was forced to attend church for an hour each day, twice on Sundays and Wednesdays. The consequence for trying to get up and leave during a sermon was to be chained to the floor. Church was not just the common lectures and threats of hellfire and brimstone; it was meant to be torture. It was purposeful, psychological, manipulation as an attempt to break him. Tommy quickly learned that he would need to play by the rules if he wanted to survive. In the 16 months he was forced to be at this school, he saw his parents three times. Each time he would tell them of the physical and mental torture that he was enduring. Each time, they left him there.

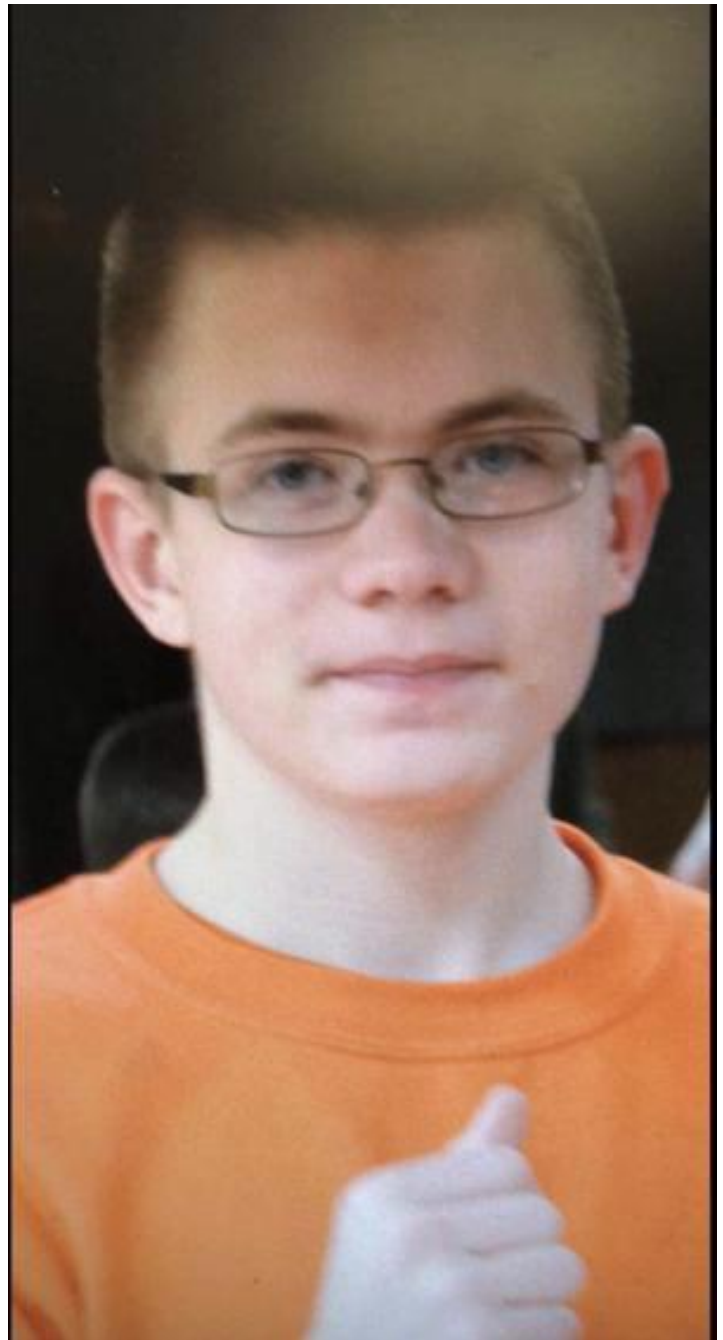


After almost 2 years, Tommy was released to go home. He was almost 18 at this point and knew he would do anything he could to keep from ever going back to Agape. His parents asked him when he returned if it had worked, and he avoided the conversation. Tommy set up a safety net for himself in case his parents ever tried to do that again. He started to make a plan of where he could stay, and who could rescue him if he ever needed to leave his family in haste.

When Tommy turned 18 he told his parents he was gay and that he would like to keep living at home and going to college but that he had a place to go if they wouldn't let him. His parents agreed that if he kept his job and kept going to college he could live at home. It wasn't long after that Tommy met his partner, they fell in love and moved to Anchorage to live.

It wasn't until just recently that Nicole finally started dating women. She is now 21 and has been out of high school and her parents' homes for a long time. There was a time after her 18th birthday when she was still worried her family might take her to a camp against her will. Those scars never truly left her, and she still feels a wall between her and her family knowing that they will never truly love her for who she is. Nicole has found peace in her life with polyamory and confident bisexuality. She has a wonderful girlfriend and a boyfriend who is supporting and loving, unsure of where exactly her love life will take her, but knowing she can weather any storm as long as she is honest with herself about who she truly is.

Initially, Tommy's relationship was rejected by his family, but a visiting aunt helped start a conversation that seems to be leading to reconciliation. Tommy got a call from his mother saying that she thinks it is time she meets the man who will be marrying her son. They were able to start a new relationship with each other, and though Tommy still has some issues with trust after the trauma of conversion therapy, he is happily engaged, has a good job, and a life he loves. Now tensions with his family are easing, and he is hopeful for the future.



In 1998, part of my family thought they could cure me of the sin of homosexuality with an exorcism. In September of 2018, Ken Williams from the Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry was in Alaska for a “Moral Revolution” weekend at Church on the Rock in Wasilla. This series is stories from 20 years, demonstrating that there are those with the idea that someone’s sexual orientation or gender is caused by demonic possession, or that it can be changed through prayer are teaching this in Alaska. Too many children who grow up in religious households learn from an early age to fear the consequences of being gay. There are 36 states, including Alaska, that have no legislation regarding conversion therapy for minors, and there are only 47 counties and municipalities around the country that have enacted laws in that regard. Laws against religious conversion will probably be impossible to pass.

Even for those who are not sent to a camp, therapist, or exorcist, feeling unwelcomed and unloved by your family because of something you did not choose is a form of emotional abuse. Psychology tells us that conversion therapy is dangerous. The condemnation and abandonment from family is hateful. The process of “Deliverance” or exorcisms is traumatic. At what point will we be able to recognize these dangerous practices as criminal?

From: [Gates, Dean T.](#)
To: [Rivera, Felix](#); [Constant, Christopher](#)
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:19:50 PM
Attachments: [AM for AO conversion therapy ban DRAFT.v1.docx](#)
[Conversion, The real hell. News anchoragepress.pdf](#)

Hi Felix and Chris,

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Best regards,

Dean

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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:00 PM
To: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>; Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hey all,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov
(907)-764-0841
He/Him/His

Dena'inaq elnen'aq' gheshtnu ch'q'u yeshdu. (Dena'ina)
I live and work on Dena'ina land. (English)

From: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

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Best regards,

Dean

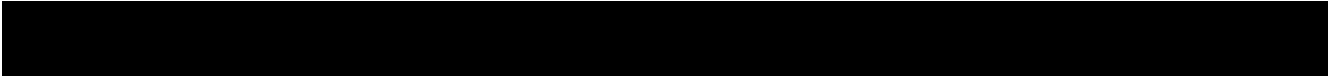
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From: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
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To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

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Christopher Constant
Anchorage Municipal Assembly, District 1
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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 8:58 AM
To: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
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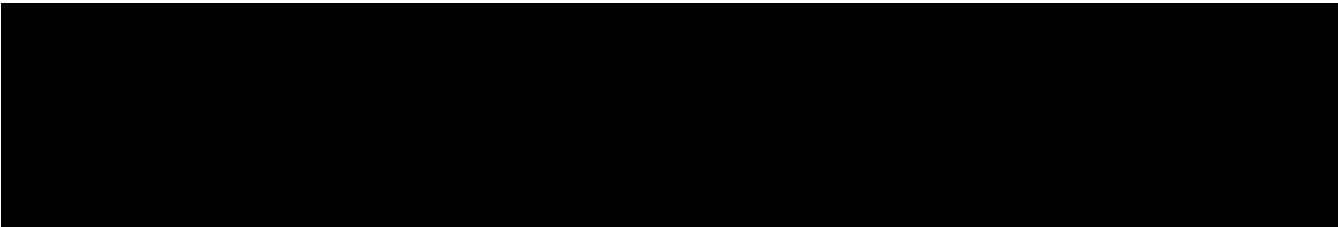


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On Apr 3, 2020, at 12:30 AM, Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov> wrote:

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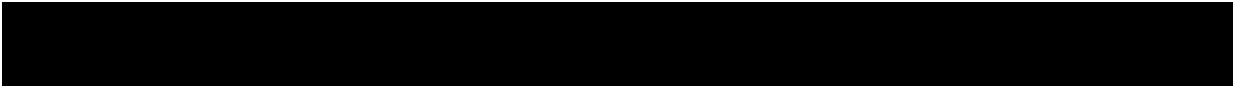


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Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 8:53 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>; Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban



Christopher Constant
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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
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Subject: Fwd: Conversion Therapy Ban

What do ya'll think?

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Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
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Date: March 4, 2020 at 2:03:10 PM AKST
To: "Rivera, Felix" <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

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To: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera

Midtown Assembly Member

riveraf@muni.org

764-0841

From: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 6:28 PM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

Thanks!

Triada Stampas

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Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 5:24 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

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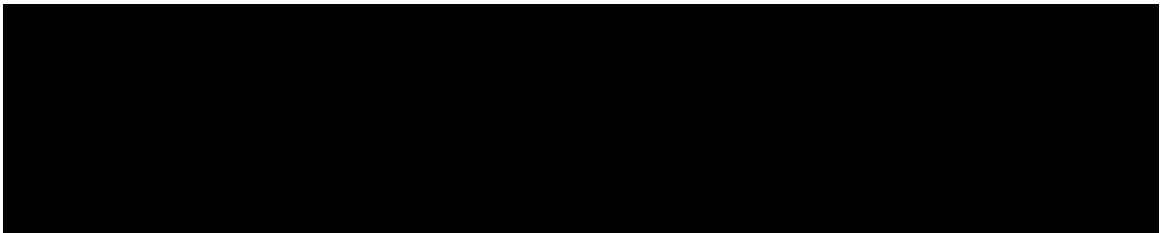
From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 8:43 AM

To: Triada Stampas 

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,



Thanks.

Felix Rivera


Midtown Assembly Member

riveraf@muni.org

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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 3:07 PM

To: Triada Stampas 

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

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Thanks.

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Sent: Friday, October 11, 2019 7:46 AM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

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-Triada

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Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 8:35 PM

To: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]

Cc: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
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764-0841

From: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 7:45:37 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix,

Triada and I are both out of the office until next week: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Josh

From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 6:41 PM
To: Joshua Decker <[REDACTED]>; Triada Stampas
[REDACTED]

Subject: Conversion Therapy Ban

Josh and Triada,

Please see attached a draft of a conversion therapy ban Chris and I have been working on in the last few months.

We are now ready to shop this ordinance around and are asking for legal review.

Can you assist in this review?

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
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764-0841

From: [Rivera, Felix](#)
To: [Gates, Dean T.](#); [Constant, Christopher](#)
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 9:50:26 PM

Dean,

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
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(907)-764-0841

He/Him/His

Dena'inaq elnen'aq' gheshtnu ch'q'u yeshdu. (Dena'ina)

I live and work on Dena'ina land. (English)

From: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:19 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix and Chris,

[REDACTED] Anchorage Press [REDACTED]
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Best regards,

Dean

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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:00 PM
To: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>; Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hey all,

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

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From: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:32 AM

To: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Cc: Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 9:25 AM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>

Cc: Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

Christopher Constant
Anchorage Municipal Assembly, District 1
(907)947-9438

From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 8:58 AM

To: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>

Cc: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
764-0841

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On Apr 3, 2020, at 12:30 AM, Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov> wrote:

Sorry for the delay guys, public health emergencies can be a little distracting!



Best regards,

Dean

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Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 8:53 PM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T.

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Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban



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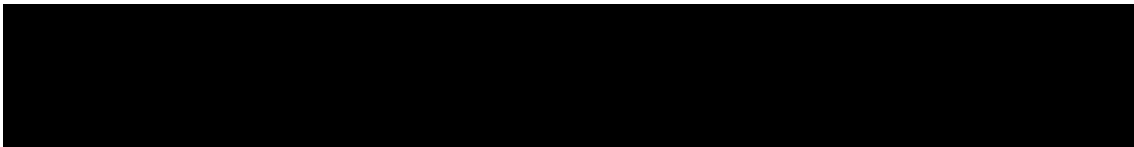
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Subject: Fwd: Conversion Therapy Ban

What do ya'll think?



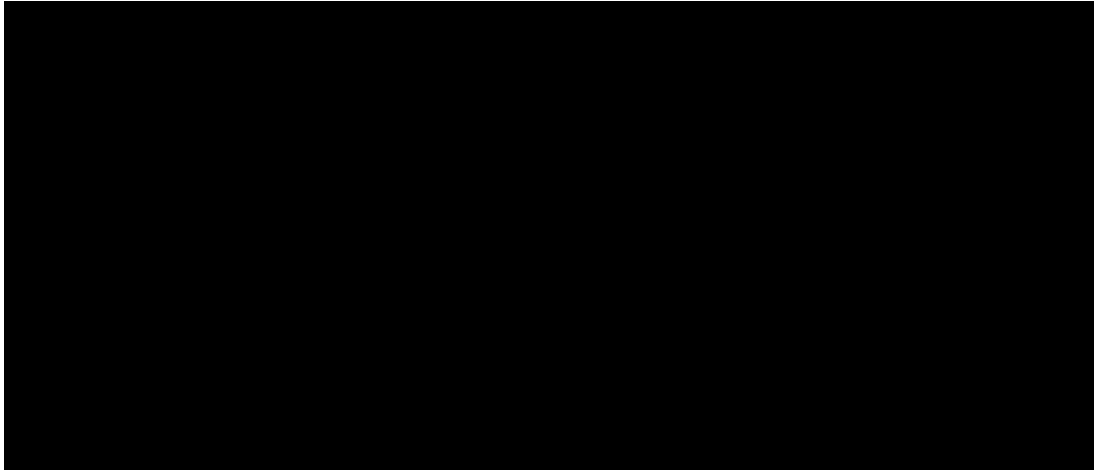
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To: "Rivera, Felix" <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban



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[REDACTED]

Thanks.

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Thanks!

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Thanks.

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From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 5:24 PM
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Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

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To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]

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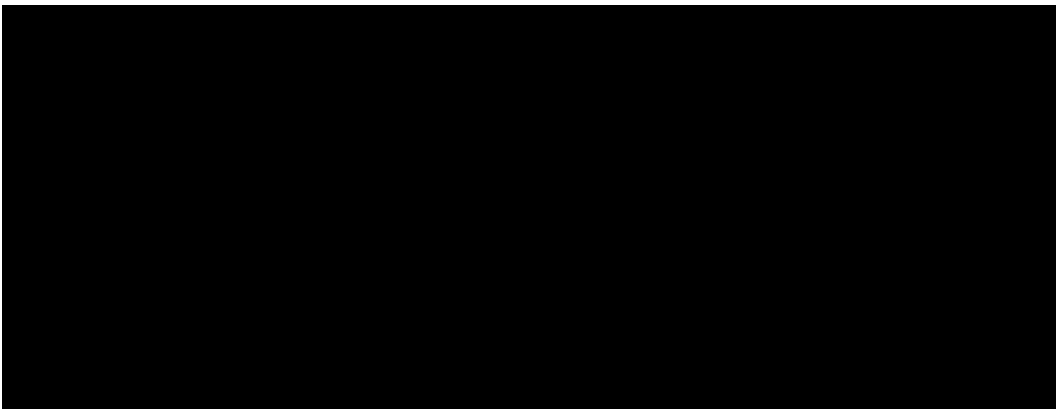
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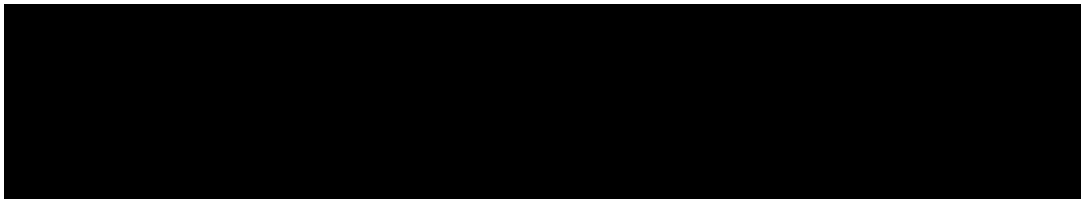
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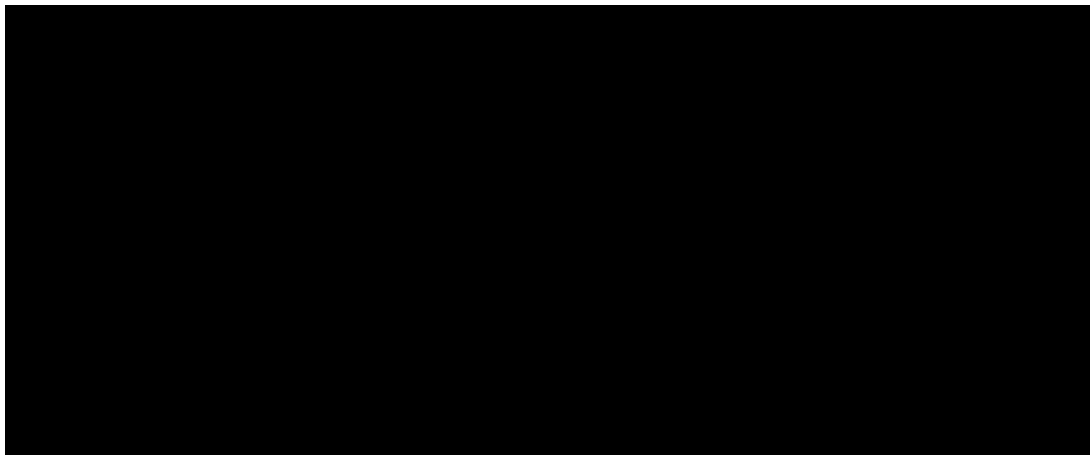
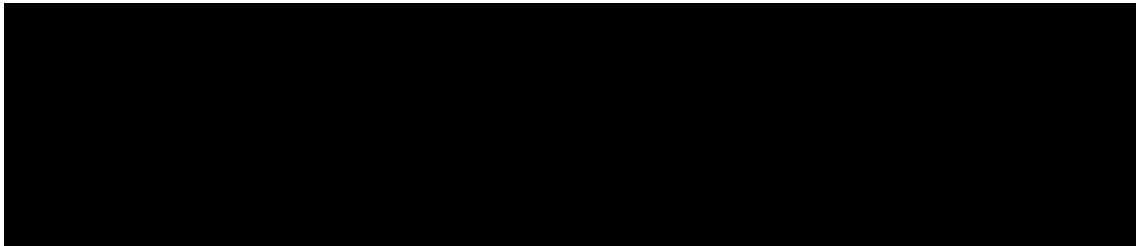
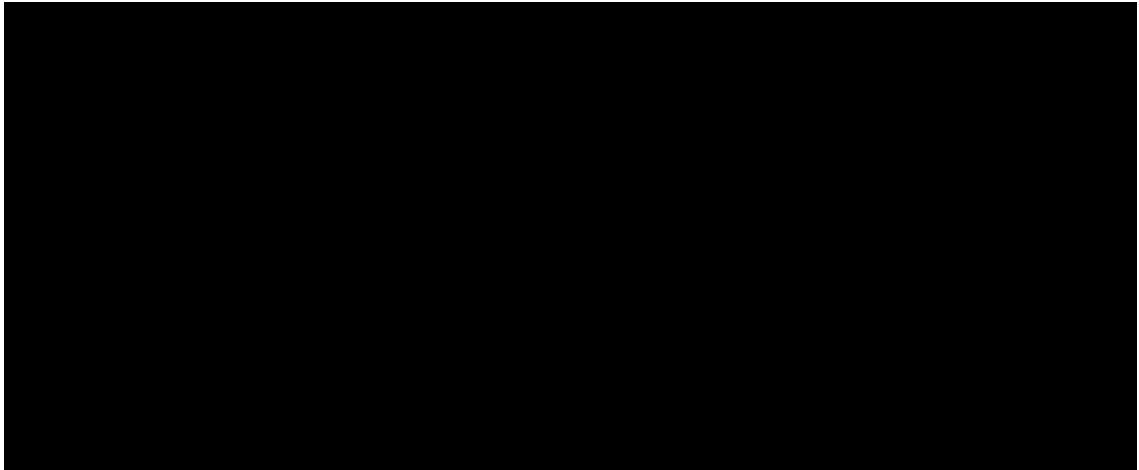
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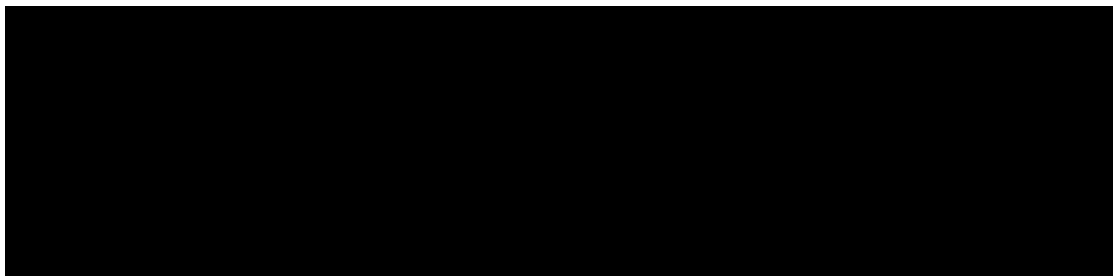
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To: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]
Cc: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban



Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org

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From: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 7:45:37 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >
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Hi Felix,

Triada and I are both out of the office until next week: [REDACTED]
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Josh

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Can you assist in this review?

Thanks.

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From: [Rivera, Felix](#)
To: [Gates, Dean T.](#); [Constant, Christopher](#)
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 9:50:27 PM

Dean,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

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(907)-764-0841

He/Him/His

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I live and work on Dena'ina land. (English)

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Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:19 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
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Hi Felix and Chris,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Anchorage Press [REDACTED]
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Best regards,

Dean

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Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hey all,

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

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From: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:32 AM

To: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Cc: Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 9:25 AM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>

Cc: Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

Christopher Constant
Anchorage Municipal Assembly, District 1
(907)947-9438

From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 8:58 AM

To: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>

Cc: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
764-0841

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2020, at 12:30 AM, Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov> wrote:

Sorry for the delay guys, public health emergencies can be a little distracting!



Best regards,

Dean

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From: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 8:53 PM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T.

<dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>; Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban



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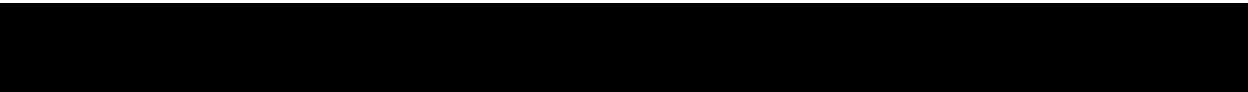
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To: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T.

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Subject: Fwd: Conversion Therapy Ban

What do ya'll think?



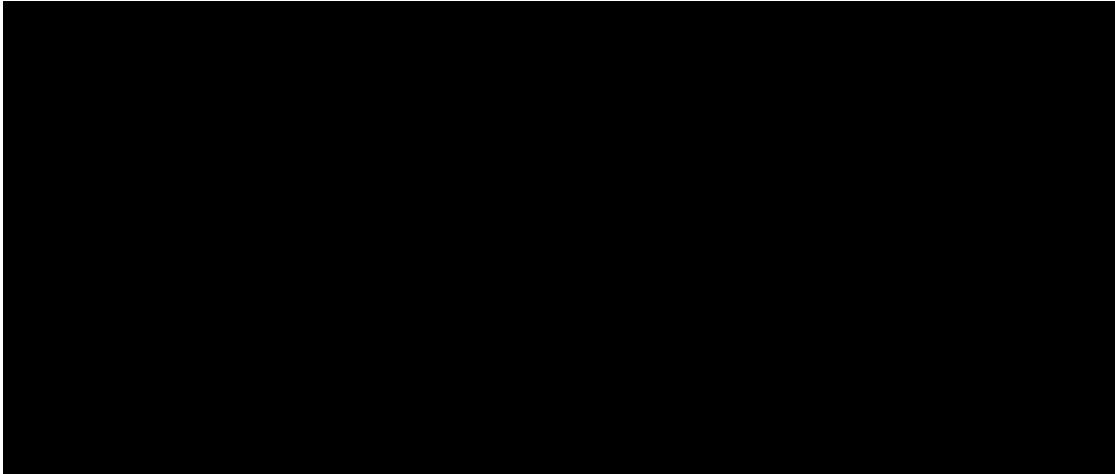
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From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Date: March 4, 2020 at 2:03:10 PM AKST
To: "Rivera, Felix" <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban



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Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 9:04 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
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764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 6:28 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

Thanks!

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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 1, 2020 7:44 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
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764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 5:24 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 8:43 AM

To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera

Midtown Assembly Member

riveraf@muni.org

764-0841

From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 3:07 PM

To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

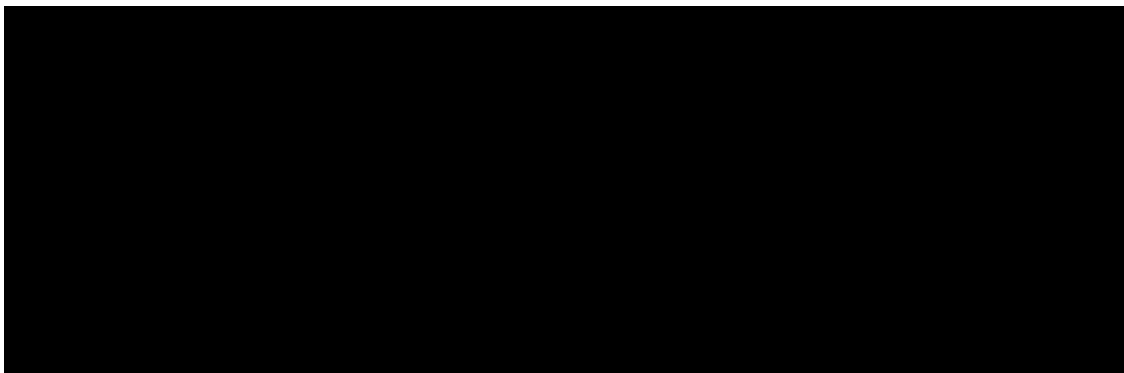
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Thanks.

Felix Rivera
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764-0841

From: Triada Stampas <TStampas@acluak.org>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 5:33 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thanks so much for the update – I look forward to working with you on this!

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Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 10:35 AM
To: Triada Stampas <TStampas@acluak.org>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Traida,



Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2019 7:46 AM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Great - thank you! I'll be in and out of meetings, so cell is best: [REDACTED]



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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 11:24:09 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Traida,

I'm happy to give you a call with an update. I should have time tomorrow afternoon.

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 10:40 AM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix –

I'm back from a brief vacation and wanted to check in on this. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Just want to make sure I haven't
missed anything – thanks!!!

-Triada

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Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 3:00 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

I did see that! Very timely.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
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764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 2:51:39 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thanks for the update!

By the way, ICYMI this was just in the Washington Post the other day – this is a timely topic!

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/religion/2019/09/03/conversion-therapy-center-founder-who-sought-turn-lgbtq-christians-straight-now-says-hes-gay-rejects-cycle-shame/>

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Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

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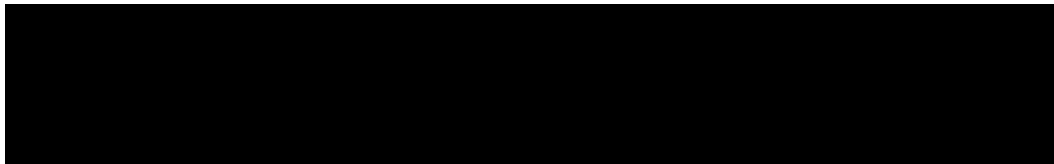
Thank you for your email.

[REDACTED]

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
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764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 2:44:43 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix –



Let me know – and thanks again for reaching out!

-Triada

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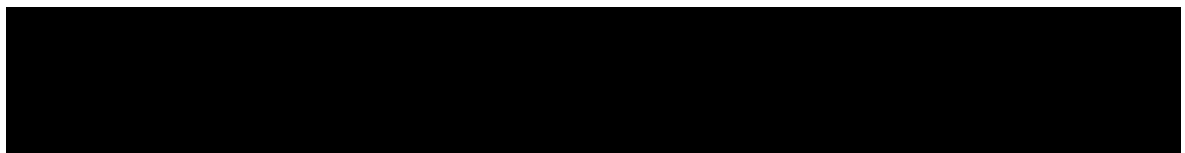
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Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 11:03 AM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban



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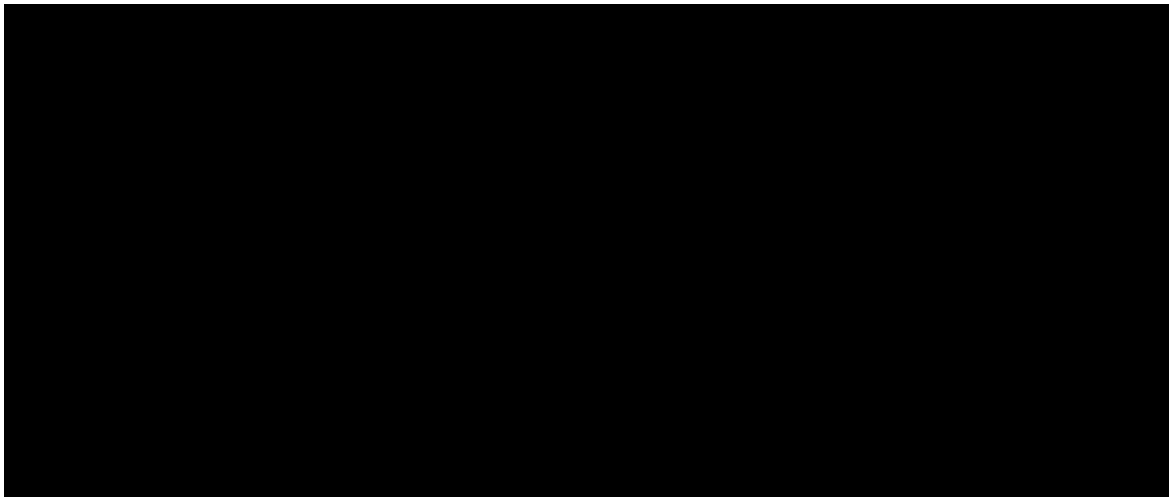
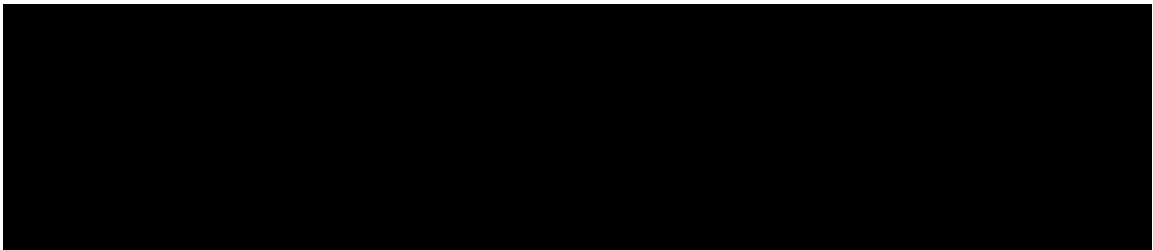
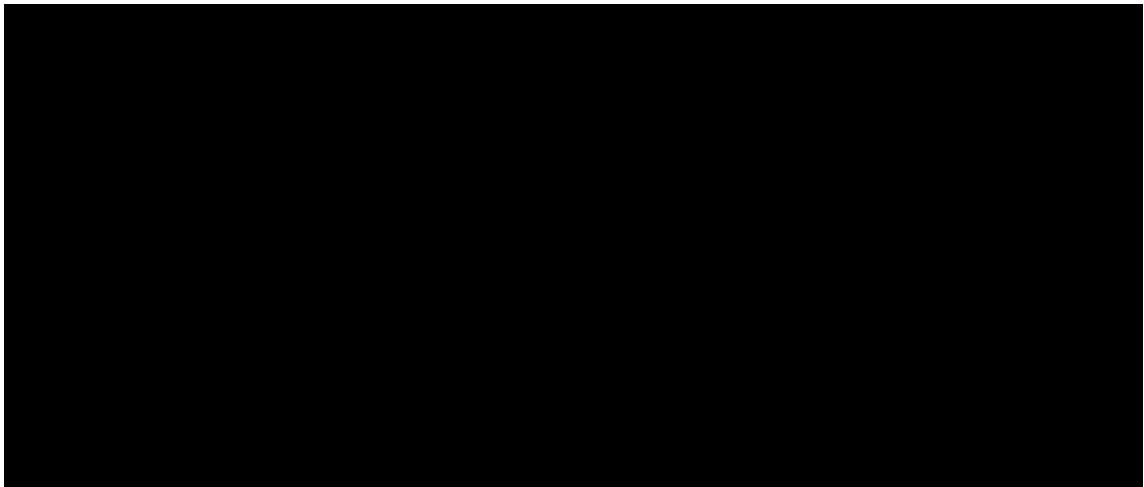
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From: Triada Stampas
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:43 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

DO you have a few minutes to talk about this? [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Let me know a good number and time to reach you.

Thanks!!!

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Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 6:42 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Cc: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

Great. Thank you!

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member

riveraf@muni.org

764-0841

From: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 2:59:34 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Joshua Decker <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thank you so much for reaching out on this! We'll take a look and get back to you as quickly as possible.

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Cc: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

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To: [Constant, Christopher](#); [Rivera, Felix](#)
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 10:43:38 AM
Attachments: [AM for AO conversion therapy ban DRAFT.v1.docx](#)
[Conversion, The real hell. News anchoragepress.pdf](#)

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To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

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Christopher Constant
Anchorage Municipal Assembly, District 1
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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 9:50 PM
To: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>; Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
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Hi Felix and Chris,

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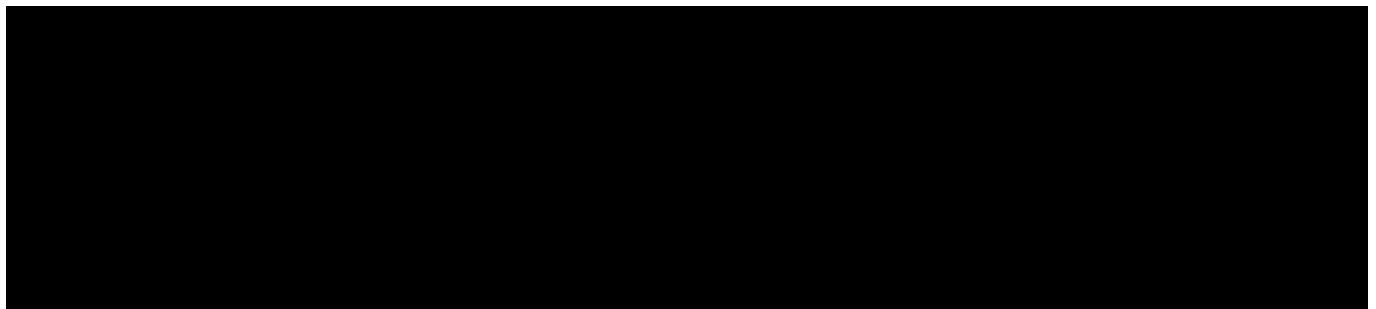
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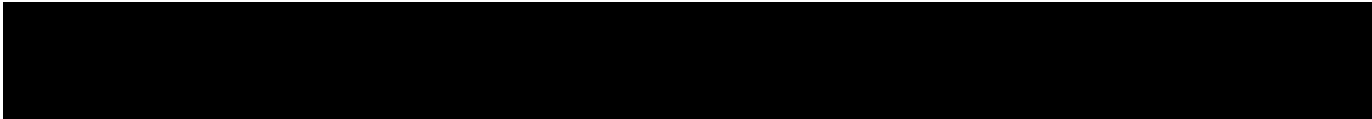
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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 9:25 AM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban



Christopher Constant
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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 8:58 AM
To: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

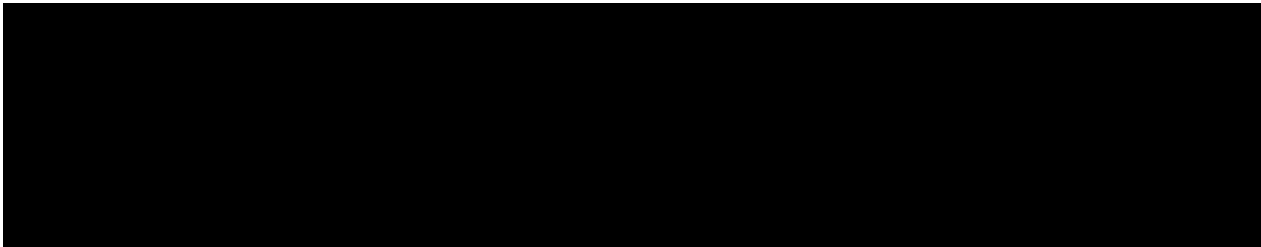


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Midtown Assembly Member
764-0841

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On Apr 3, 2020, at 12:30 AM, Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov> wrote:

Sorry for the delay guys, public health emergencies can be a little distracting!



Best regards,

Dean

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From: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 8:53 PM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T.

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Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 7:15 PM

To: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T.

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Subject: Fwd: Conversion Therapy Ban

What do ya'll think?

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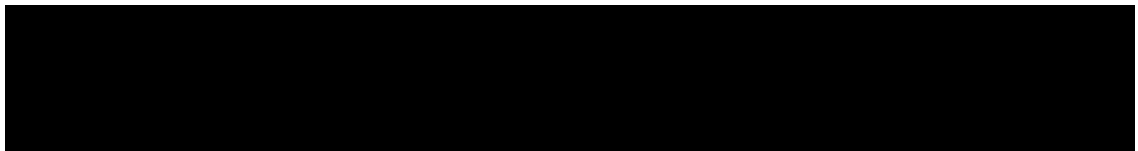
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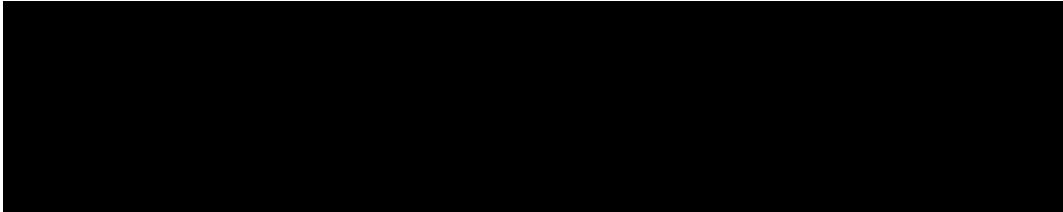
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Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban



Thanks.

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From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
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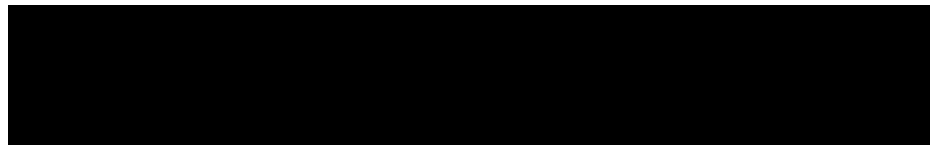
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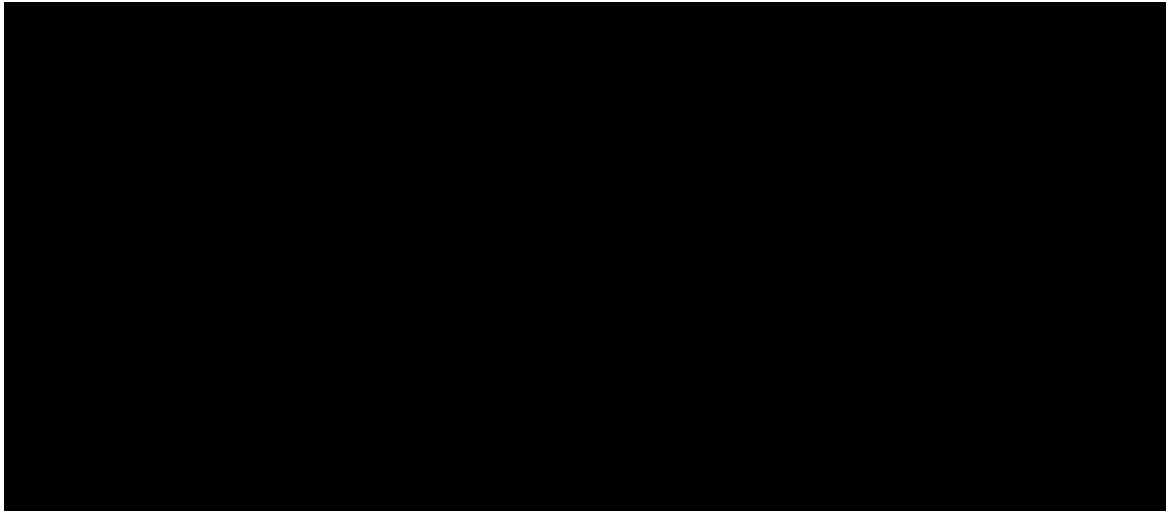
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Sent: Sunday, March 1, 2020 7:44 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban



Thanks.

Felix Rivera
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From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 5:24 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban



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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 8:43 AM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,



[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 3:07 PM

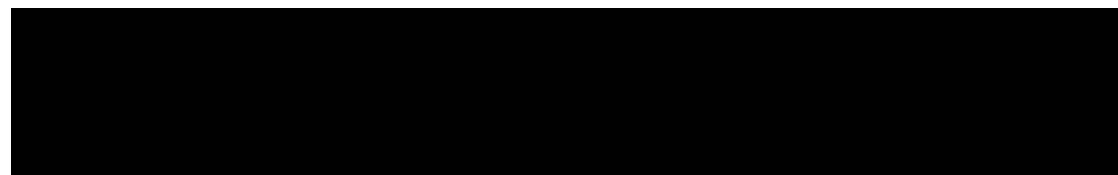
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,


[REDACTED]

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Thanks.

Felix Rivera
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764-0841

From: Triada Stampas <
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 5:33 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thanks so much for the update – I look forward to working with you on this!


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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 10:35 AM
To: Triada Stampas 
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Traida,





Thanks.

Felix Rivera
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764-0841

From: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2019 7:46 AM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Great - thank you! I'll be in and out of meetings, so cell is best: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 11:24:09 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

I'm happy to give you a call with an update. I should have time tomorrow afternoon.

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org

764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 10:40 AM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix –

I'm back from a brief vacation and wanted to check in on this. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Just want to make sure I haven't missed anything – thanks!!!

-Triada

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Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 3:00 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

I did see that! Very timely.

Felix Rivera
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riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 2:51:39 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thanks for the update!

By the way, ICYMI this was just in the Washington Post the other day – this is a timely topic!

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/religion/2019/09/03/conversion-therapy-center-founder-who-sought-turn-lgbtq-christians-straight-now-says-hes-gay-rejects-cycle-shame/>

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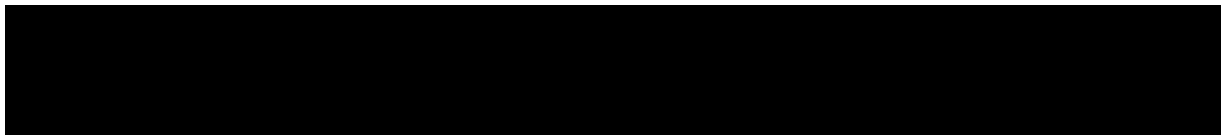
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Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 2:43 PM
To: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

Thank you for your email.



[REDACTED]

Felix Rivera
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764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 2:44:43 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix –

[REDACTED]

Let me know – and thanks again for reaching out!

-Triada

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Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 11:03 AM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

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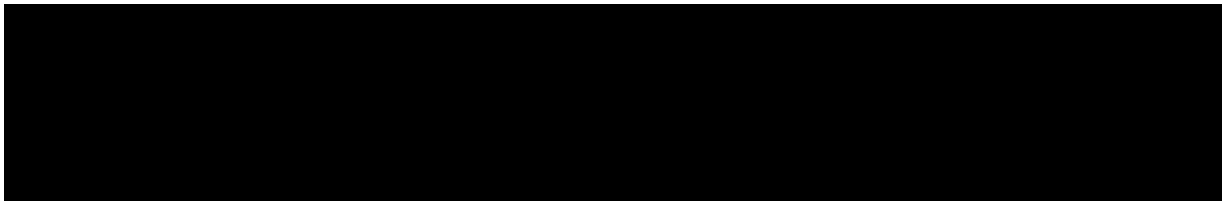
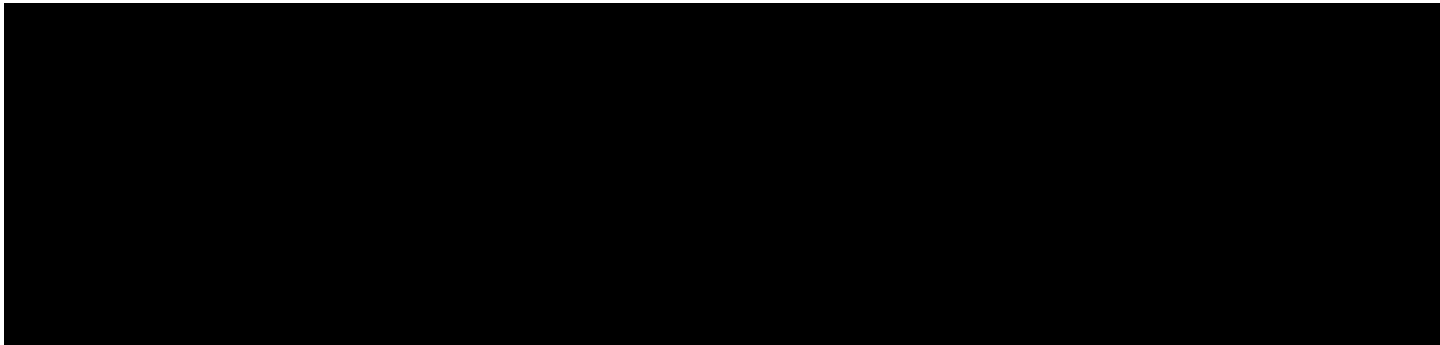
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From: Triada Stampas
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:43 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

DO you have a few minutes to talk about this? [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Let me know a good number and time to reach you.

Thanks!!!

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Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 6:42 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Cc: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

Great. Thank you!

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 2:59:34 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Joshua Decker <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thank you so much for reaching out on this! We'll take a look and get back to you as quickly as possible.

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Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 8:35 PM
To: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]
Cc: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member

riveraf@muni.org

764-0841

From: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 7:45:37 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix,

Triada and I are both out of the office until next week [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Josh

From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 6:41 PM
To: Joshua Decker [REDACTED] Triada Stampas
[REDACTED]
Subject: Conversion Therapy Ban

Josh and Triada,

Please see attached a draft of a conversion therapy ban Chris and I have been working on in the last few months.

We are now ready to shop this ordinance around and are asking for legal review.

Can you assist in this review?

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

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Everthing that's going on for New Year's Eve

New Years Eve may be on a Monday night this year but that is not slowing anybody down! There will be events throughout the city no matter what your age or interest. Take the whole day off and celebrate with each of your groups of family and friends in a different way!

https://www.anchoragepress.com/news/conversion-the-real-hell/article_c570e40a-ded5-11e8-8e9e-2b28e7b54703.html

FEATURED

Conversion, The real hell.

By RJ Johnson Nov 2, 2018

In the first part of this series the discussion was around homosexuality being caused by demonic influence, and what is called “Supernatural Ministry”. Through an act called Deliverance, there are many who believe they can change someone’s behavior. This means they believe that sexual orientation and gender are also behaviors that can be modified.

In the second part, it was the story of a pair of young women who, themselves, believed for a while that prayer and faithful living could change the truth that they knew in their hearts. It is something that I also believed. When I realized that I was not straight, I tried to pray and change it. I knew that the risk of being honest was that I would lose my family.

For this, the final part of the series, we have the stories of two people who faced conversion therapy. One who knew it as an ongoing threat, and one that was forced to endure it. Nicole Mimmzy and Tommy Blada knew Hannah Joy and Hanna B. from time spent at camps and retreats. Each also knew that they had some family members who were not ready to accept their authentic selves.

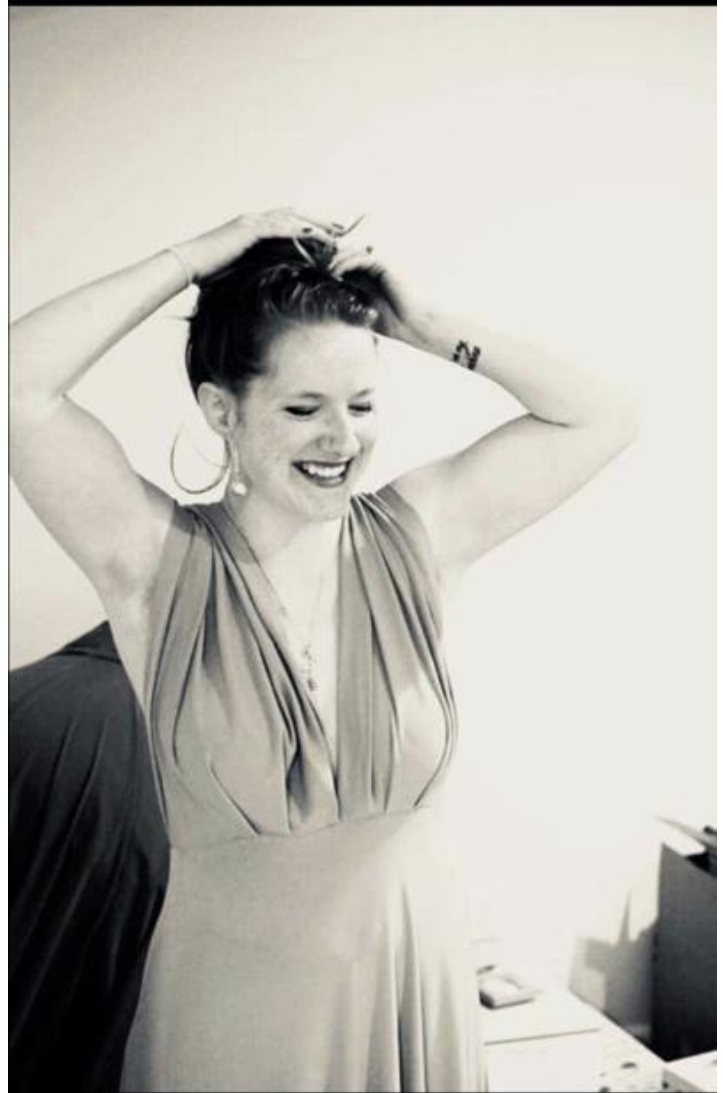
Nicole has always struggled about her own sexuality. Part of the reason that she questioned Hanna B. at camp that summer was because ever since she was 7 years old she had doubted that the Bible was correct. At that age she had questioned her mother about why people didn’t like it if a boy was with a boy, or a girl was with a girl. Her mother told her that some people

believed that it made their marriage less special. Nicole's reply was "Well that's stupid." She tried her hardest to follow the rules of her Christian family, but in seventh grade found herself hopelessly in love with her female best friend. It was the memory of these feelings that lingered with her when Hannah Joy had given her testimony. Something about the situation didn't add up.

Nicole eventually reconciled that there wasn't a way to be Christian and bisexual. After camp, when she returned to Anchorage with her family, and her sisters must have known that something in her had changed. They were all in the car together one day when she was told "In case you ever wondered, you are straight. You like men too much. If you were bi, there are camps we can send you to that would fix that."

Her sister told her that bisexual people were greedy sluts, LGBT people would go to hell, and that she supported conversion camps. Nicole knew there was no way that she could ever talk about, let alone act on, her feelings for women. She only dated boys until her senior year of high school.

Like most teens, Nicole spent all her time with her best friend. One fall day on the swing set, they kissed. They spent the rest of the night on the playground and then on top of her car watching the sunset and cuddling. Nicole knew then and there that she loved her. Hoping her family may have changed their minds, she tentatively asked her sister what she would say if she told her she liked men and women. Faced once again with the response of "I would tell you I'm sorry, but you are going to hell." Nicole didn't know what to do — face the truth about who she is and know that she will be shut out by her family, or hide her feelings and ache in love for her best friend. She soon



found out she didn't have to make a choice. Her best friend moved out of state and Nicole moved on dating a boy, still knowing she could not be honest or live her truth.

Tommy Blada would sit at the retreats with Hannah Joy. Like the rest of us, he struggled with his own feelings regarding his sexuality. He would confide in the group leaders. They would pray over him, read the scriptures that condemned his feelings, this sin of homosexuality. He also found himself in therapy, but his therapist instead decided to try and help him come out to his family. He agreed that it was best to approach the situation honestly. His parents took it surprisingly well, at first asking if he was sure, but ultimately seeming to accept their son, even deciding that it may be time for the family to take a vacation.



Tommy Blada realized quickly while traveling that his parents had lied — there was no vacation. He arrived at Agape Boarding School, in Cedar County, Missouri. He was stripped of his clothes, placed in an orange uniform, and locked into a facility. They roughly shaved his head, and during that incident his ear was left with a permanent scar from where the clippers hit him. He was forced to do manual labor to teach him how to be more masculine. He was told that his voice was wrong, it wasn't masculine enough, and he needed to work on changing it. He was forced to attend church for an hour each day, twice on Sundays and Wednesdays. The consequence for trying to get up and leave during a sermon was to be chained to the floor. Church was not just the common lectures and threats of hellfire and brimstone; it was meant to be torture. It was purposeful, psychological, manipulation as an attempt to break him. Tommy quickly learned that he would need to play by the rules if he wanted to survive. In the 16 months he was forced to be at this school, he saw his parents three times. Each time he would tell them of the physical and mental torture that he was enduring. Each time, they left him there.

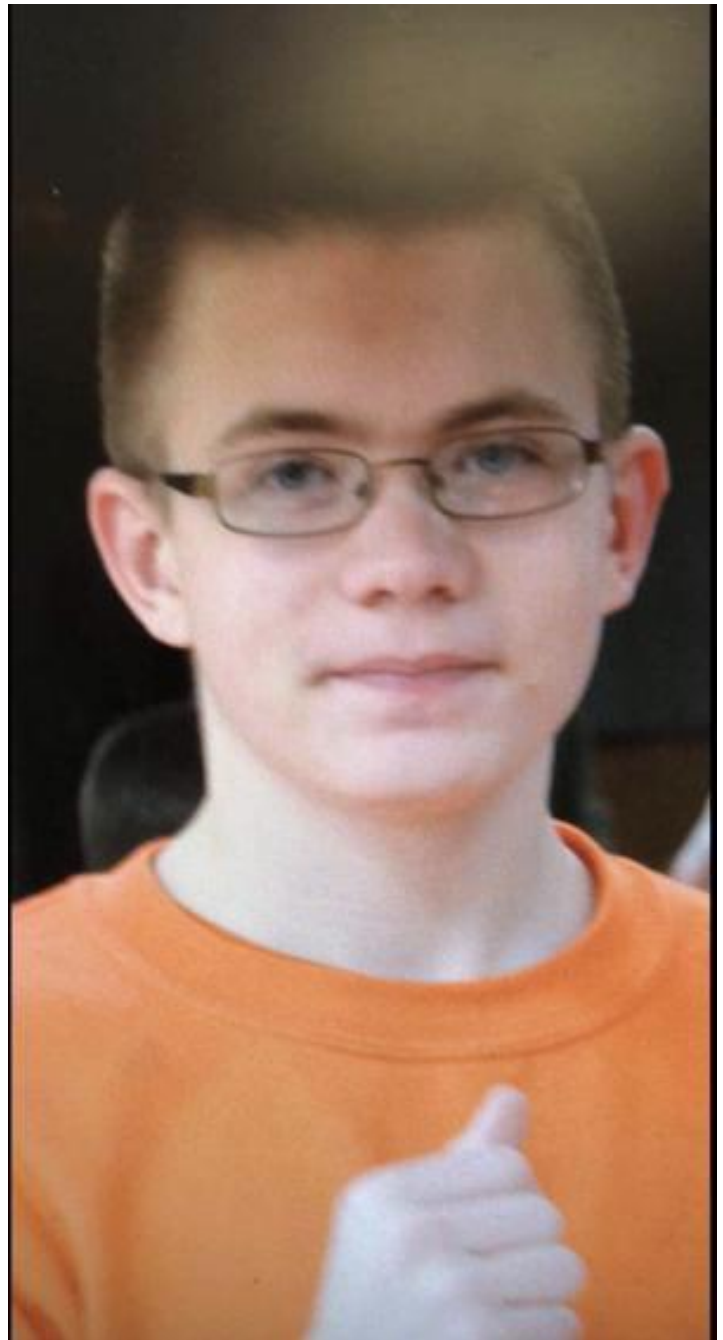


After almost 2 years, Tommy was released to go home. He was almost 18 at this point and knew he would do anything he could to keep from ever going back to Agape. His parents asked him when he returned if it had worked, and he avoided the conversation. Tommy set up a safety net for himself in case his parents ever tried to do that again. He started to make a plan of where he could stay, and who could rescue him if he ever needed to leave his family in haste.

When Tommy turned 18 he told his parents he was gay and that he would like to keep living at home and going to college but that he had a place to go if they wouldn't let him. His parents agreed that if he kept his job and kept going to college he could live at home. It wasn't long after that Tommy met his partner, they fell in love and moved to Anchorage to live.

It wasn't until just recently that Nicole finally started dating women. She is now 21 and has been out of high school and her parents' homes for a long time. There was a time after her 18th birthday when she was still worried her family might take her to a camp against her will. Those scars never truly left her, and she still feels a wall between her and her family knowing that they will never truly love her for who she is. Nicole has found peace in her life with polyamory and confident bisexuality. She has a wonderful girlfriend and a boyfriend who is supporting and loving, unsure of where exactly her love life will take her, but knowing she can weather any storm as long as she is honest with herself about who she truly is.

Initially, Tommy's relationship was rejected by his family, but a visiting aunt helped start a conversation that seems to be leading to reconciliation. Tommy got a call from his mother saying that she thinks it is time she meets the man who will be marrying her son. They were able to start a new relationship with each other, and though Tommy still has some issues with trust after the trauma of conversion therapy, he is happily engaged, has a good job, and a life he loves. Now tensions with his family are easing, and he is hopeful for the future.



In 1998, part of my family thought they could cure me of the sin of homosexuality with an exorcism. In September of 2018, Ken Williams from the Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry was in Alaska for a “Moral Revolution” weekend at Church on the Rock in Wasilla. This series is stories from 20 years, demonstrating that there are those with the idea that someone’s sexual orientation or gender is caused by demonic possession, or that it can be changed through prayer are teaching this in Alaska. Too many children who grow up in religious households learn from an early age to fear the consequences of being gay. There are 36 states, including Alaska, that have no legislation regarding conversion therapy for minors, and there are only 47 counties and municipalities around the country that have enacted laws in that regard. Laws against religious conversion will probably be impossible to pass.

Even for those who are not sent to a camp, therapist, or exorcist, feeling unwelcomed and unloved by your family because of something you did not choose is a form of emotional abuse. Psychology tells us that conversion therapy is dangerous. The condemnation and abandonment from family is hateful. The process of “Deliverance” or exorcisms is traumatic. At what point will we be able to recognize these dangerous practices as criminal?

From: [Gates, Dean T.](#)
To: [Constant, Christopher](#); [Rivera, Felix](#)
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 10:43:39 AM
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Best regards,

Dean

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From: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 10:10 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Christopher Constant
Anchorage Municipal Assembly, District 1
(907)947-9438

From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 9:50 PM
To: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>; Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Dean,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
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Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:19 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix and Chris,

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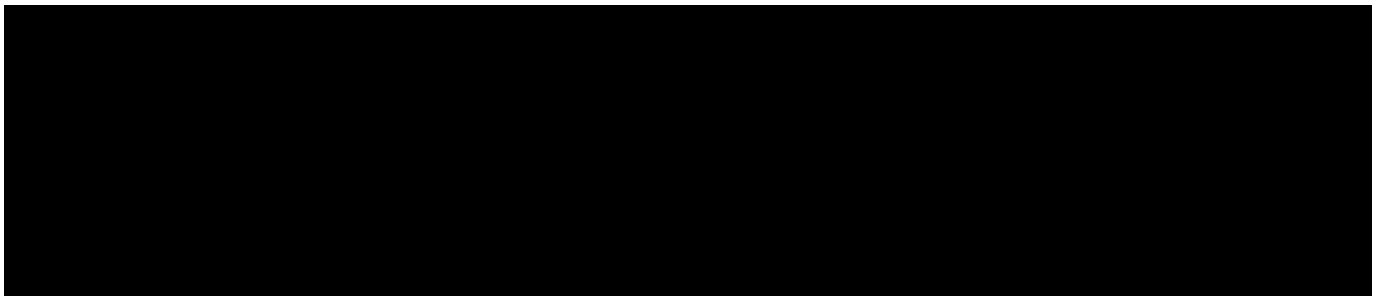
Best regards,

Dean

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Hey all,



Thanks.

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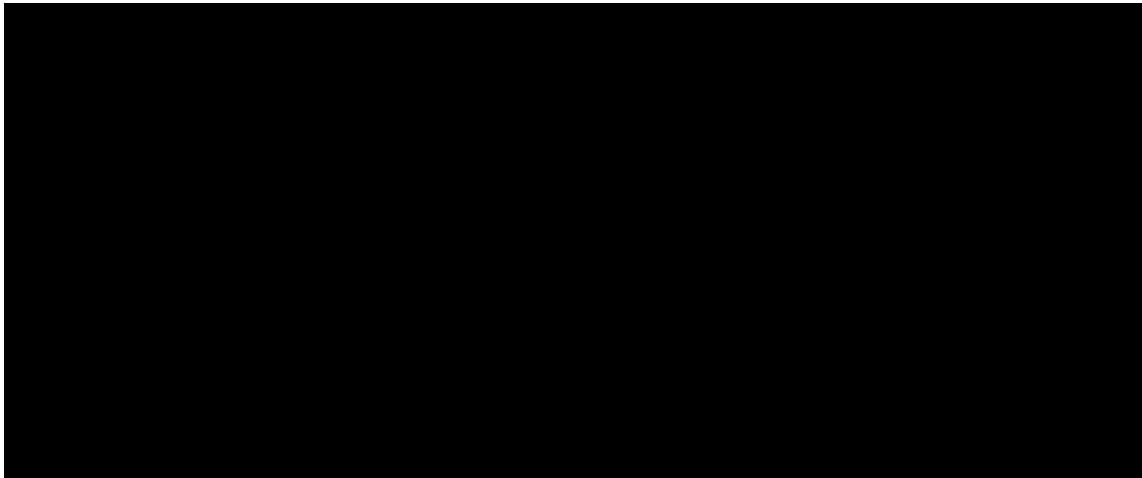
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To: "Rivera, Felix" [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban



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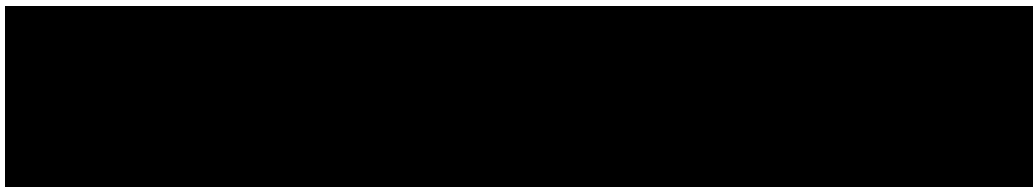
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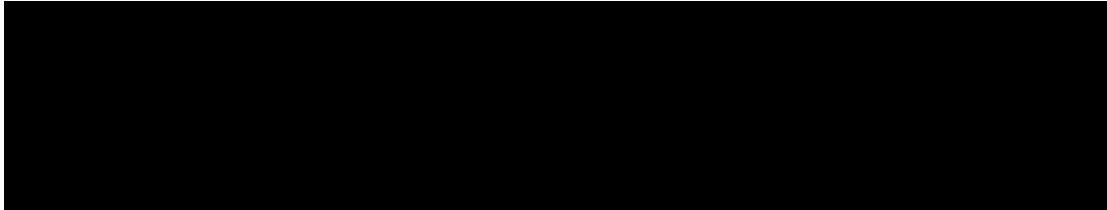
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Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 9:04 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban



Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 6:28 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban



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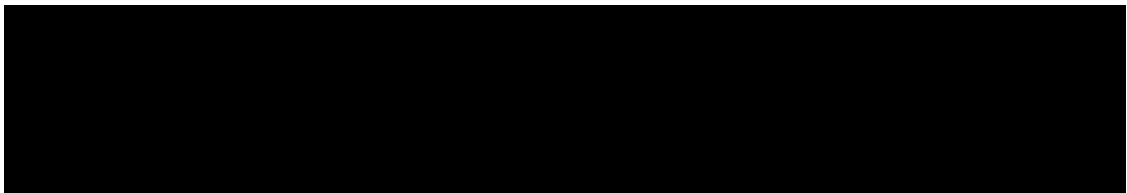
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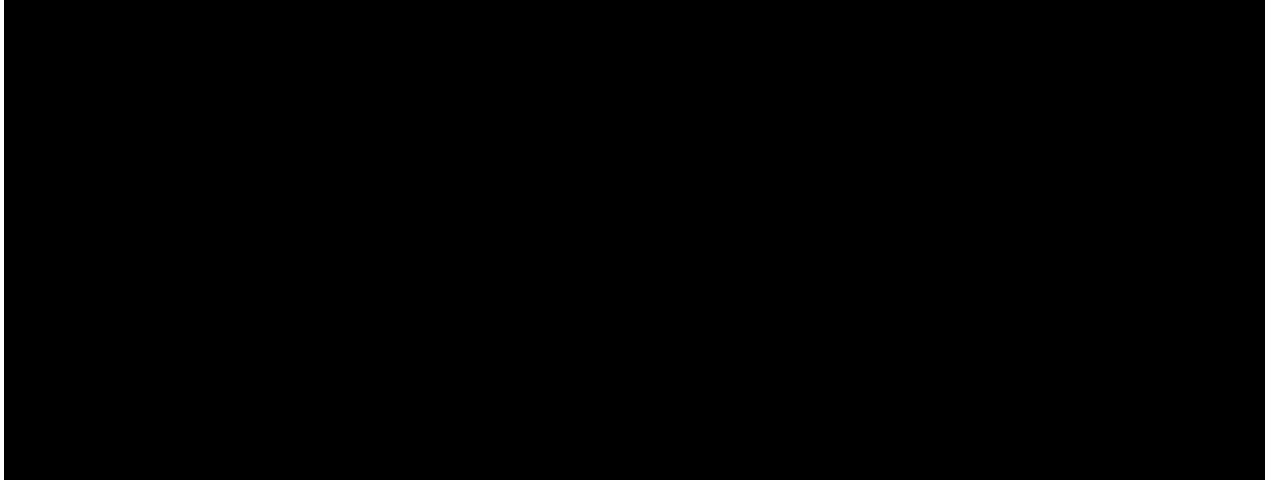
From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 1, 2020 7:44 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban




Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas <TStampas@acluak.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 5:24 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban



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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 8:43 AM
To: Triada Stampas <TStampas@acluak.org>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,



[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 3:07 PM

To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

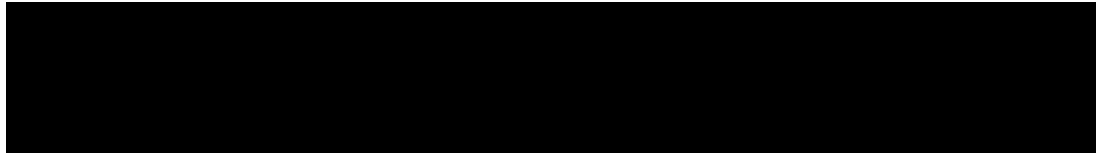
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Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 5:33 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thanks so much for the update – I look forward to working with you on this!

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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 10:35 AM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Traida,



[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2019 7:46 AM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Great - thank you! I'll be in and out of meetings, so cell is best: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 11:24:09 PM
To: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

I'm happy to give you a call with an update. I should have time tomorrow afternoon.

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org

764-0841

From: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 10:40 AM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix –

I'm back from a brief vacation and wanted to check in on this. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Just want to make sure I haven't missed anything – thanks!!!

-Triada

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Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 3:00 PM
To: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

I did see that! Very timely.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 2:51:39 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thanks for the update!

By the way, ICYMI this was just in the Washington Post the other day – this is a timely topic!

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/religion/2019/09/03/conversion-therapy-center-founder-who-sought-turn-lgbtq-christians-straight-now-says-hes-gay-rejects-cycle-shame/>

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Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 2:43 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

Thank you for your email.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 2:44:43 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix –

[REDACTED]

Let me know – and thanks again for reaching out!

-Triada

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Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 11:03 AM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

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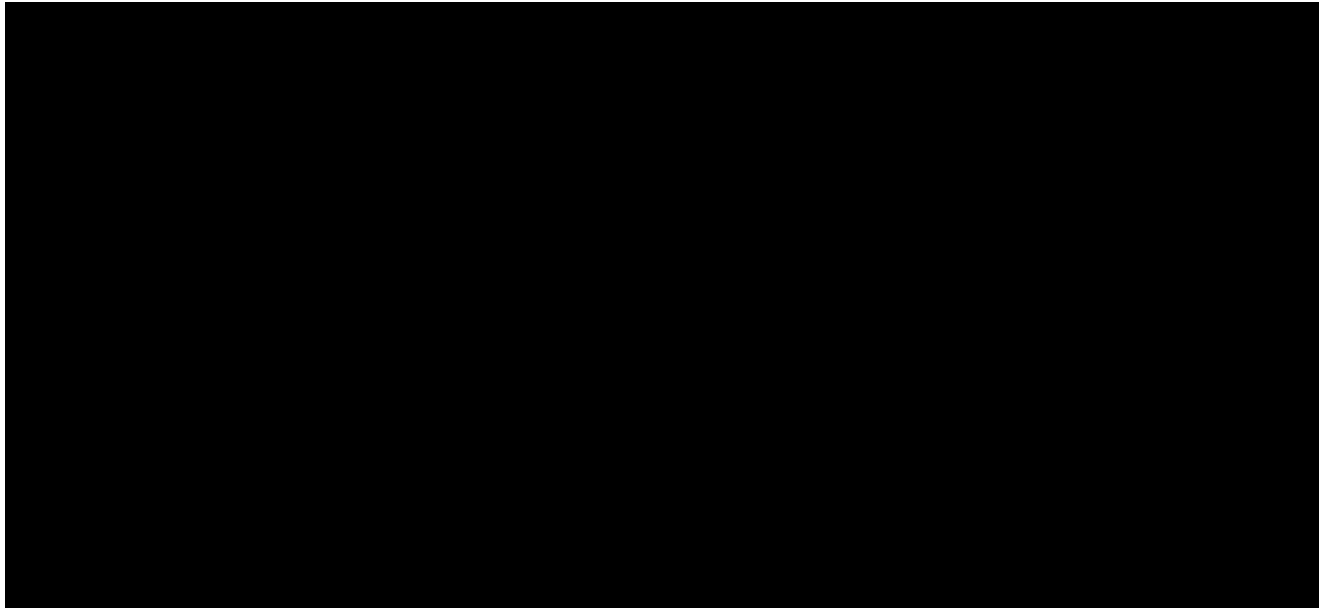
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From: Triada Stampas
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:43 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

DO you have a few minutes to talk about this? [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Let me know a good number and time to reach you.

Thanks!!!

Triada Stampas
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Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 6:42 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Cc: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

Great. Thank you!

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 2:59:34 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Joshua Decker <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thank you so much for reaching out on this! We'll take a look and get back to you as quickly as possible.

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Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 8:35 PM
To: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]
Cc: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

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[REDACTED]

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member

riveraf@muni.org

764-0841

From: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 7:45:37 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix,

Triada and I are both out of the office until next week: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Josh

From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 6:41 PM
To: Joshua Decker <[REDACTED]> Triada Stampas
[REDACTED]
Subject: Conversion Therapy Ban

Josh and Triada,

Please see attached a draft of a conversion therapy ban Chris and I have been working on in the last few months.

We are now ready to shop this ordinance around and are asking for legal review.

Can you assist in this review?

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: [Constant, Christopher](#)
To: [Gates, Dean T.](#); [Rivera, Felix](#)
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 10:52:32 AM

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Thank you. [REDACTED]

Christopher Constant
Anchorage Municipal Assembly, District 1
(907)947-9438

From: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 10:43 AM
To: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
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Christopher Constant
Anchorage Municipal Assembly, District 1
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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 9:50 PM
To: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>; Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

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Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
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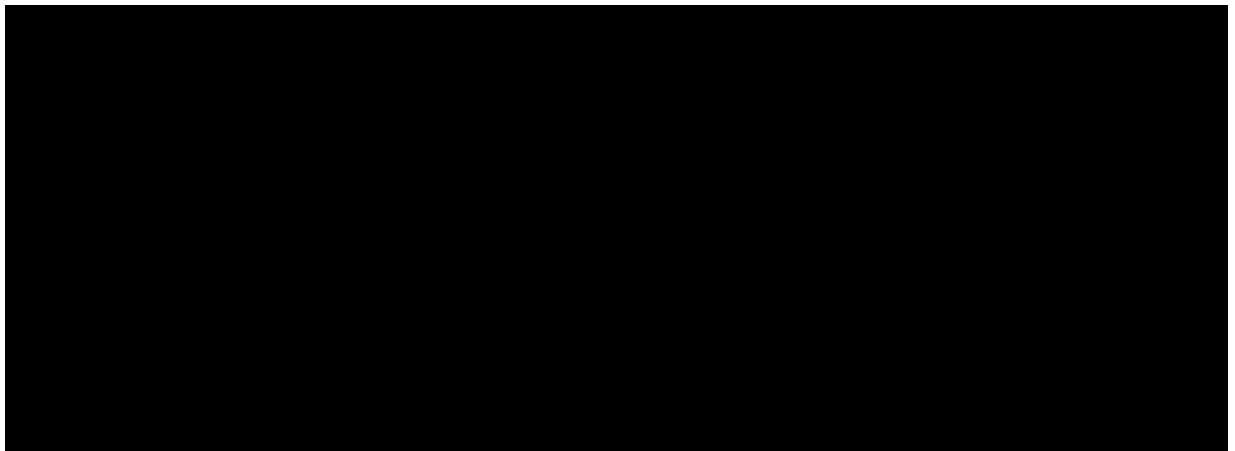
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Date: March 4, 2020 at 2:03:10 PM AKST
To: "Rivera, Felix" <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban



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Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 9:04 PM

To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera

Midtown Assembly Member

riveraf@muni.org

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From: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 6:28 PM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

Thanks!

Triada Stampas

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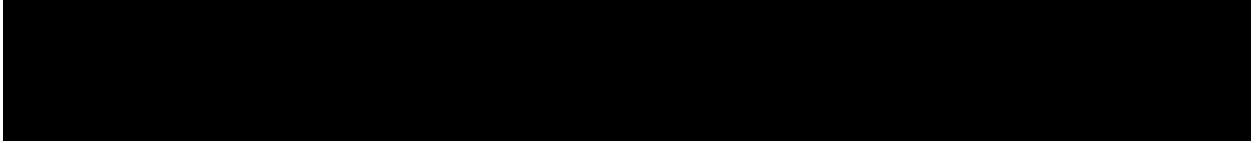
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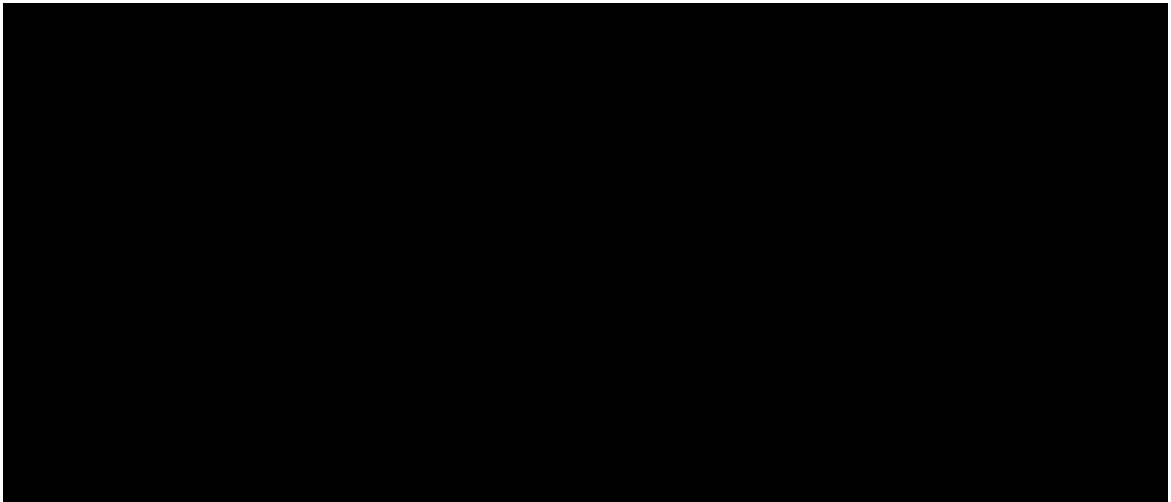
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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 8:43 AM

To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

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Thanks.

Felix Rivera

Midtown Assembly Member

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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 3:07 PM

To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

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[REDACTED]



Thanks.

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To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
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Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Traida,



Thanks.

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From: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2019 7:46 AM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Great - thank you! I'll be in and out of meetings, so cell is best: [REDACTED]



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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 11:24:09 PM
To: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

I'm happy to give you a call with an update. I should have time tomorrow afternoon.

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 10:40 AM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix –

I'm back from a brief vacation and wanted to check in on this. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Just want to make sure I haven't
missed anything – thanks!!!

-Triada

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Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 3:00 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

I did see that! Very timely.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member

riveraf@muni.org

764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 2:51:39 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thanks for the update!

By the way, ICYMI this was just in the Washington Post the other day – this is a timely topic!

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/religion/2019/09/03/conversion-therapy-center-founder-who-sought-turn-lgbtq-christians-straight-now-says-hes-gay-rejects-cycle-shame/>

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Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

Thank you for your email.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Felix Rivera
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764-0841

From: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 2:44:43 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix –

[REDACTED]

Let me know – and thanks again for reaching out!

-Triada

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Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 11:03 AM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

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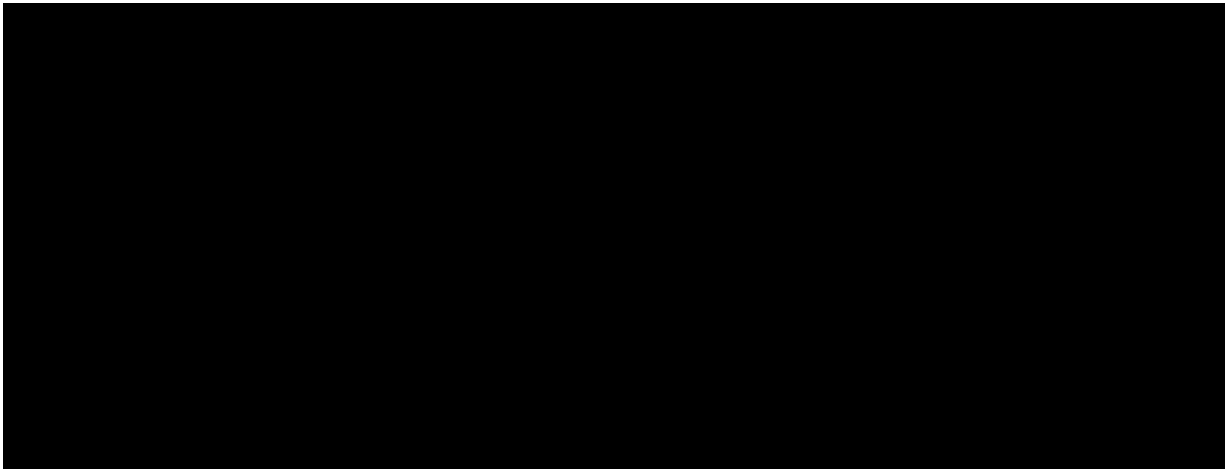
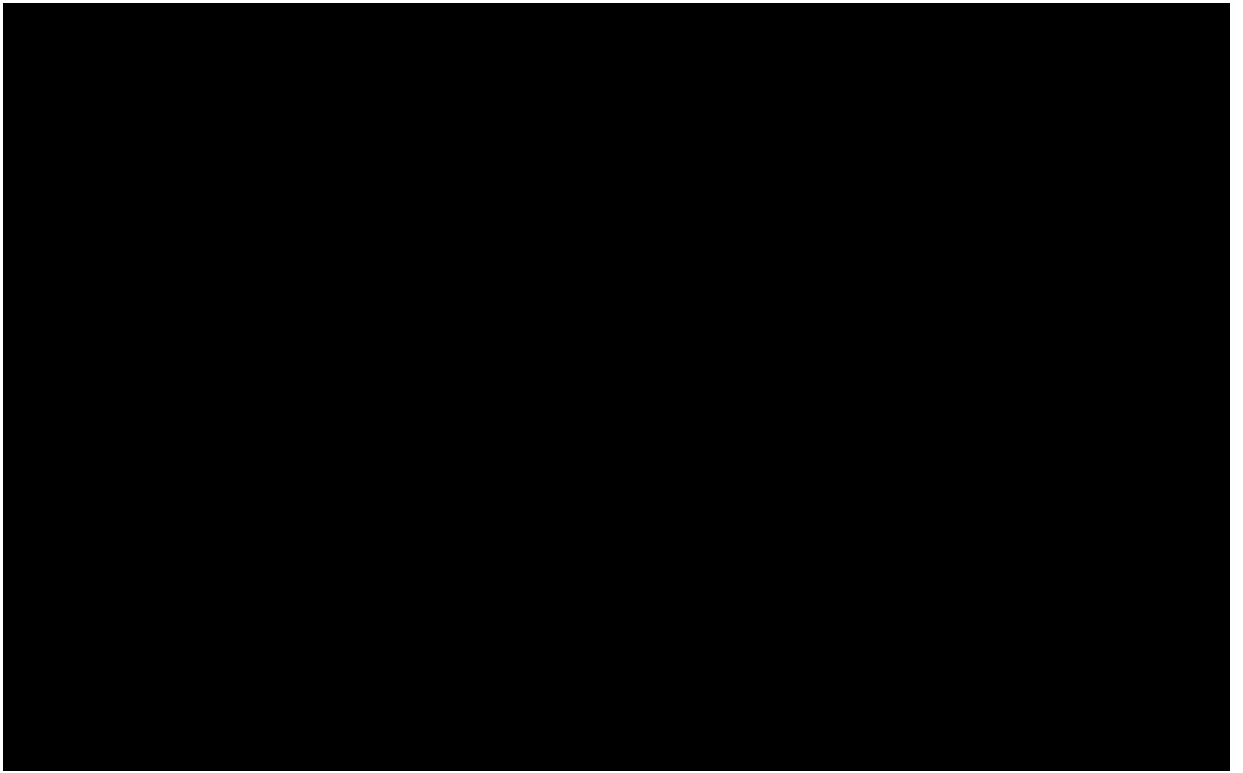
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From: Triada Stampas
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:43 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

DO you have a few minutes to talk about this? [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Let me know a good number and time to reach you.

Thanks!!!

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Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 6:42 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Cc: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

Great. Thank you!

Felix Rivera

Midtown Assembly Member

riveraf@muni.org

764-0841

From: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]@g>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 2:59:34 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Joshua Decker <[REDACTED]@g>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thank you so much for reaching out on this! We'll take a look and get back to you as quickly as possible.

Triada Stampas

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Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 8:35 PM
To: Joshua Decker [REDACTED] >
Cc: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Felix Rivera

Midtown Assembly Member

riveraf@muni.org

764-0841

From: Joshua Decker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 7:45:37 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix,

Triada and I are both out of the office until next week: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Josh

From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 6:41 PM
To: Joshua Decker <[REDACTED]>; Triada Stampas
[REDACTED]
Subject: Conversion Therapy Ban

Josh and Triada,

Please see attached a draft of a conversion therapy ban Chris and I have been working on in the last few months.

We are now ready to shop this ordinance around and are asking for legal review.

Can you assist in this review?

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: [Constant, Christopher](#)
To: [Gates, Dean T.](#); [Rivera, Felix](#)
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 10:52:35 AM

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED].
Thank you [REDACTED]

Christopher Constant
Anchorage Municipal Assembly, District 1
(907)947-9438

From: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 10:43 AM
To: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Anchorage Press [REDACTED]

Best regards,

Dean

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From: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 10:10 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

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[REDACTED]

Christopher Constant
Anchorage Municipal Assembly, District 1
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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 9:50 PM
To: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>; Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Dean,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov
(907)-764-0841
He/Him/His

Dena'inaq elnen'aq' gheshtnu ch'q'u yeshdu. (Dena'ina)
I live and work on Dena'ina land. (English)

From: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:19 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix and Chris,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Anchorage Press [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:00 PM
To: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>; Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hey all,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
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He/Him/His
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From: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

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To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

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Christopher Constant
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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 8:58 AM
To: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>
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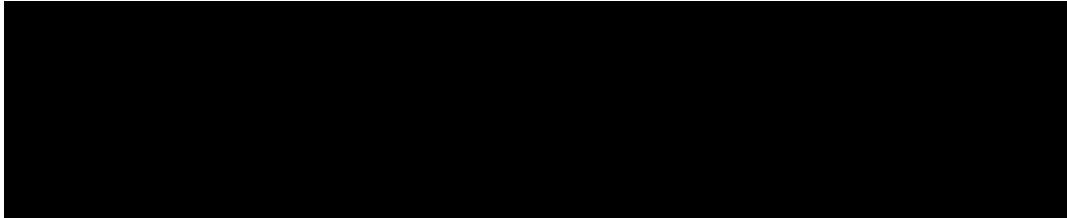
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On Apr 3, 2020, at 12:30 AM, Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov> wrote:

Sorry for the delay guys, public health emergencies can be a little distracting!



Best regards,

Dean

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Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban



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Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 7:15 PM
To: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>; Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Conversion Therapy Ban

What do ya'll think?



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[REDACTED]

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
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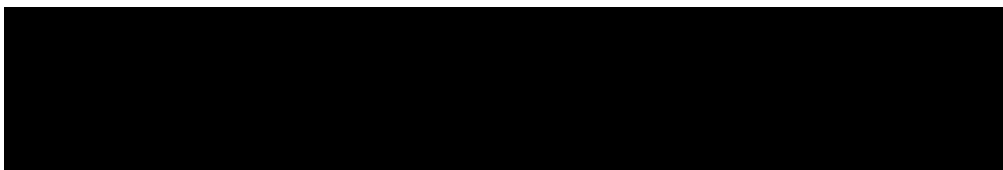
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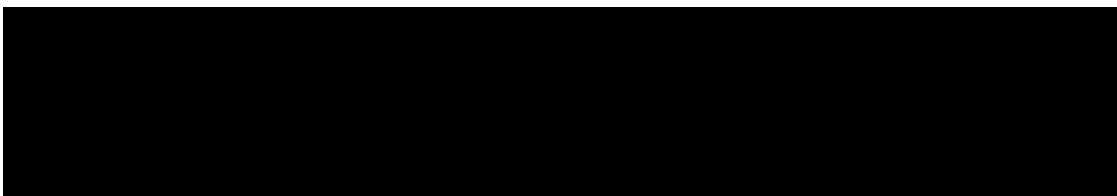
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Thanks!

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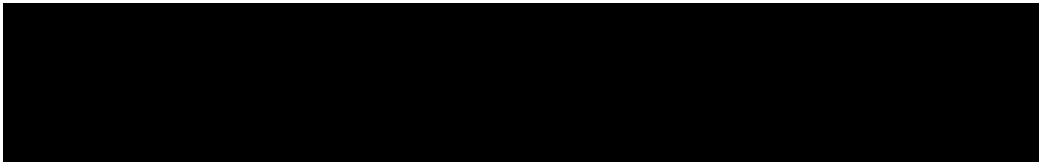
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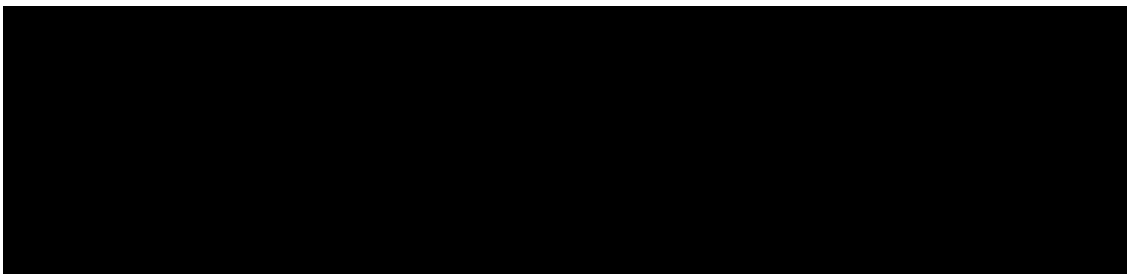
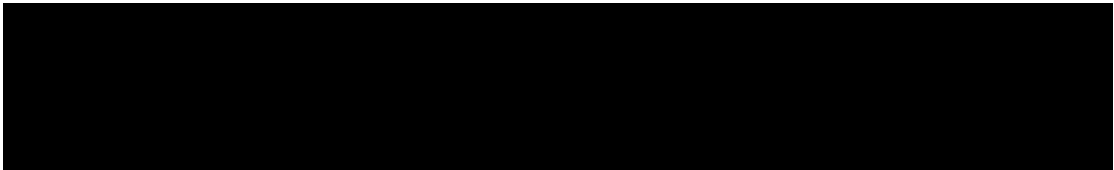
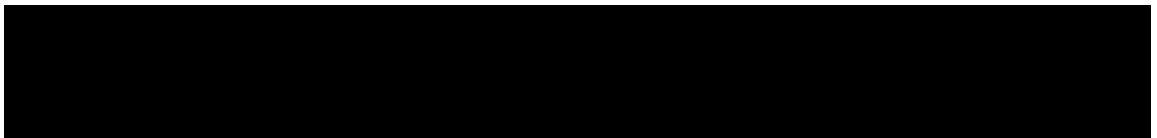
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To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

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To: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
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Thanks.

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764-0841

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-Triada

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[REDACTED]

Let me know – and thanks again for reaching out!

-Triada

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Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

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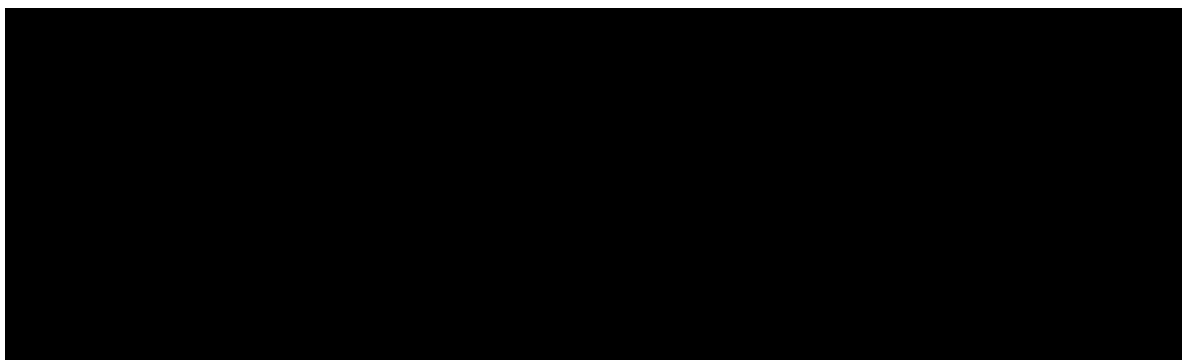
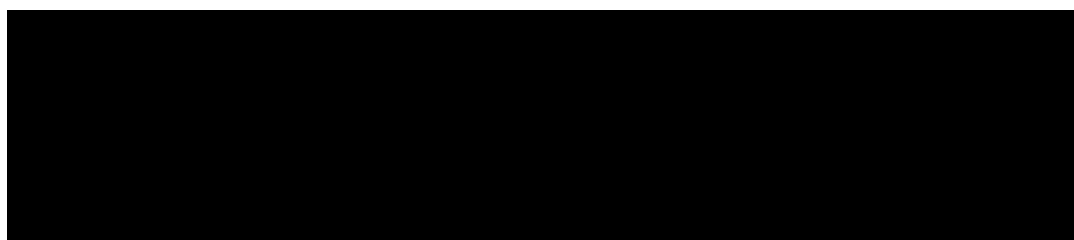
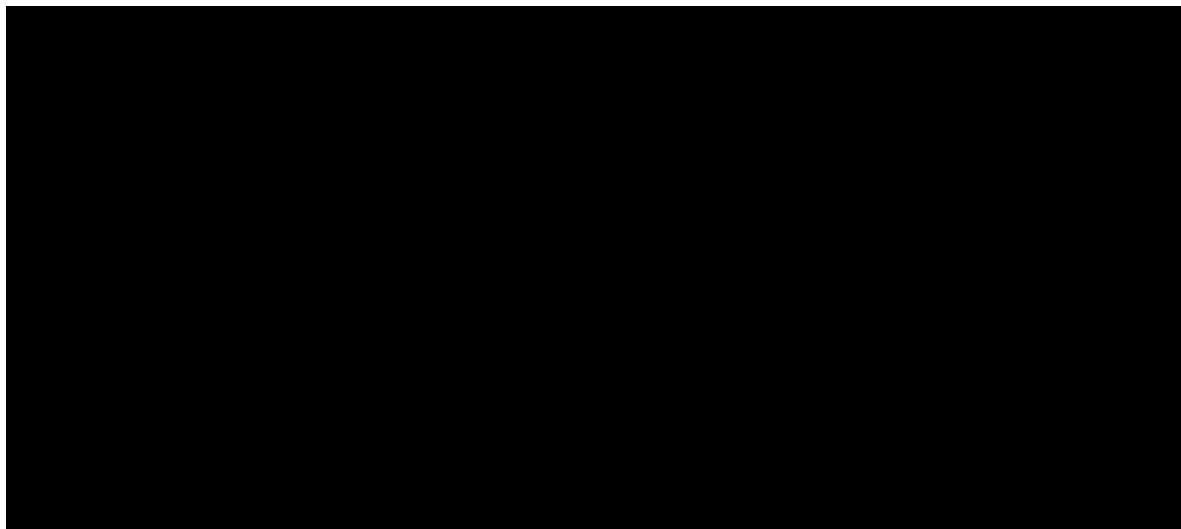
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Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:43 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

DO you have a few minutes to talk about this? [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Let me know a good number and time to reach you.

Thanks!!!

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Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 6:42 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Cc: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

Great. Thank you!

Felix Rivera

Midtown Assembly Member

riveraf@muni.org

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From: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 2:59:34 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Joshua Decker <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thank you so much for reaching out on this! We'll take a look and get back to you as quickly as possible.

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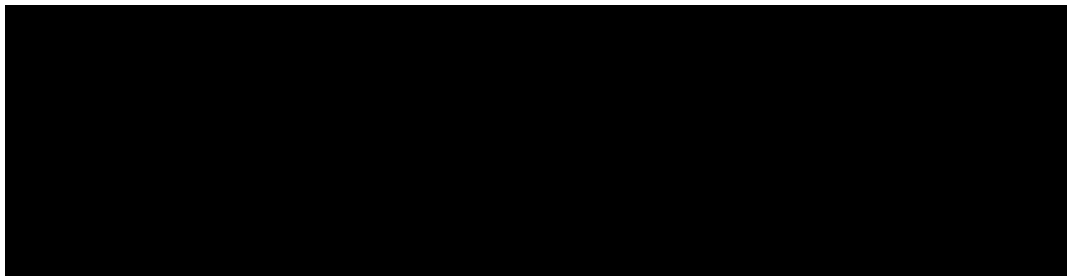
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Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 8:35 PM
To: Joshua Decker <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban



Felix Rivera

Midtown Assembly Member

riveraf@muni.org

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From: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 7:45:37 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix,

Triada and I are both out of the office until next week: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Josh

From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 6:41 PM
To: Joshua Decker <[REDACTED]>; Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Conversion Therapy Ban

Josh and Triada,

Please see attached a draft of a conversion therapy ban Chris and I have been working on in the last few months.

We are now ready to shop this ordinance around and are asking for legal review.

Can you assist in this review?

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
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764-0841

From: [Gates, Dean T.](#)
To: [Constant, Christopher](#); [Rivera, Felix](#)
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 11:07:24 AM

Oh no worries. I'm seeing a big difference between reading emails through Outlook on my PC and reading them on the iPad (issued from MOA, same model they provided all of you). How does the saying go: "To err is human, but to really foul things up takes a computer"

From: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 10:53 AM
To: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>; Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Thank you. [REDACTED]

Christopher Constant
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From: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 10:43 AM
To: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Anchorage Press [REDACTED]

Best regards,

Dean

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From: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 10:10 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

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[REDACTED]

Christopher Constant
Anchorage Municipal Assembly, District 1
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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 9:50 PM
To: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>; Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Dean,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

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(907)-764-0841
He/Him/His
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I live and work on Dena'ina land. (English)

From: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:19 PM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Constant, Christopher
<christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix and Chris,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:00 PM
To: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>; Constant, Christopher
<christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hey all,

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
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He/Him/His

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From: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:32 AM

To: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Cc: Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 9:25 AM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>

Cc: Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

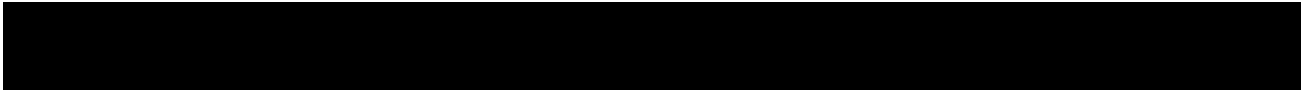
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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 8:58 AM

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Cc: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>
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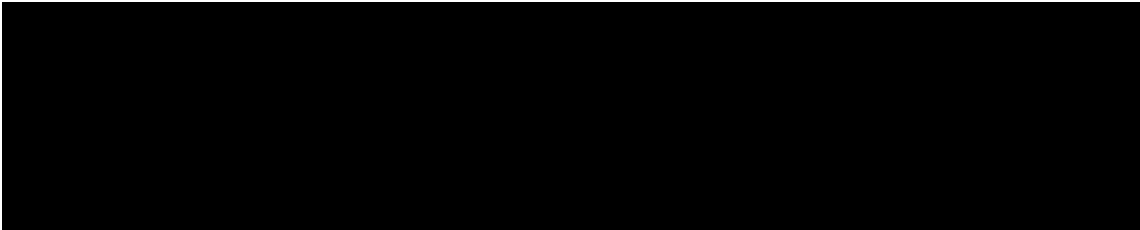


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On Apr 3, 2020, at 12:30 AM, Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov> wrote:

Sorry for the delay guys, public health emergencies can be a little distracting!




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To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>; Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban



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Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 7:15 PM

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Subject: Fwd: Conversion Therapy Ban

What do ya'll think?

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>

Date: March 4, 2020 at 2:03:10 PM AKST

To: "Rivera, Felix" <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

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[REDACTED]

Thanks.

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From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 6:28 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

Thanks!

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Sent: Sunday, March 1, 2020 7:44 PM

To: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera

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riveraf@muni.org

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From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 5:24 PM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 8:43 AM

To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera

Midtown Assembly Member

riveraf@muni.org

764-0841

From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 3:07 PM

To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 5:33 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thanks so much for the update – I look forward to working with you on this!

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To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Traida,

[REDACTED]

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Felix Rivera
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[REDACTED] Just want to make sure I haven't missed anything – thanks!!!

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Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 11:03 AM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

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Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:43 PM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

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Thanks!!!


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To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >

Cc: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

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Great. Thank you!

Felix Rivera

Midtown Assembly Member

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764-0841

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Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 2:59:34 PM

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Can you assist in this review?

Thanks.

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From: [Gates, Dean T.](#)
To: [Constant, Christopher](#); [Rivera, Felix](#)
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 11:07:25 AM

Oh no worries. I'm seeing a big difference between reading emails through Outlook on my PC and reading them on the iPad (issued from MOA, same model they provided all of you). How does the saying go: "To err is human, but to really foul things up takes a computer"

From: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 10:53 AM
To: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>; Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Thank you. [REDACTED]

Christopher Constant
Anchorage Municipal Assembly, District 1
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From: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 10:43 AM
To: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Anchorage Press [REDACTED]

Best regards,

Dean

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From: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 10:10 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Christopher Constant
Anchorage Municipal Assembly, District 1
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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 9:50 PM
To: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>; Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Dean,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
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(907)-764-0841
He/Him/His
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I live and work on Dena'ina land. (English)

From: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:19 PM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Constant, Christopher
<christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix and Chris,

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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:00 PM
To: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>; Constant, Christopher
<christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hey all,

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov

(907)-764-0841

He/Him/His

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From: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:32 AM

To: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Cc: Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

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[REDACTED] Anchorage Press [REDACTED]

Best regards,

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Cc: Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

Christopher Constant
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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 8:58 AM

To: Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>

Cc: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban



Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
764-0841

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2020, at 12:30 AM, Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov> wrote:

Sorry for the delay guys, public health emergencies can be a little distracting!



Best regards,

Dean

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From: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 8:53 PM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>; Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban



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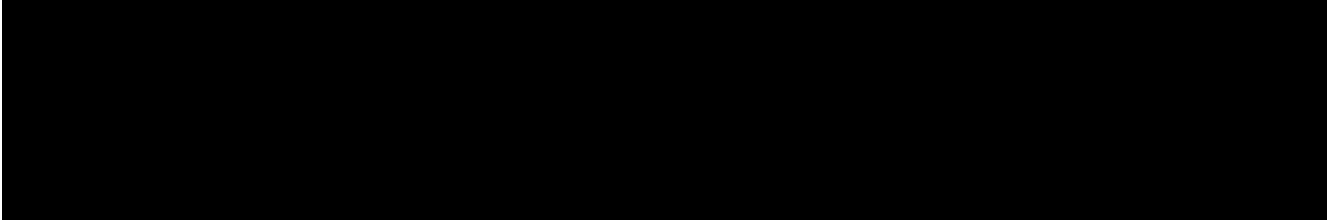
From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 7:15 PM

To: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>; Muth, Abby <abby.muth@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Conversion Therapy Ban

What do ya'll think?

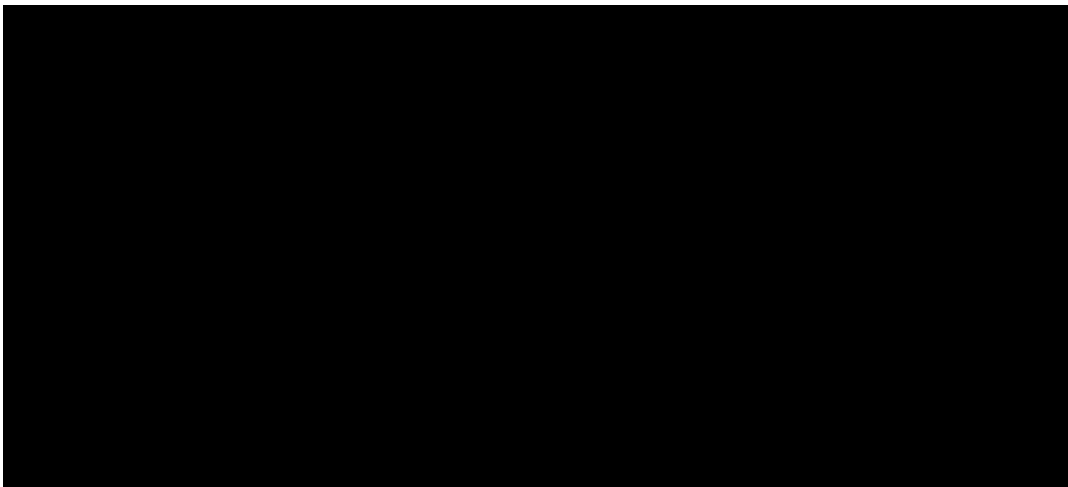


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Midtown Assembly Member
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From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Date: March 4, 2020 at 2:03:10 PM AKST
To: "Rivera, Felix" <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban



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Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 9:04 PM
To: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 6:28 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Sunday, March 1, 2020 7:44 PM

To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera

Midtown Assembly Member

riveraf@muni.org

764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >

Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 5:24 PM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 8:43 AM

To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera

Midtown Assembly Member

riveraf@muni.org

764-0841

From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 3:07 PM

To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 5:33 PM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thanks so much for the update – I look forward to working with you on this!

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Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 10:35 AM
To: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Traida,

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2019 7:46 AM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Great - thank you! I'll be in and out of meetings, so cell is best: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 11:24:09 PM
To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED] >
Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

Triada,

I'm happy to give you a call with an update. I should have time tomorrow afternoon.

Thanks.

Felix Rivera
Midtown Assembly Member
riveraf@muni.org
764-0841

From: Triada Stampas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 10:40 AM
To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix –

I'm back from a brief vacation and wanted to check in on this. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Just want to make sure I haven't missed anything – thanks!!!

-Triada

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Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 3:00 PM

To: Triada Stampas [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Conversion Therapy Ban

I did see that! Very timely.

Felix Rivera

Midtown Assembly Member

riveraf@muni.org

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From: Triada Stampas <TStampas@acluak.org>

Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 2:51:39 PM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Thanks for the update!

By the way, ICYMI this was just in the Washington Post the other day – this is a timely topic!

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/religion/2019/09/03/conversion-therapy-center-founder-who-sought-turn-lgbtq-christians-straight-now-says-hes-gay-rejects-cycle-shame/>

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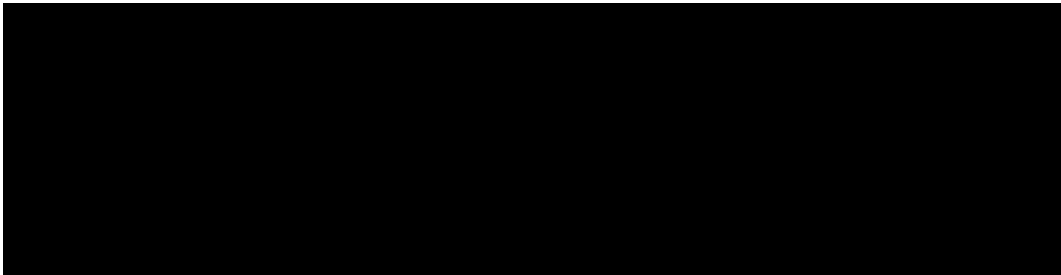
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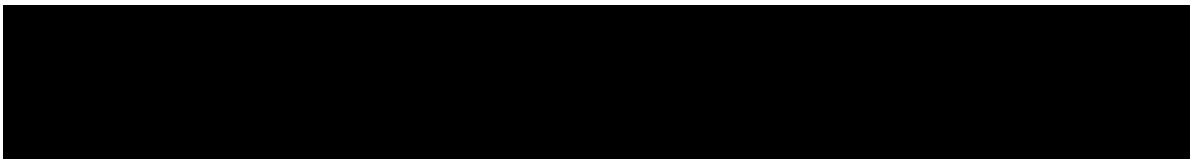
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Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 2:44:43 PM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

Hi Felix –



Let me know – and thanks again for reaching out!

-Triada

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Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 11:03 AM

To: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>

Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

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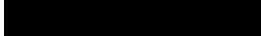
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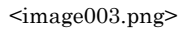
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Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban

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[REDACTED]

Josh

From: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 6:41 PM
To: Joshua Decker [REDACTED]; Triada Stampas [REDACTED]
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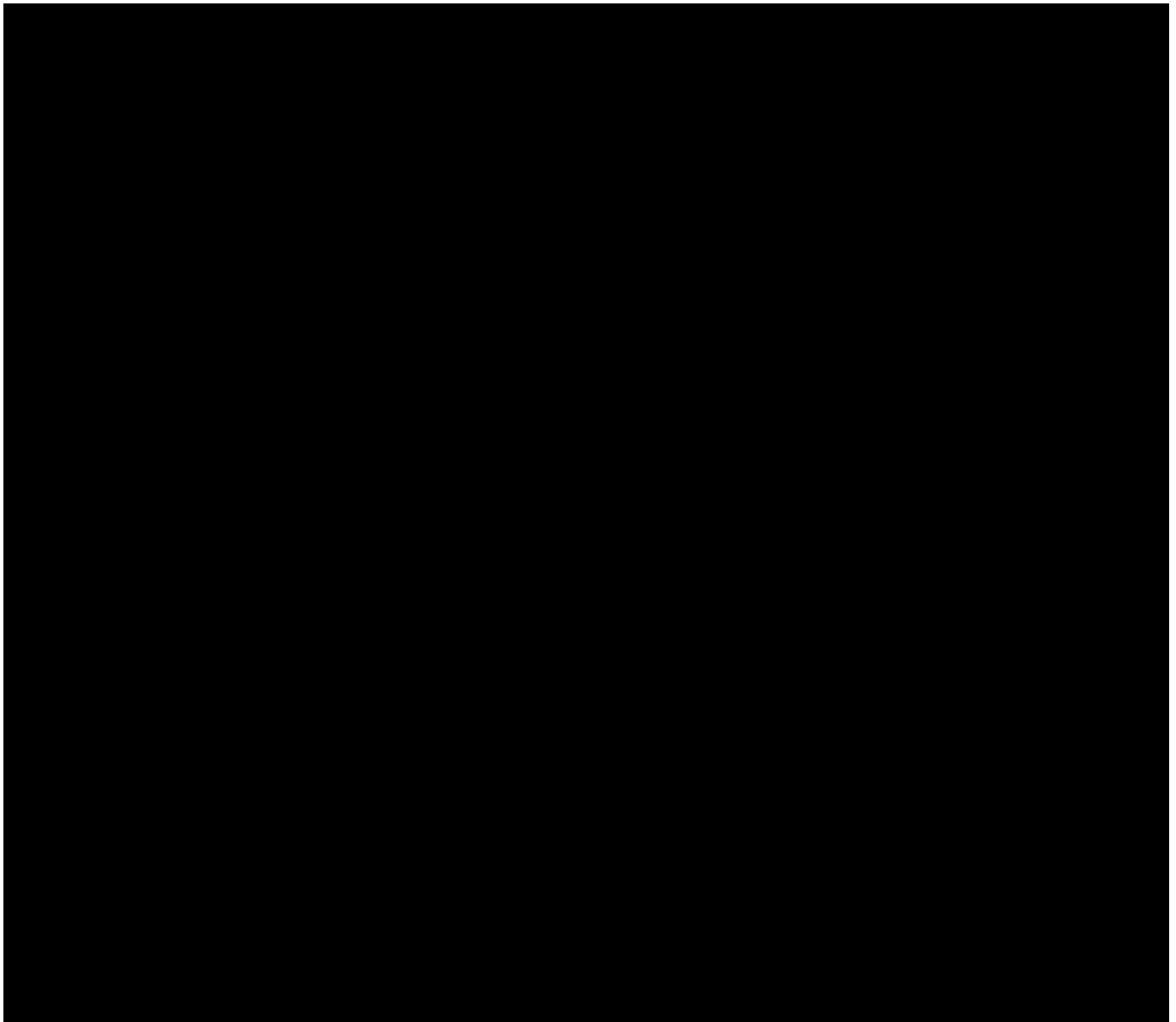
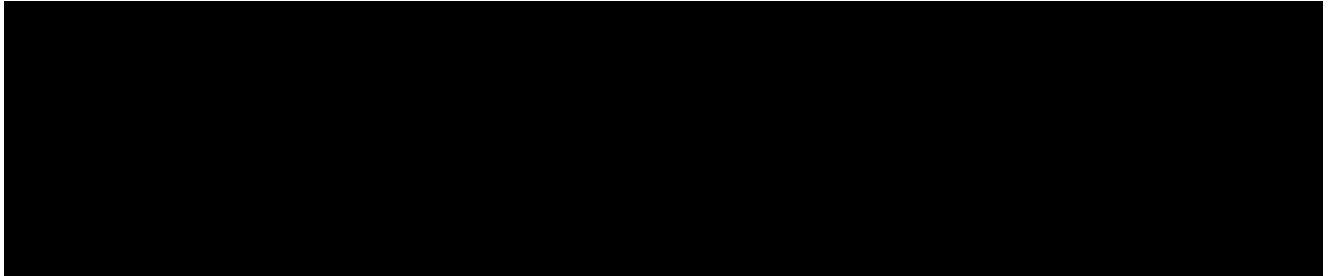
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Subject: RE: Conversion ban
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 7:44:49 PM
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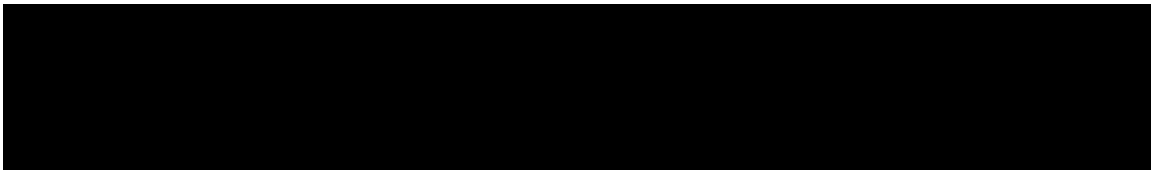
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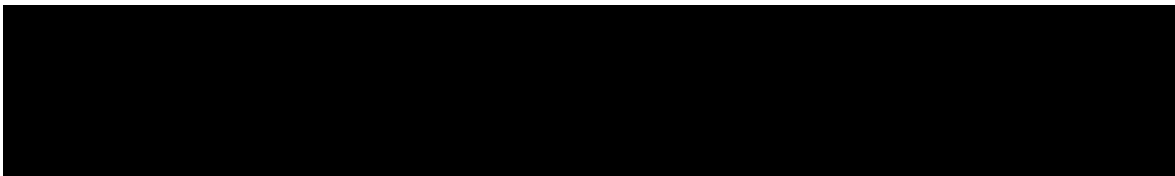
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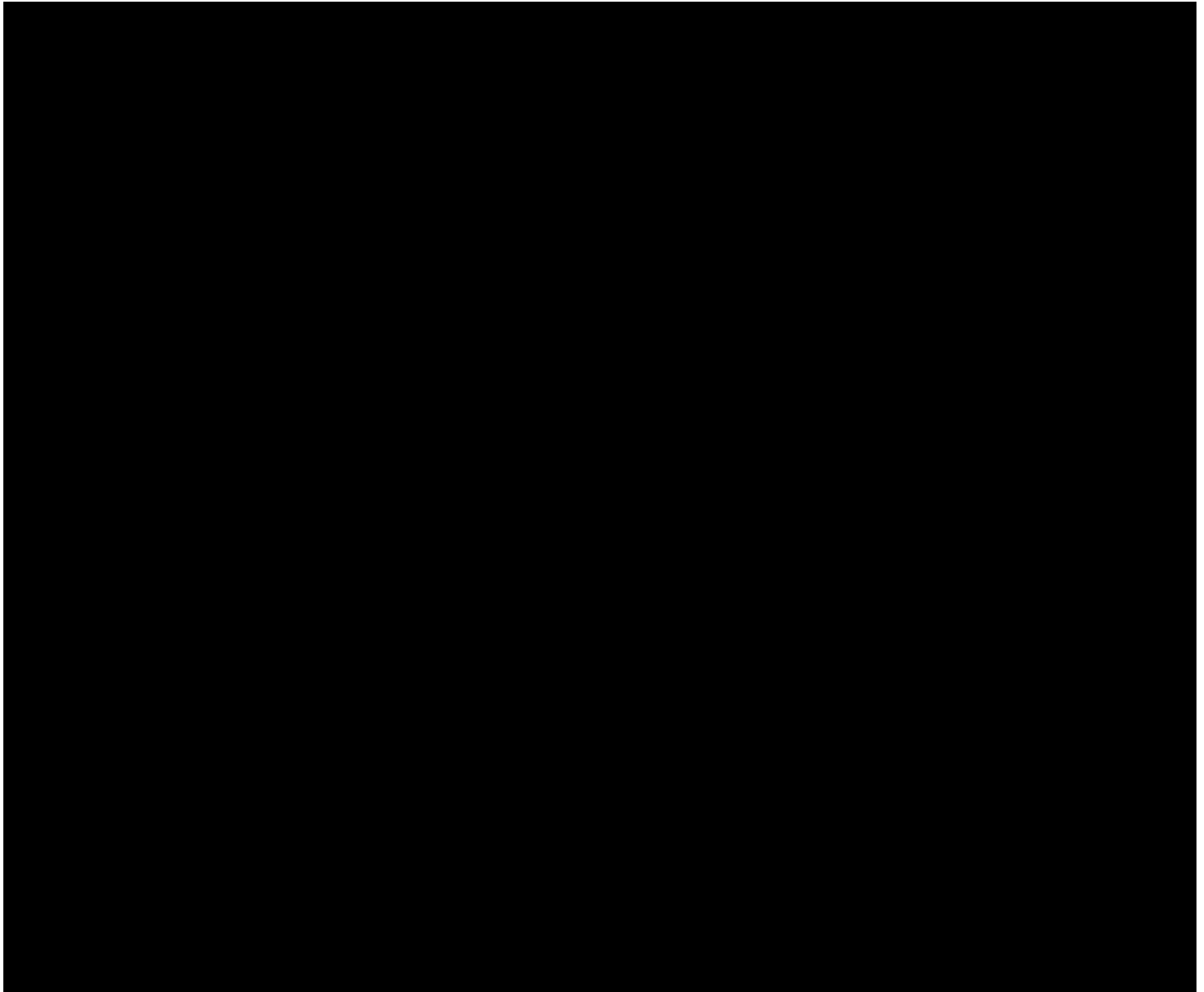
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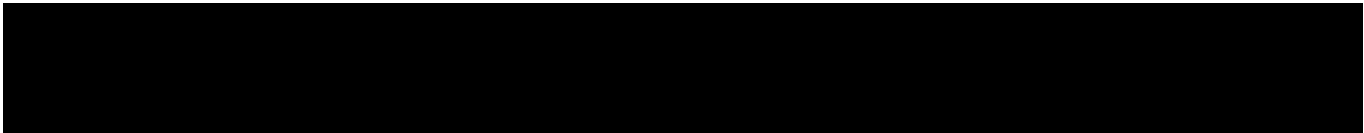
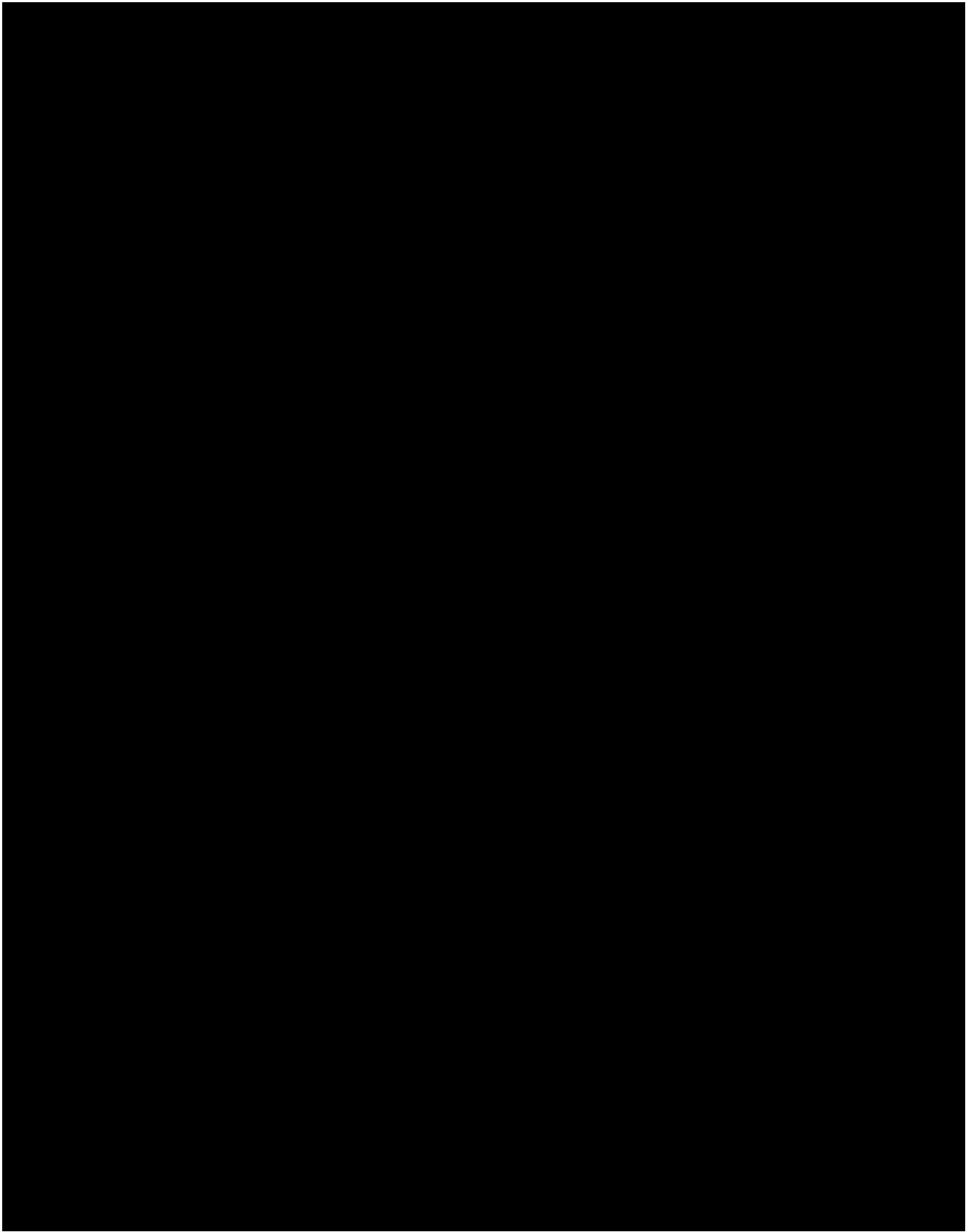
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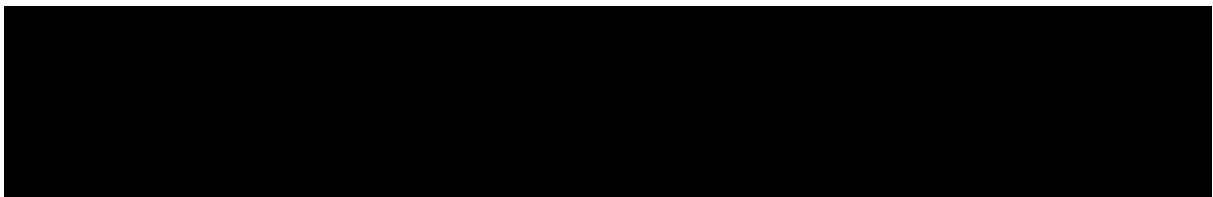
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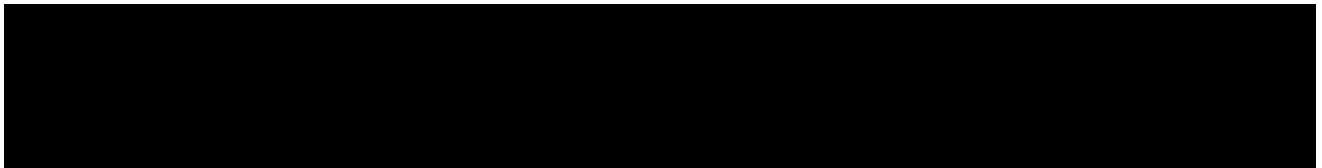
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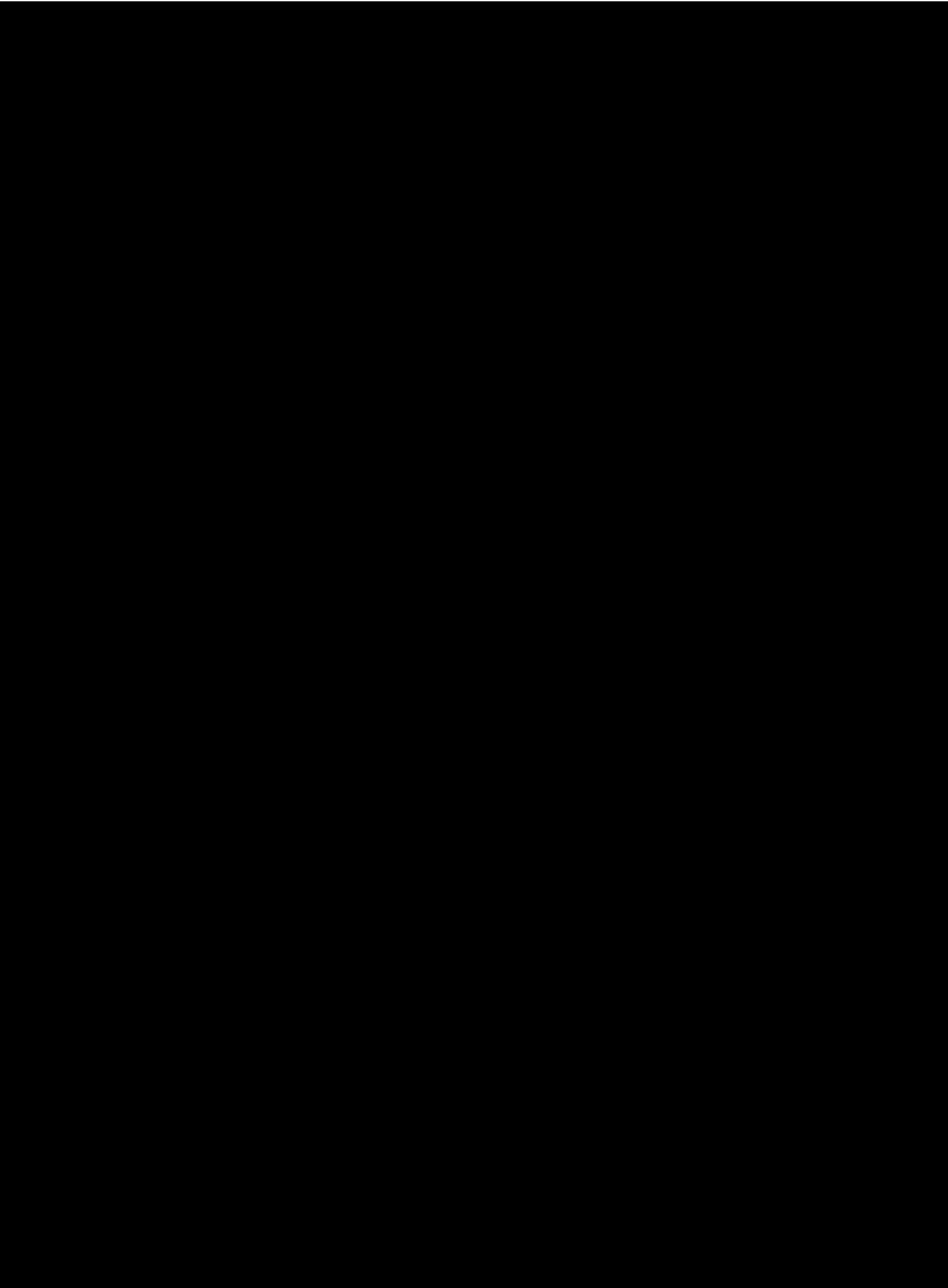
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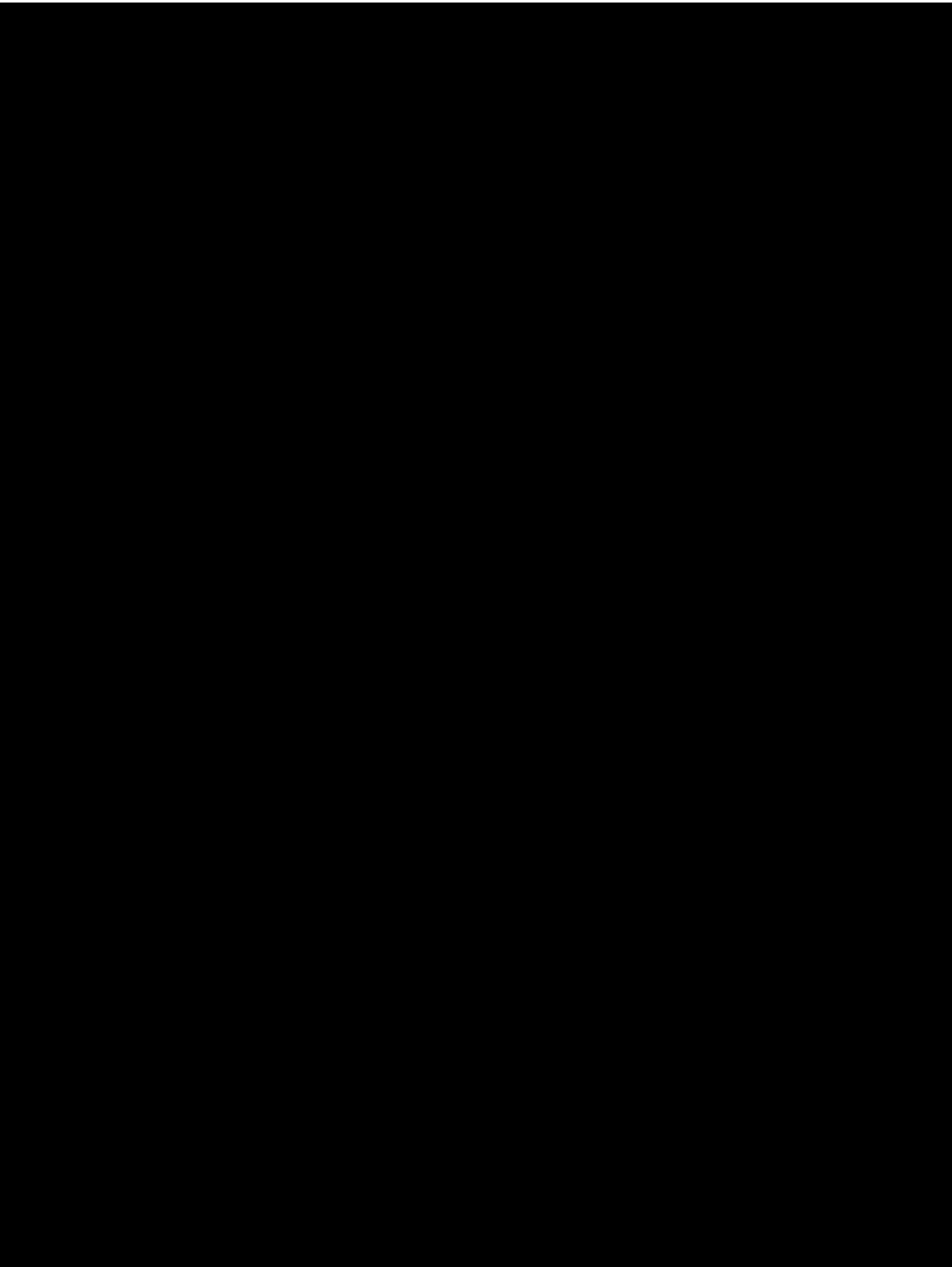
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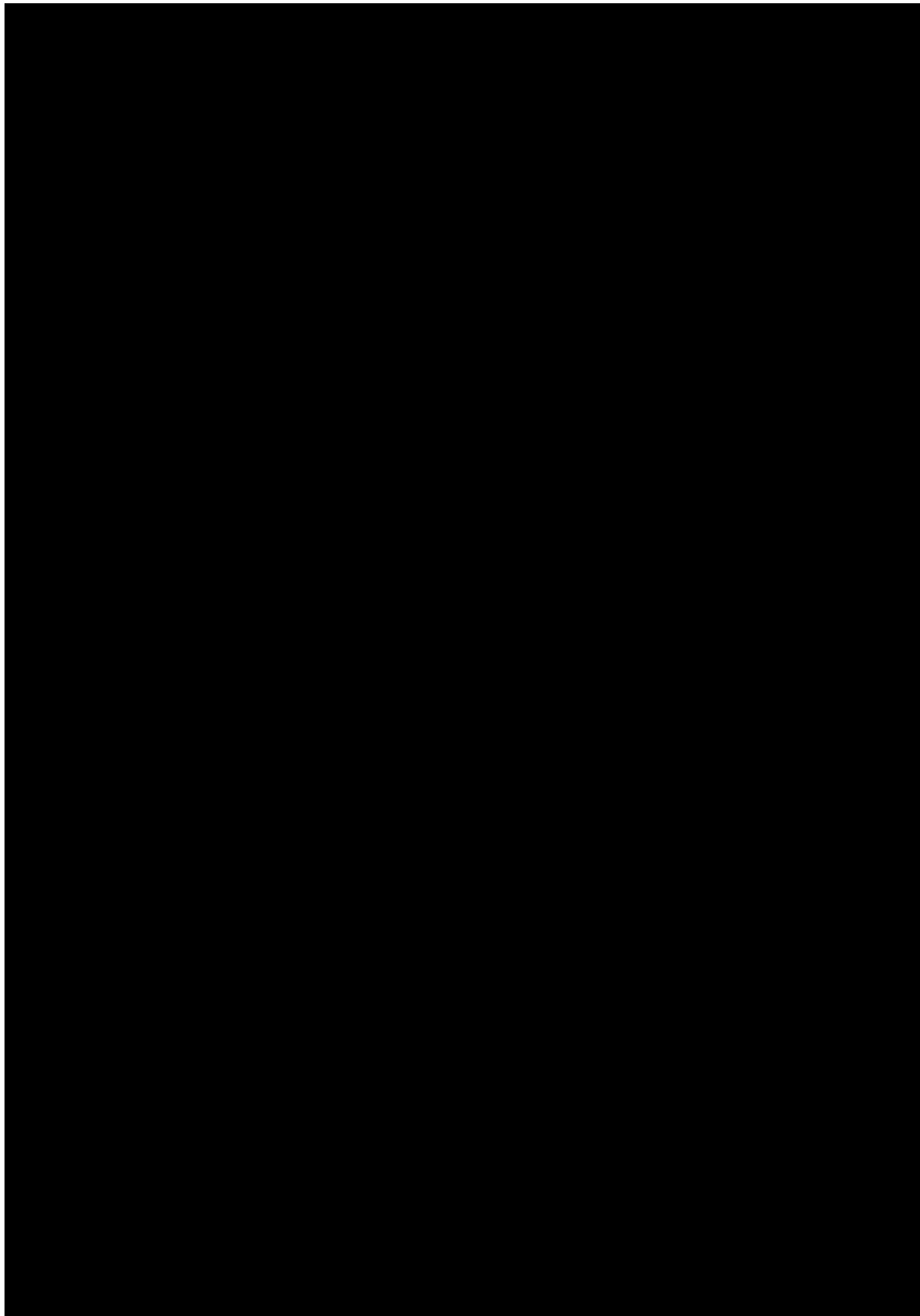
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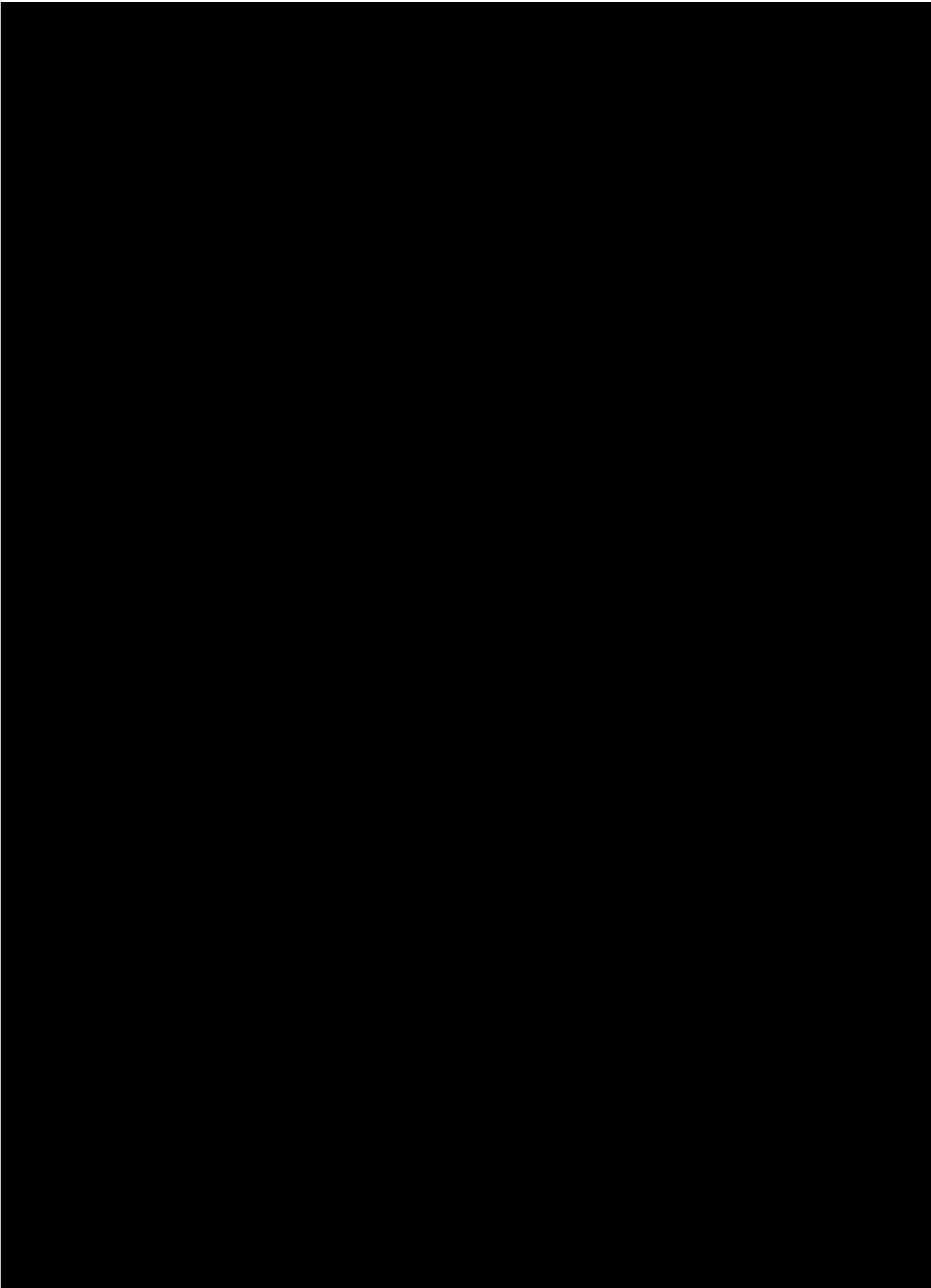
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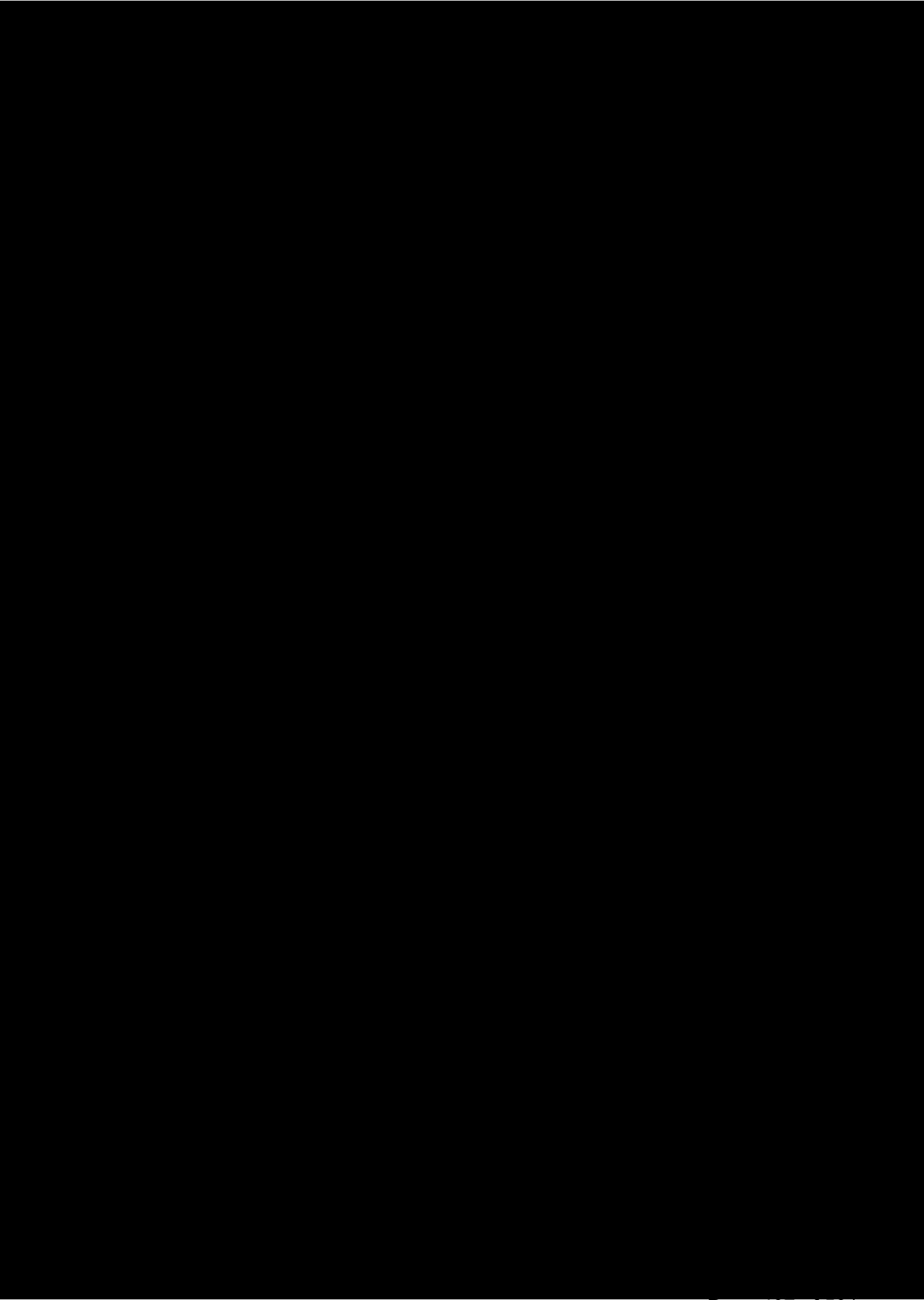


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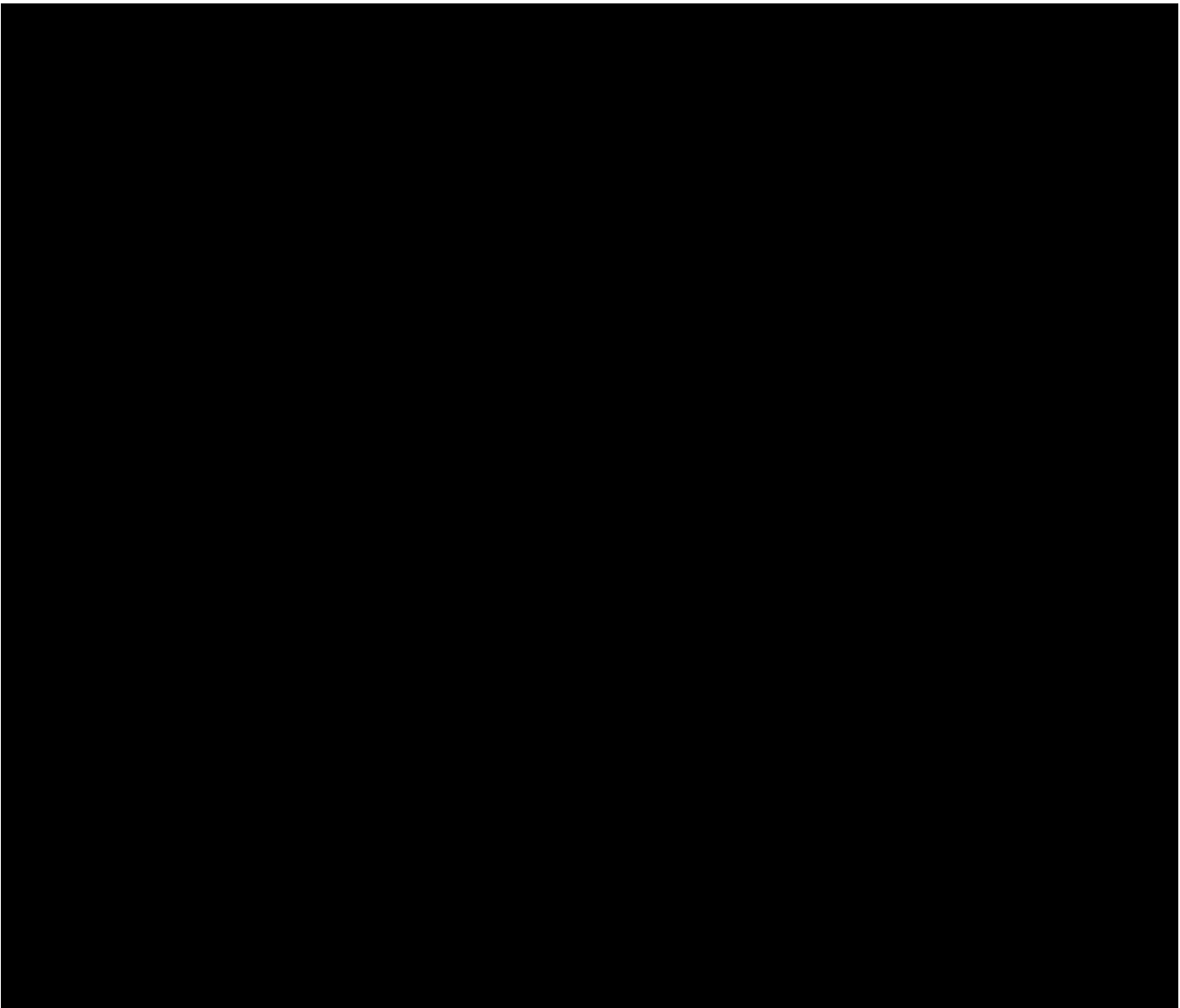
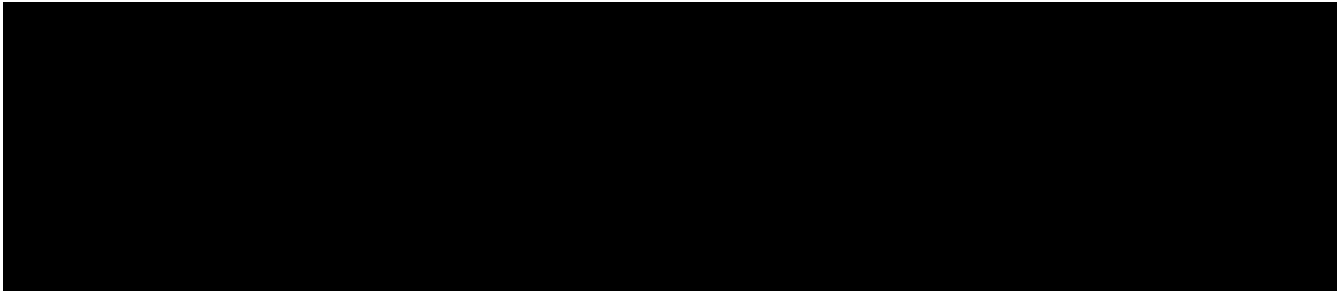
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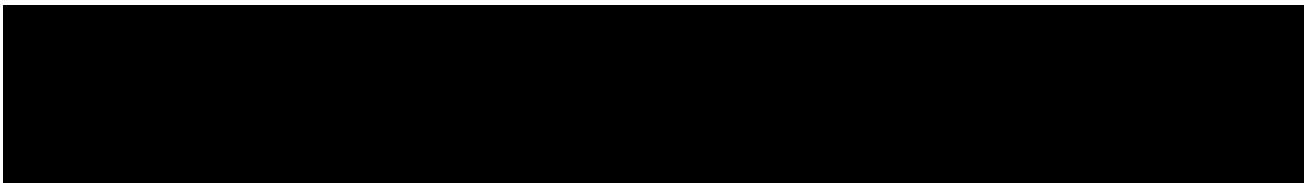
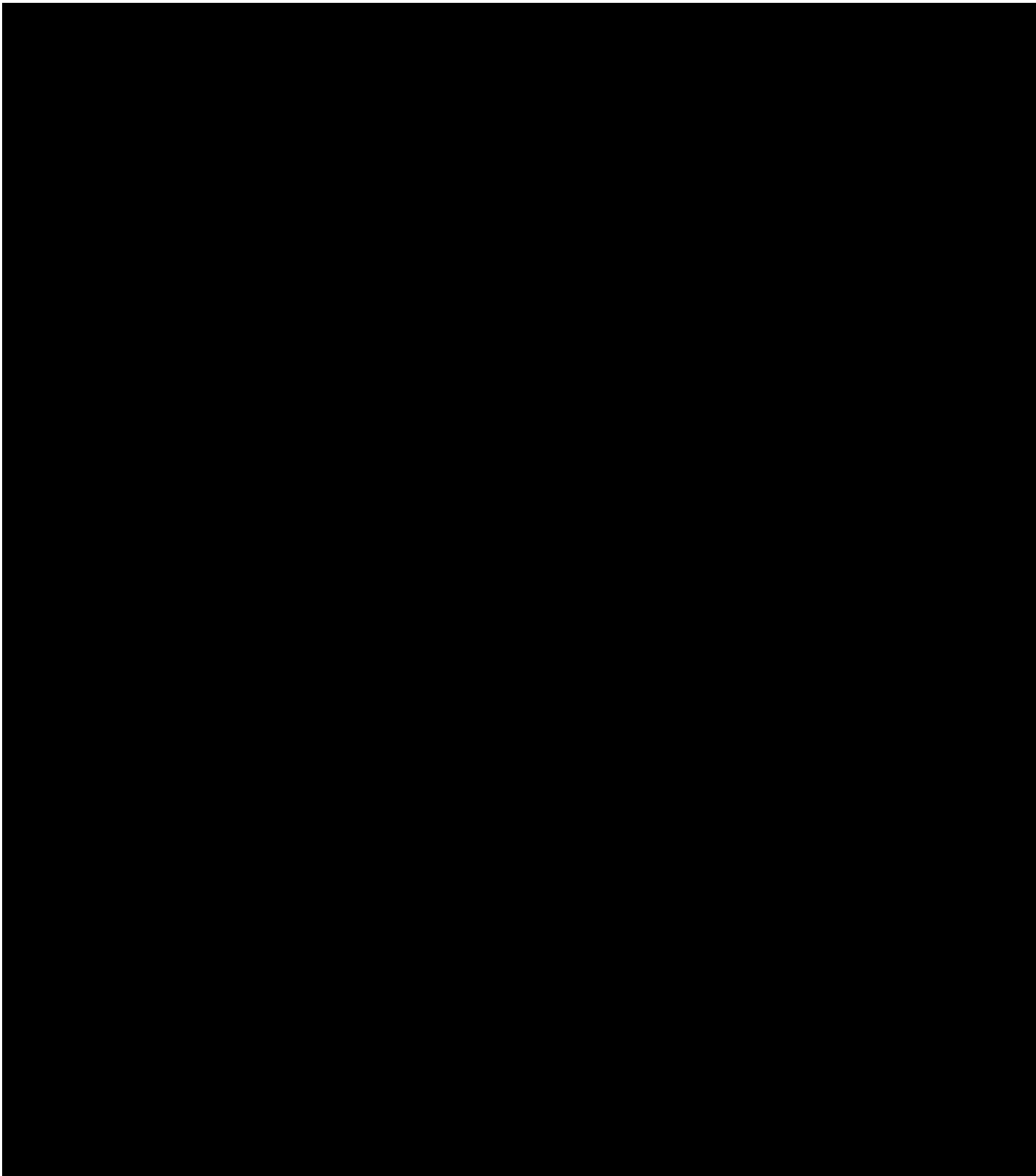




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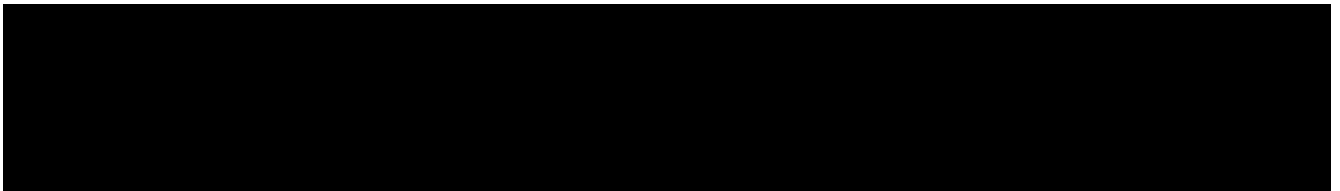
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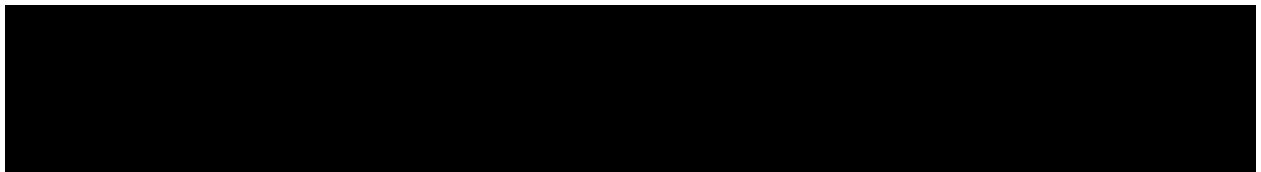
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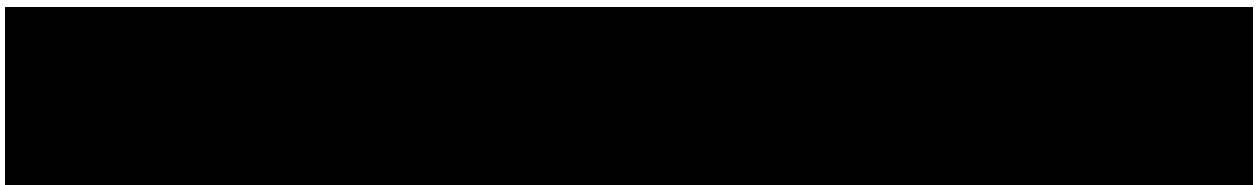
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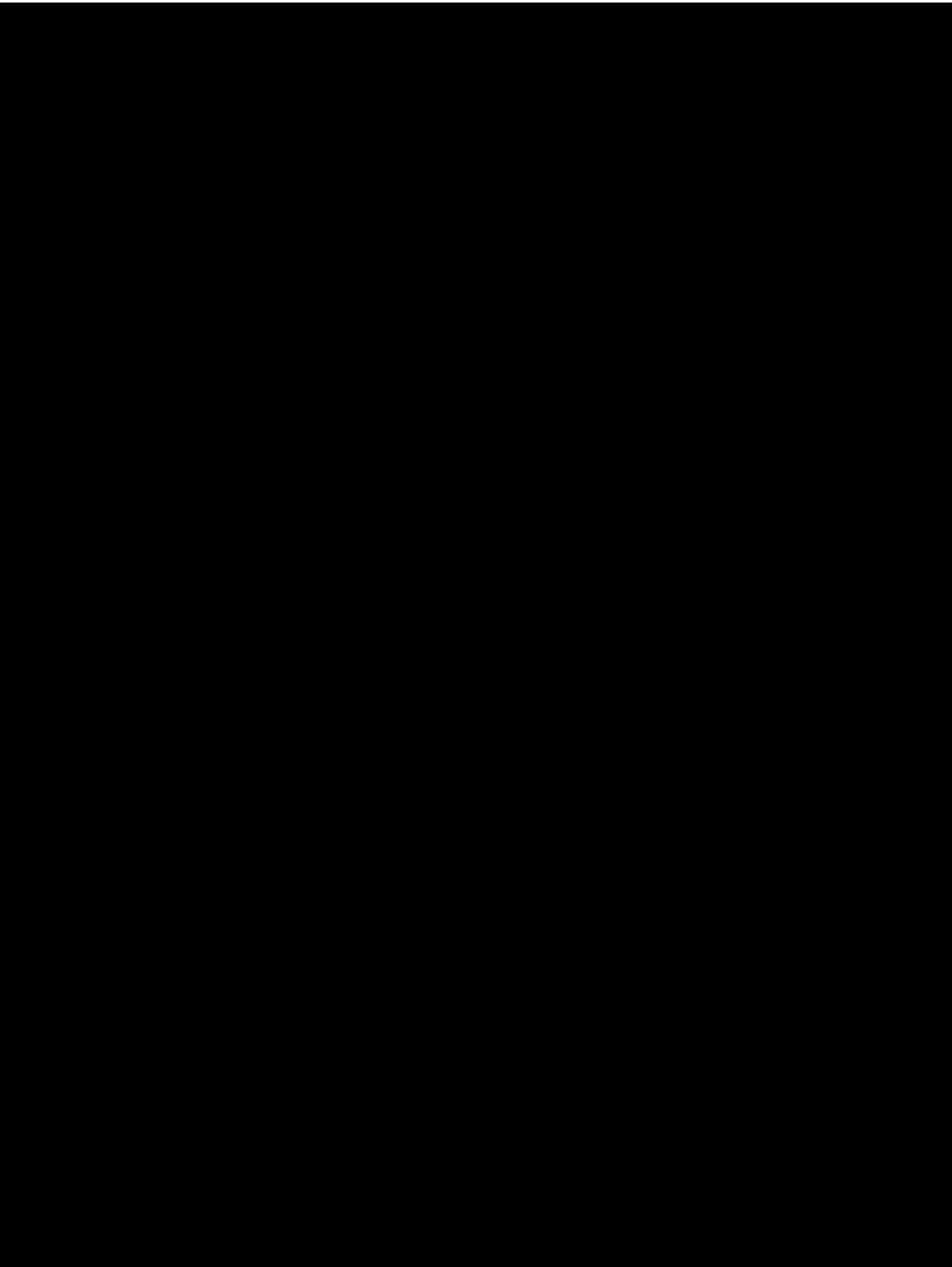
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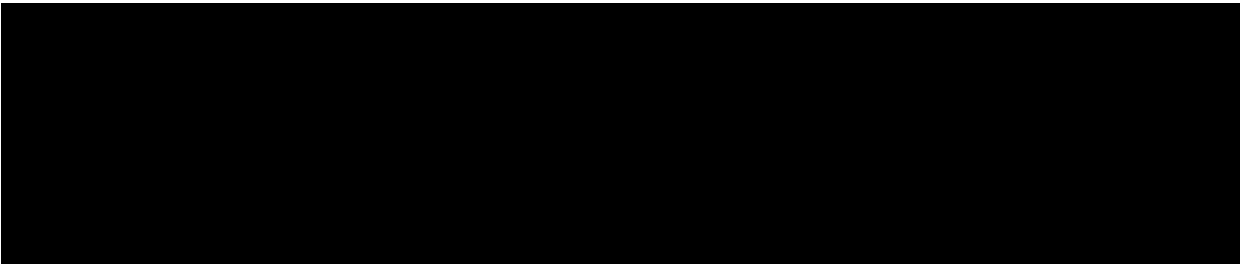
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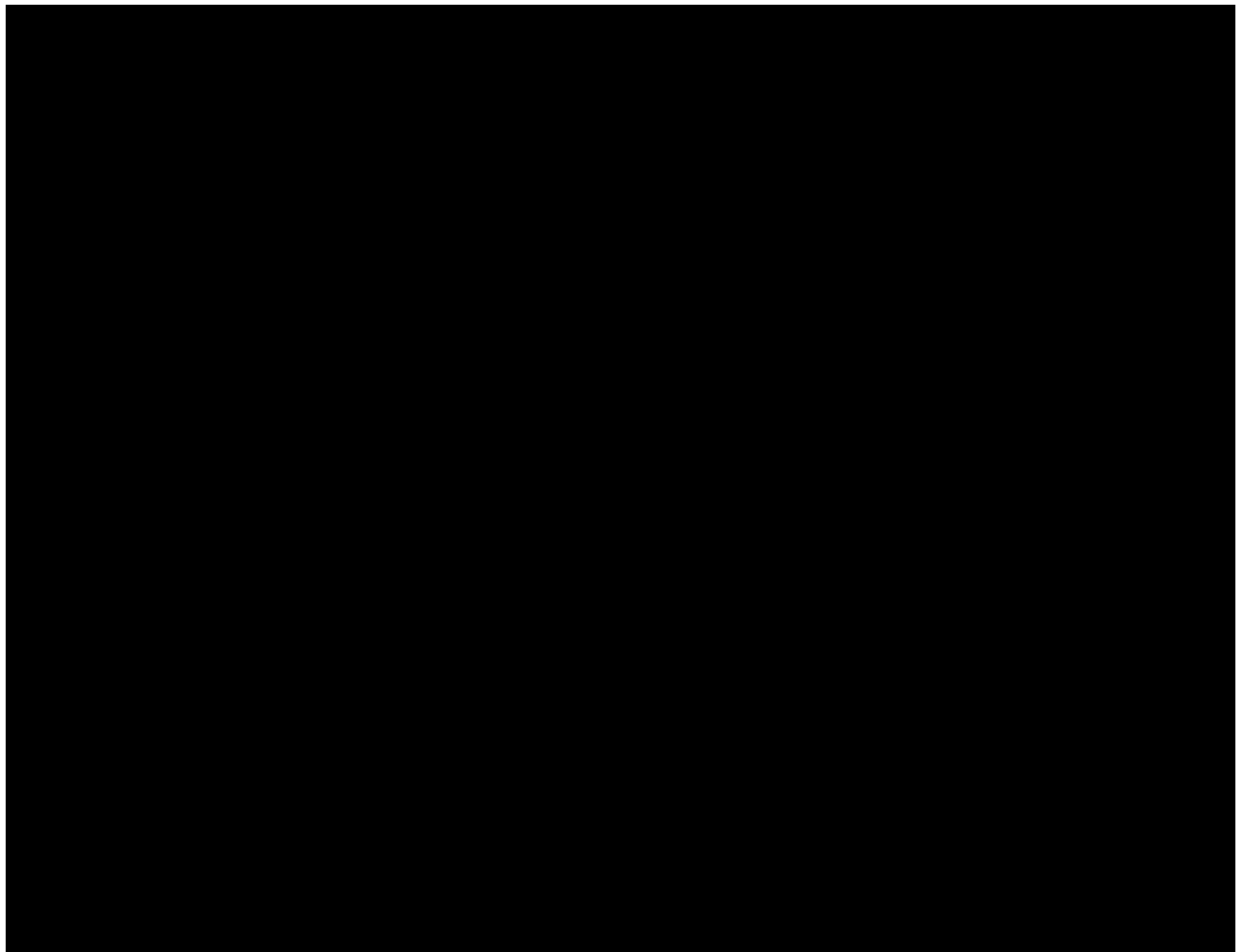
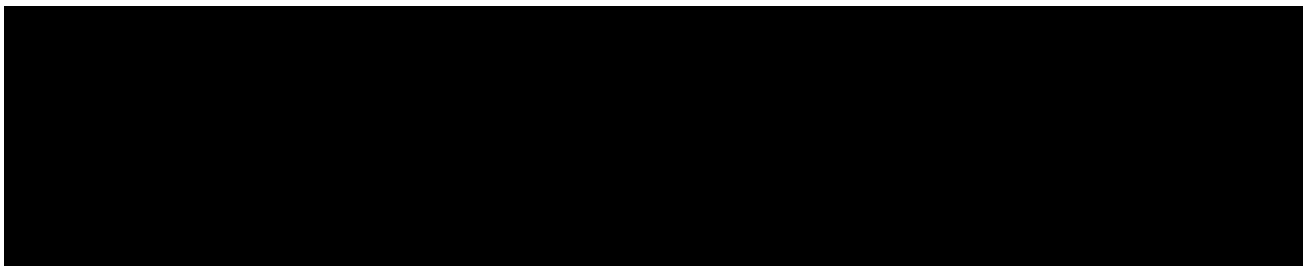
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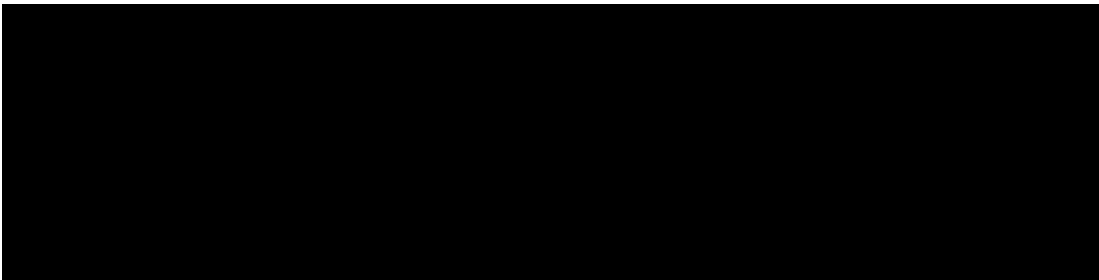
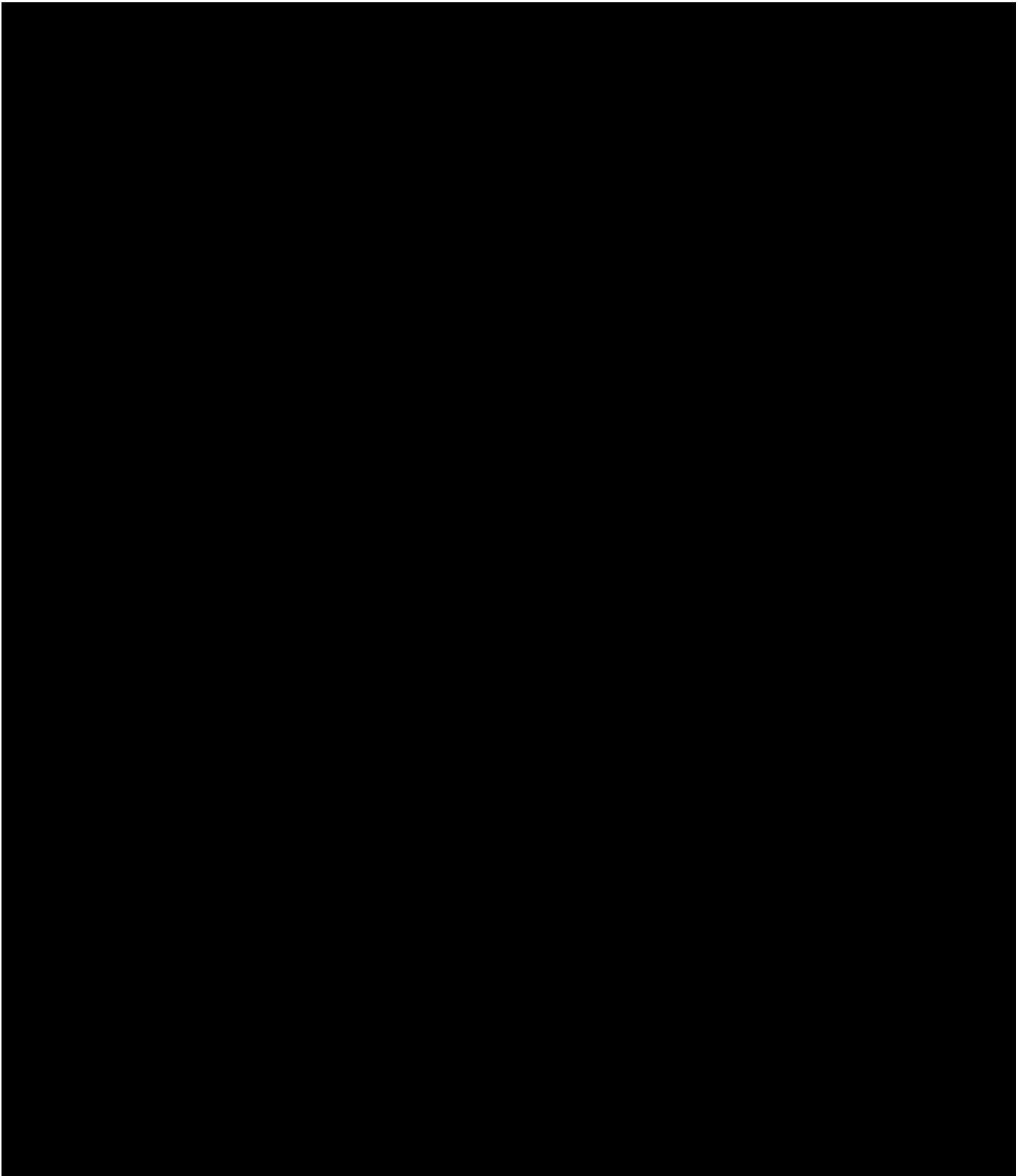
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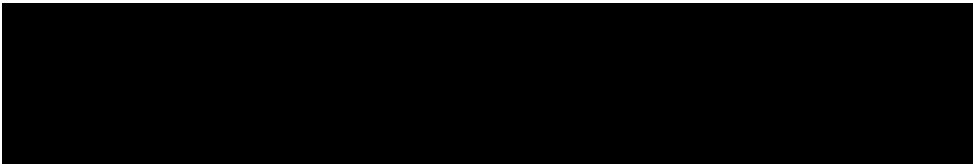
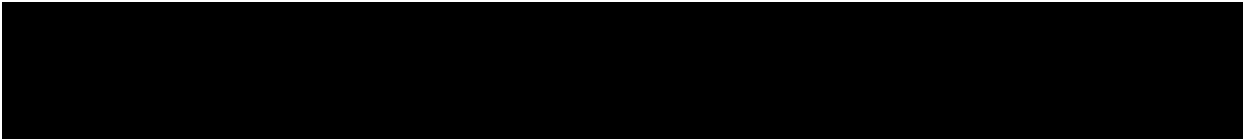
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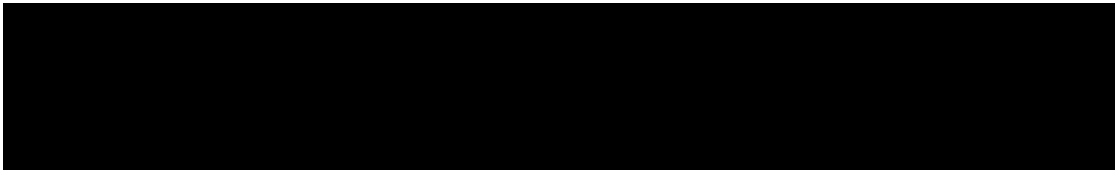
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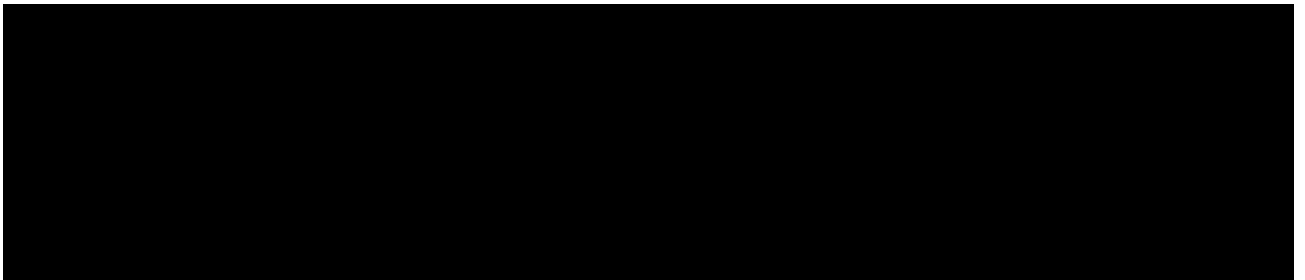
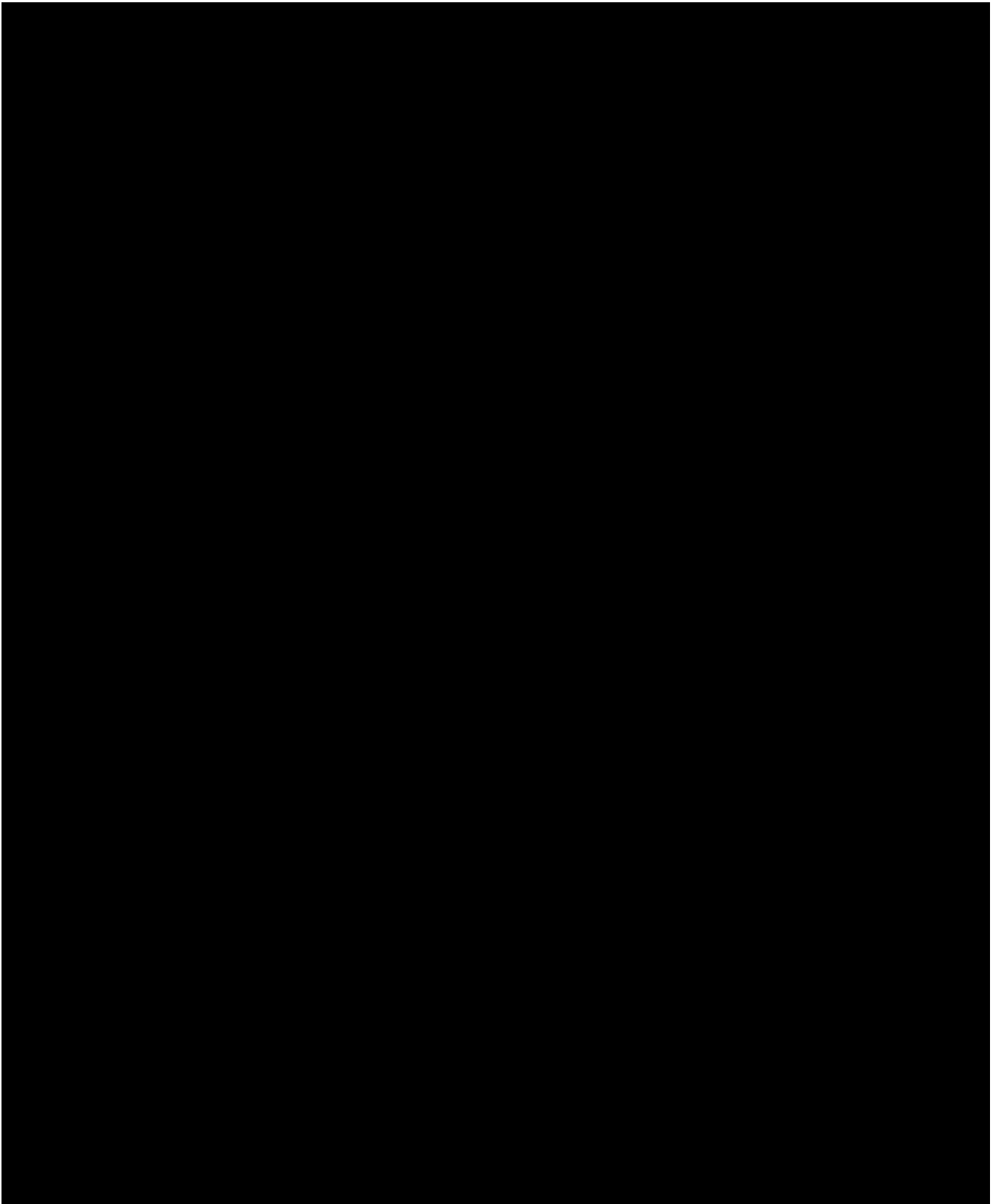
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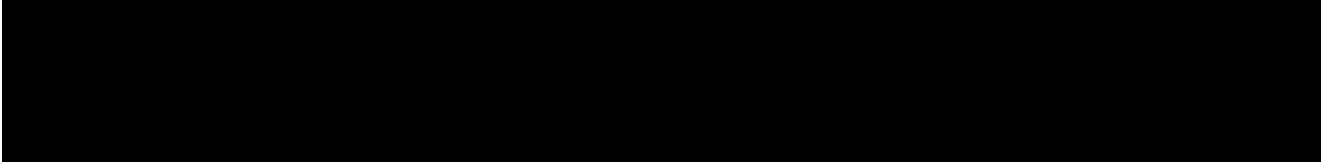
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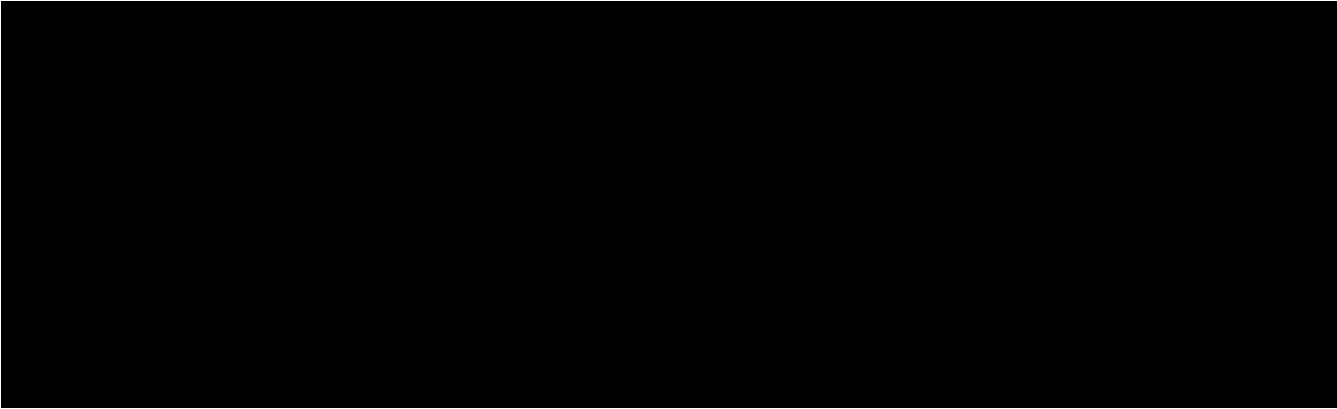
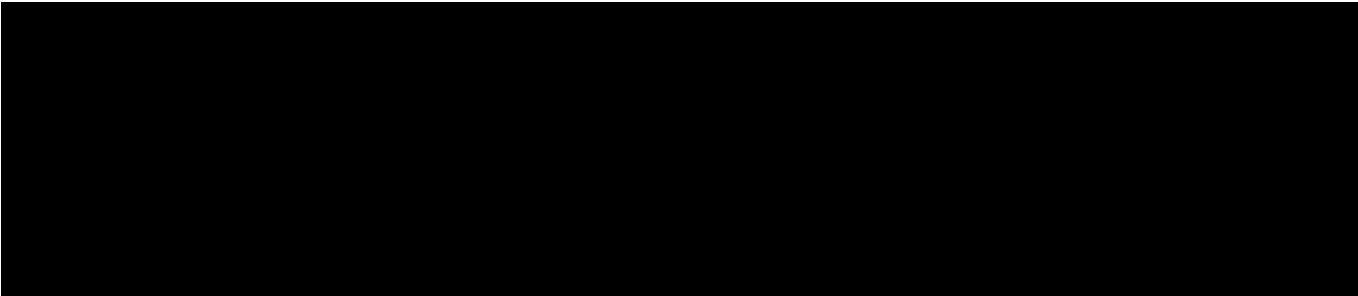
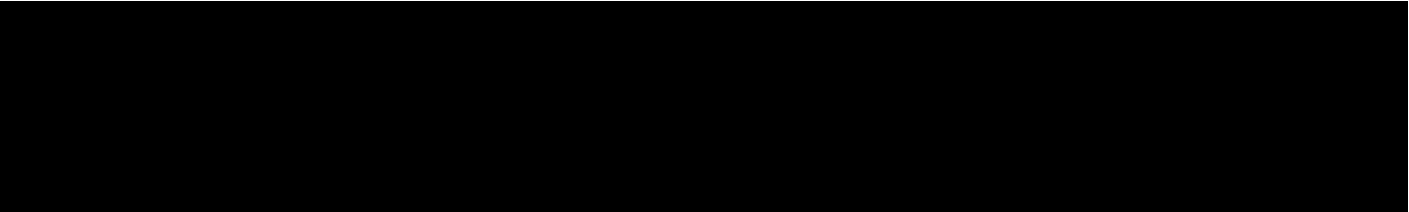
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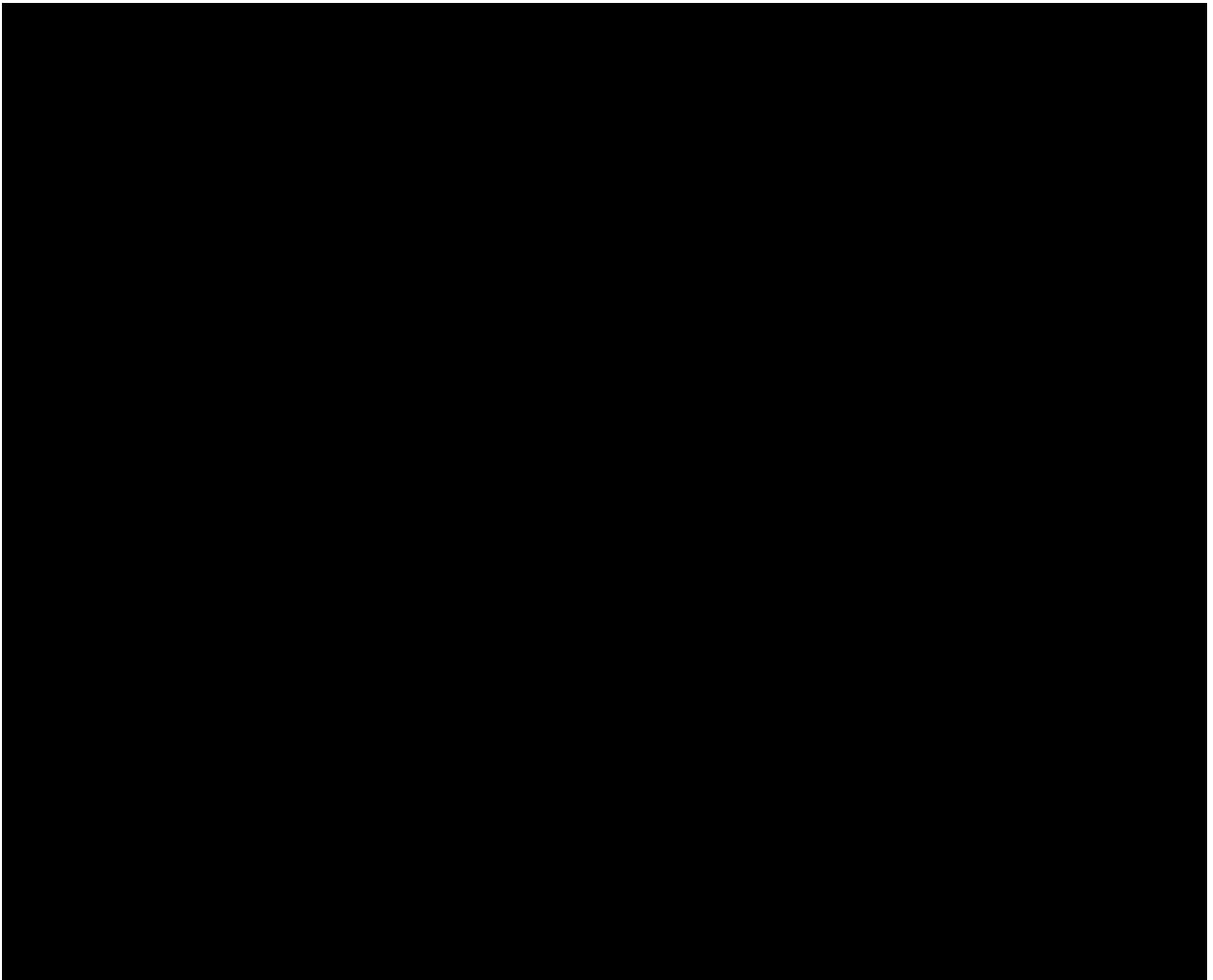
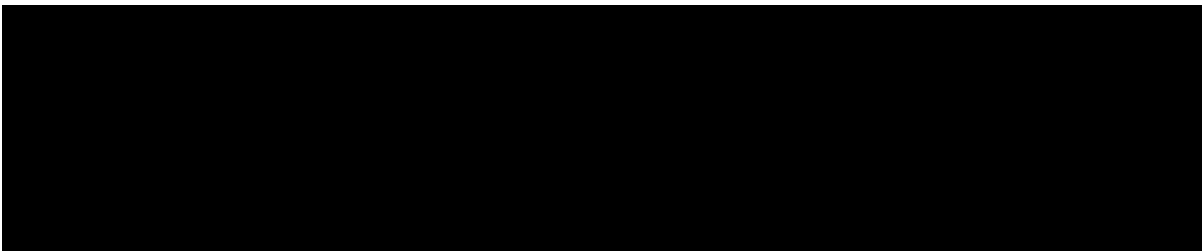
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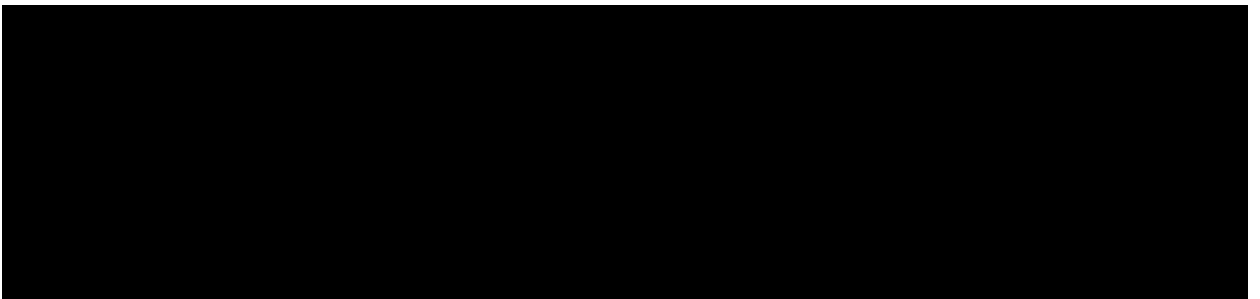
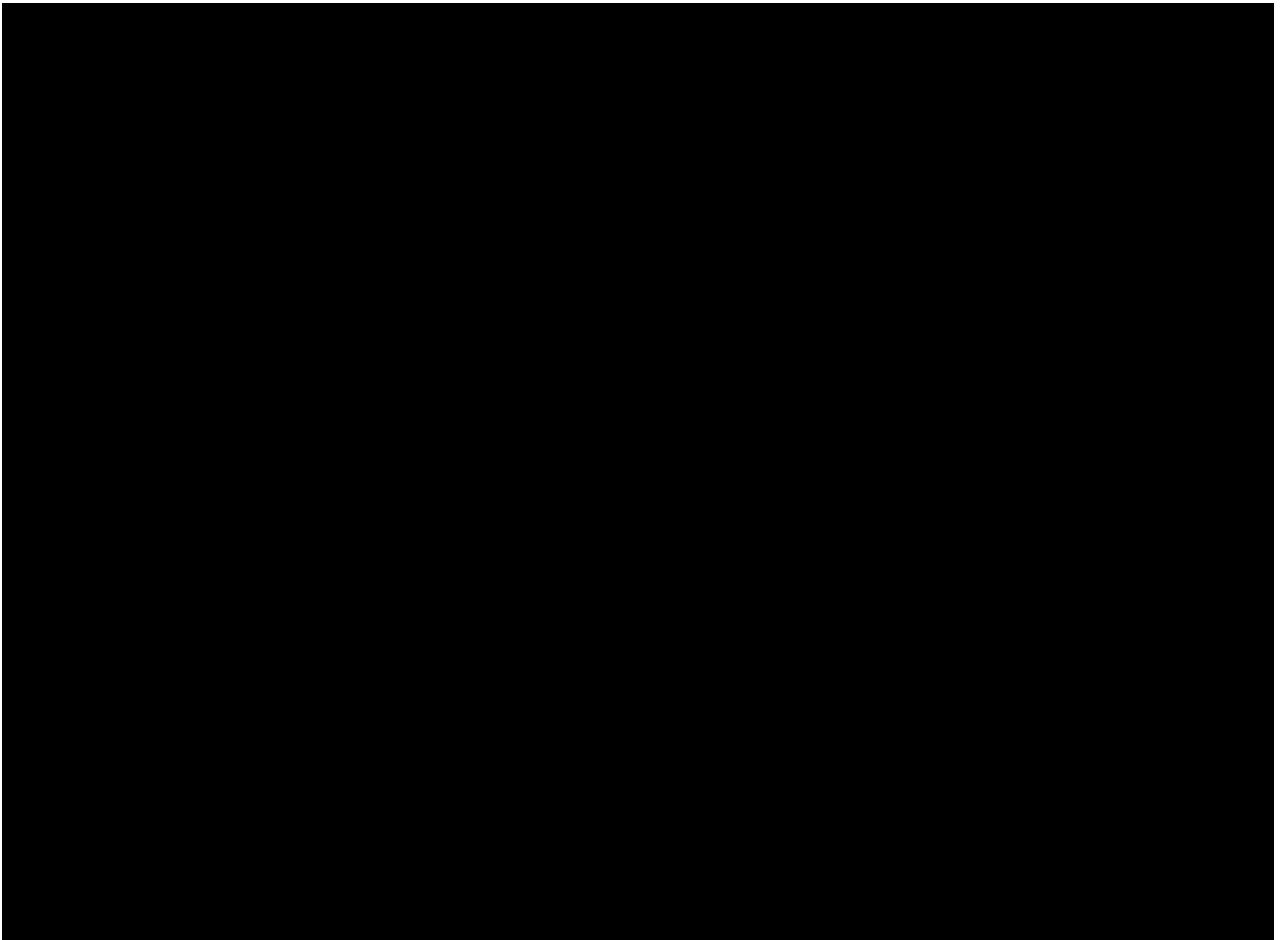
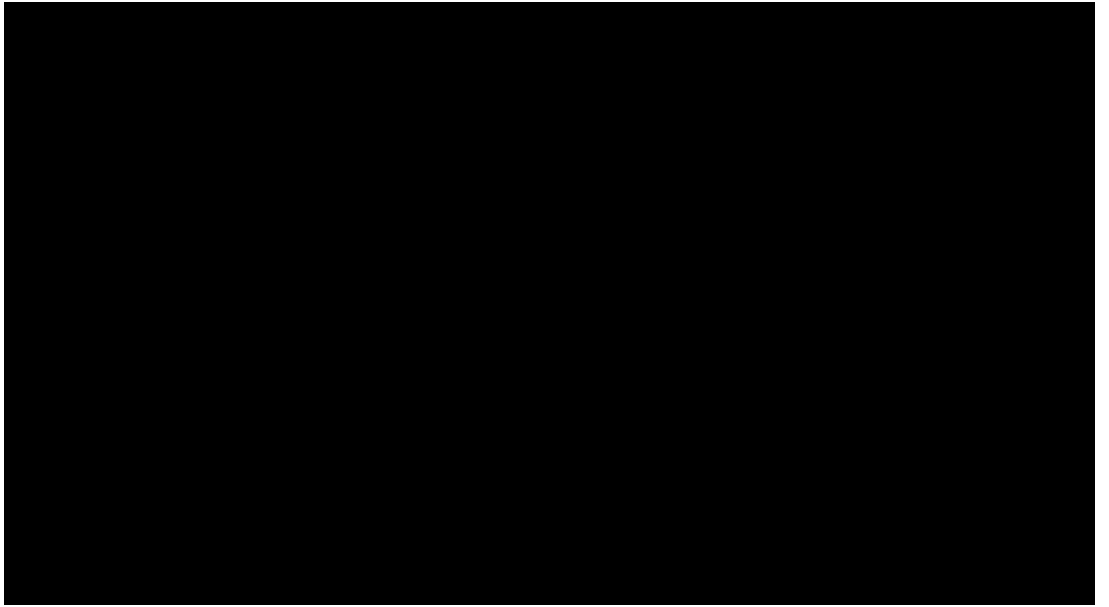
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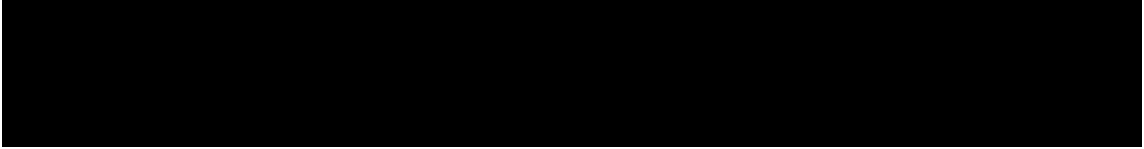
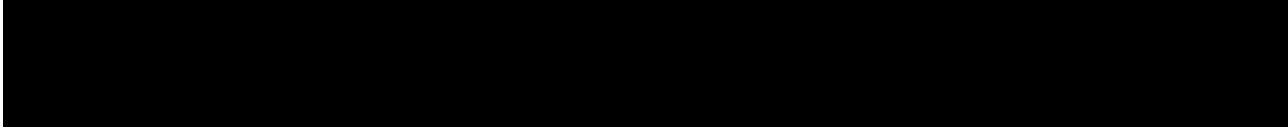
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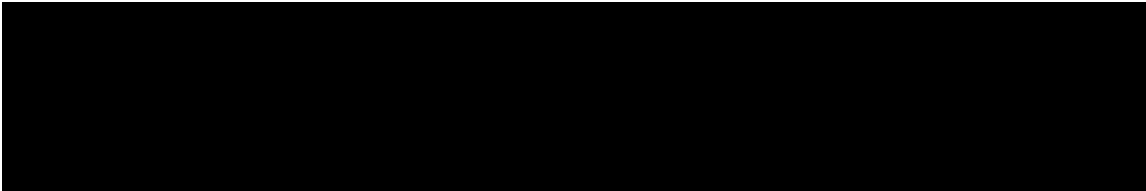
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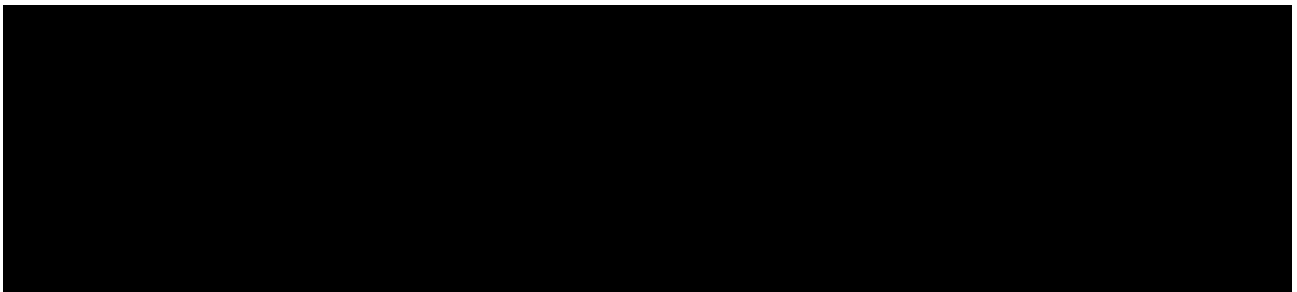
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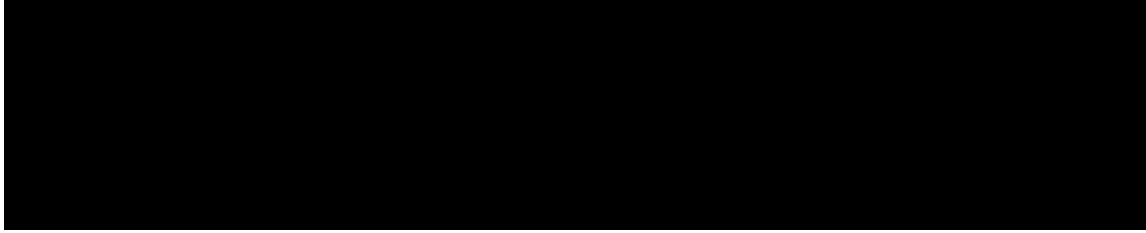
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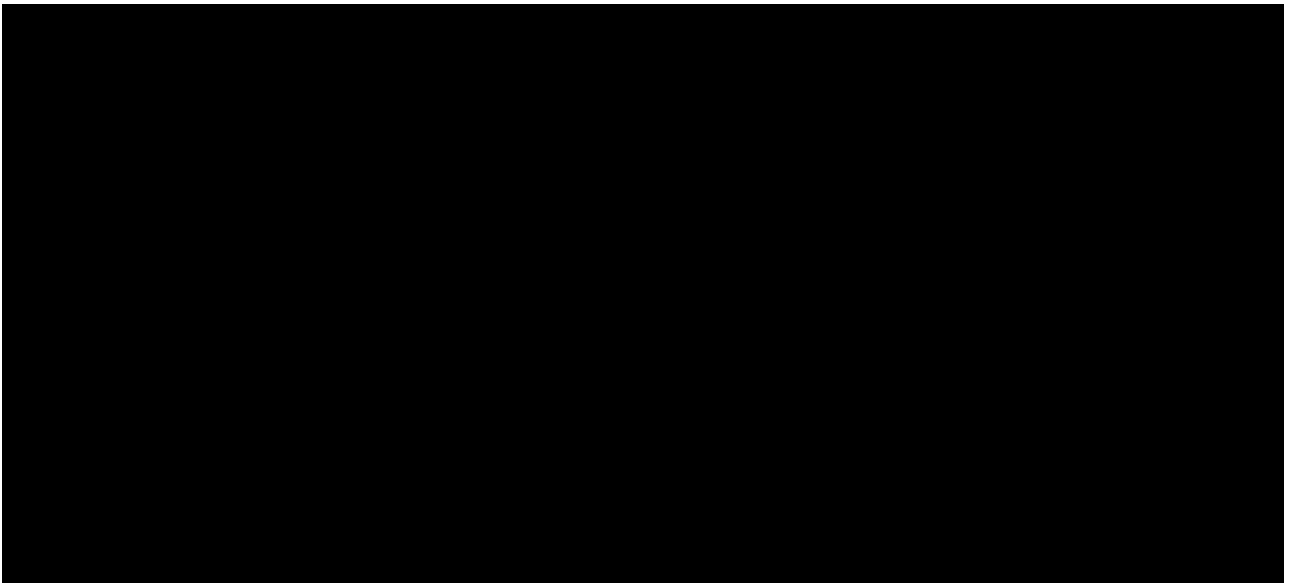
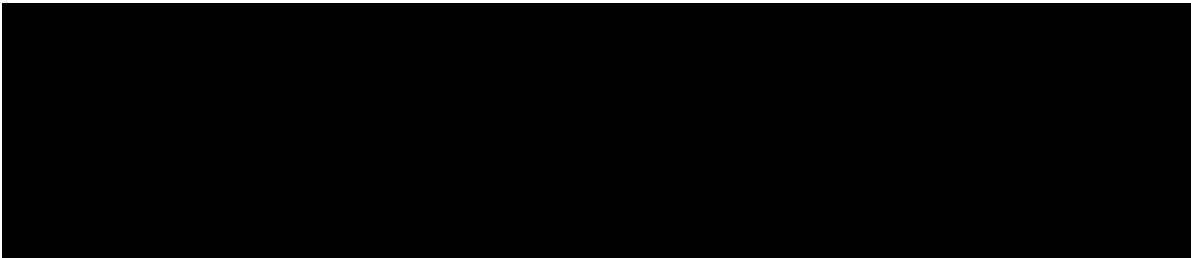
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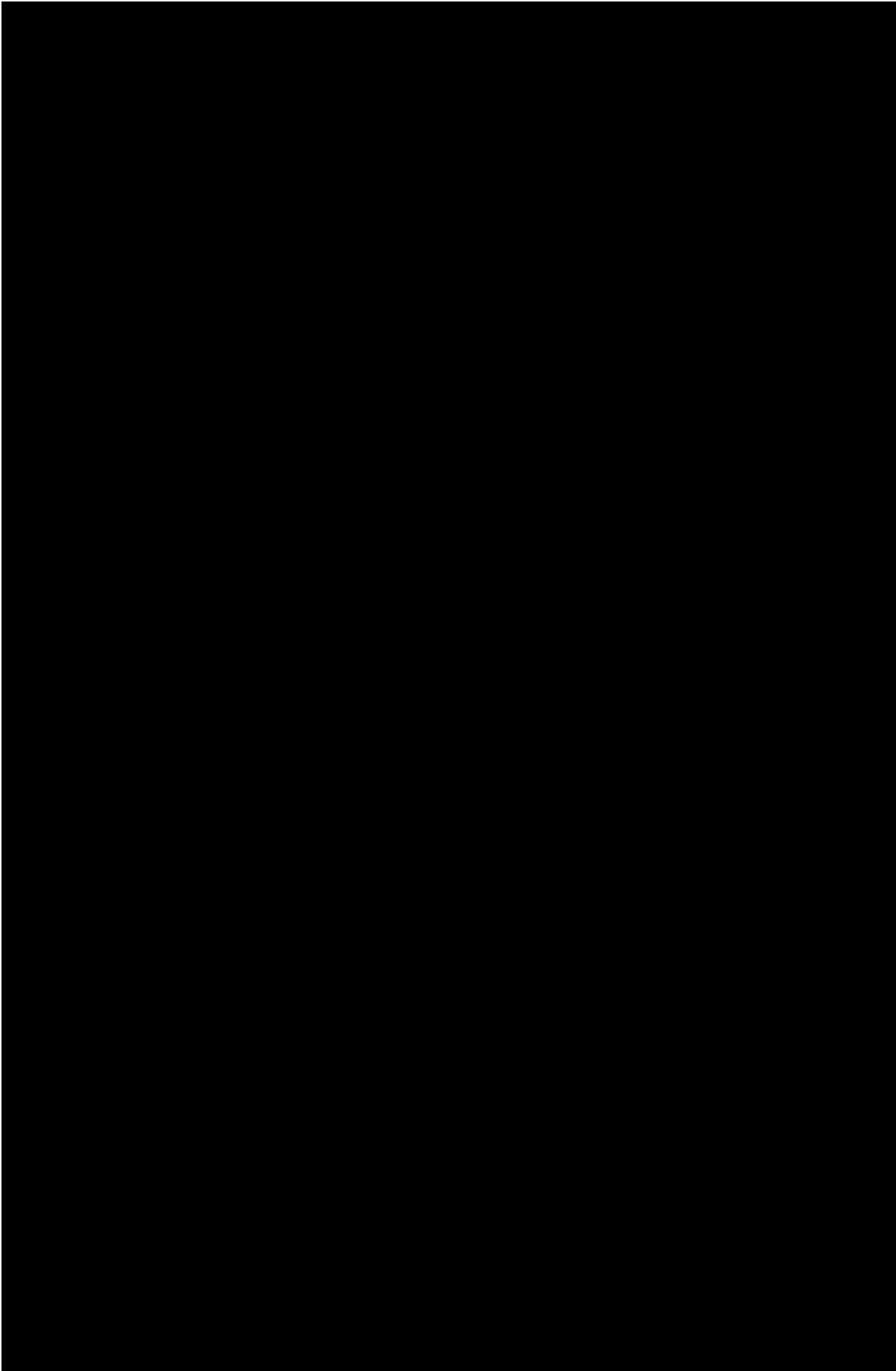
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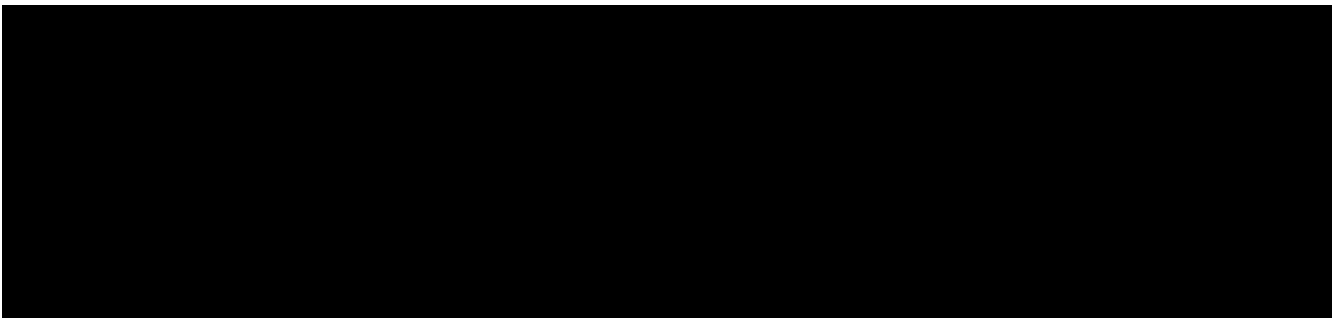
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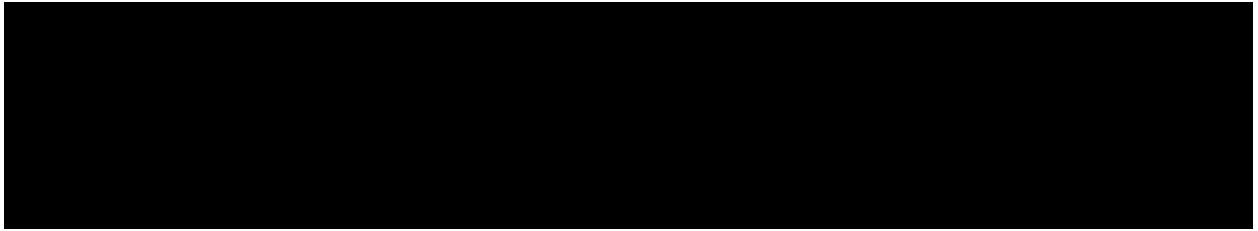
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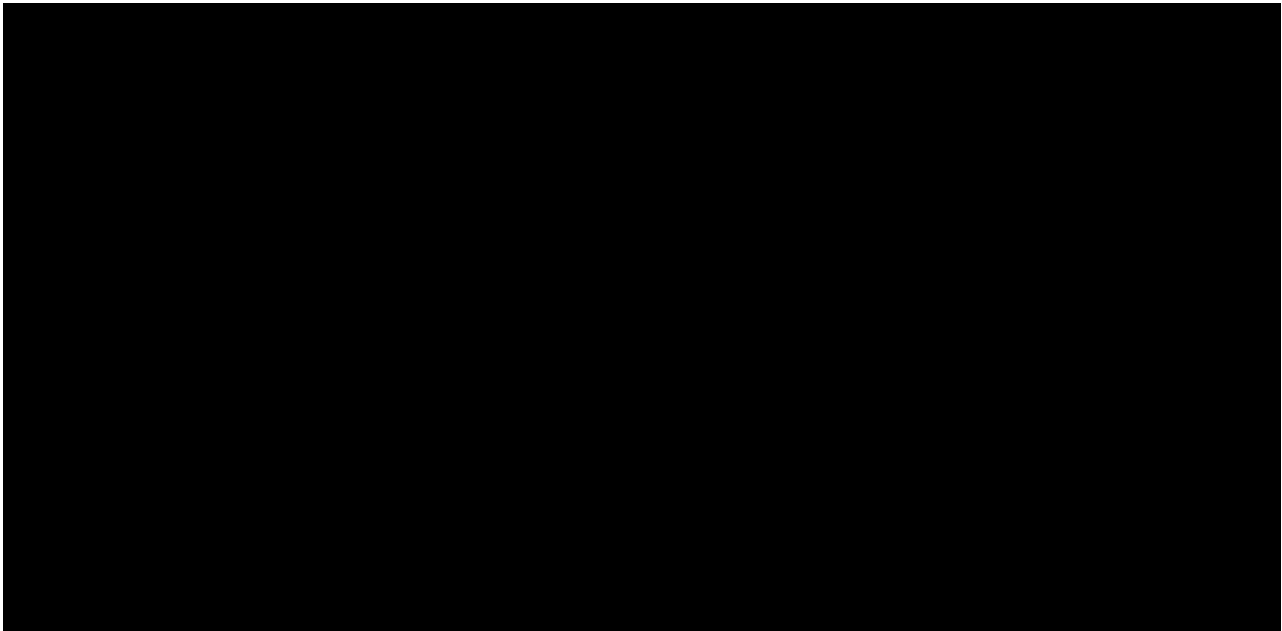
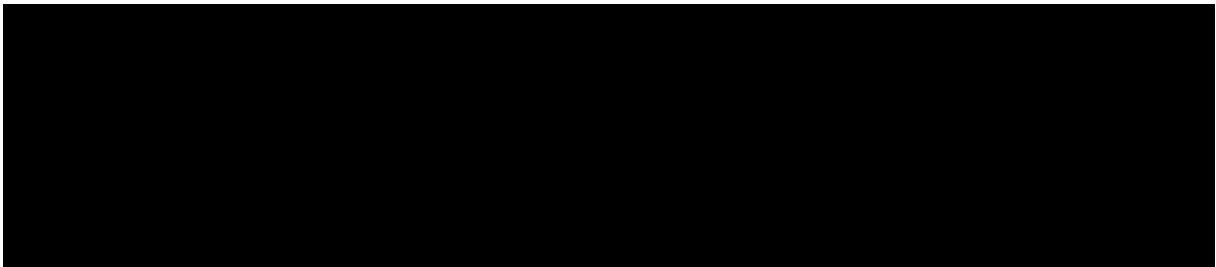
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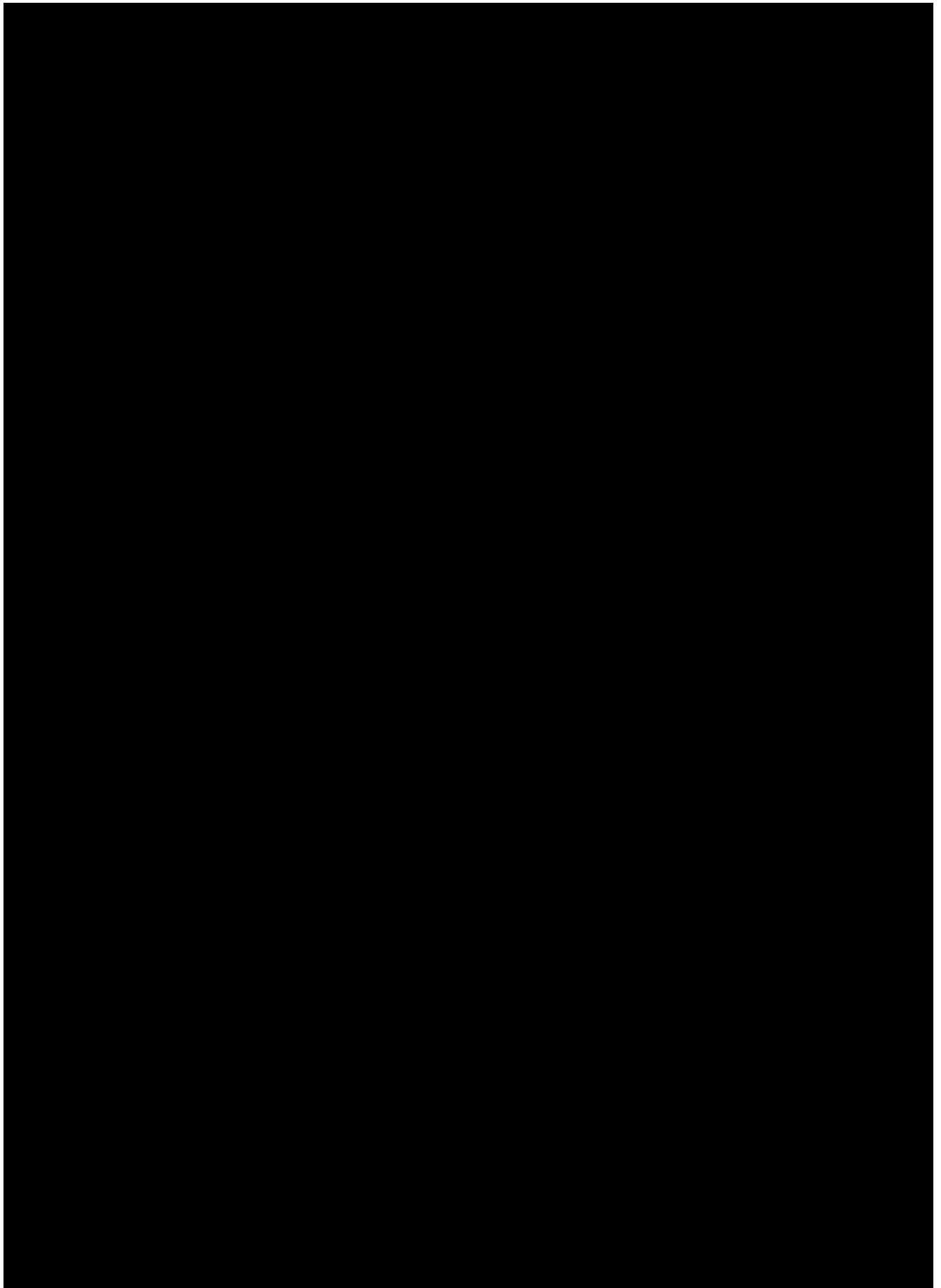
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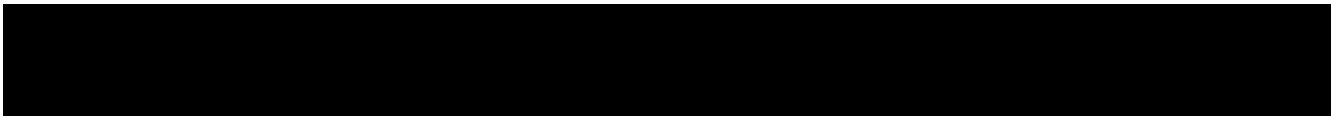
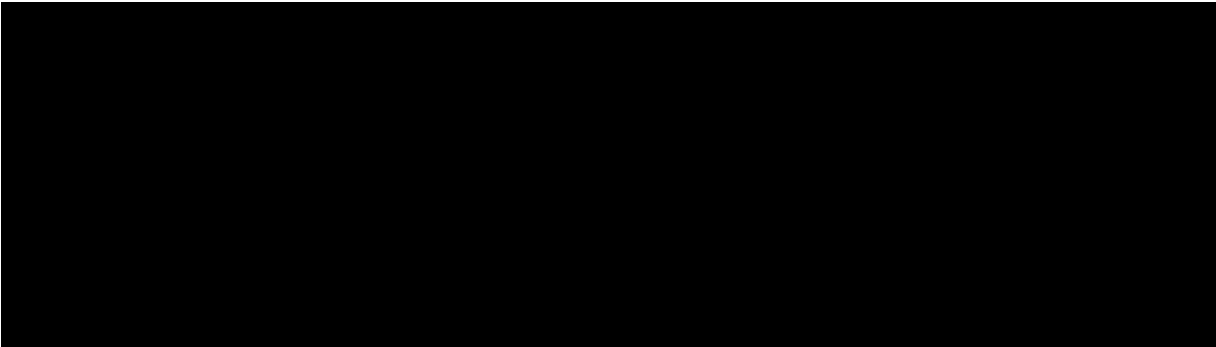
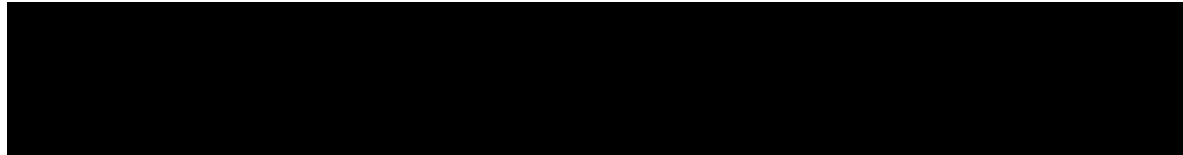
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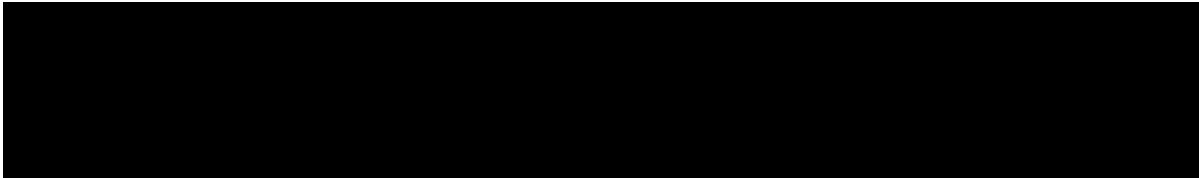
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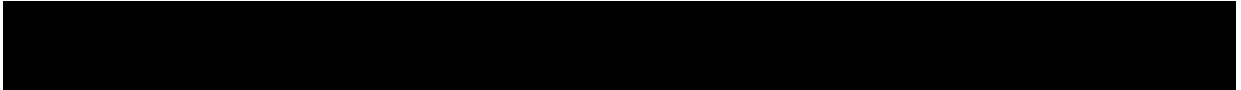
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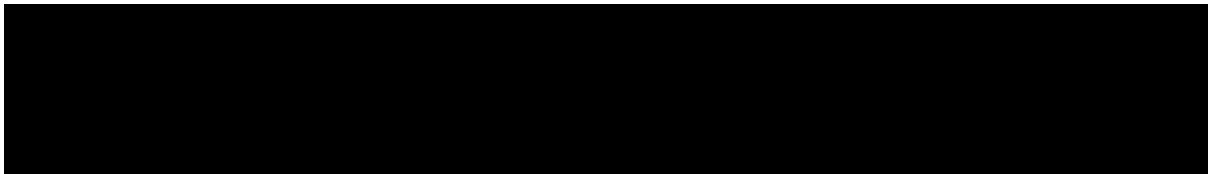
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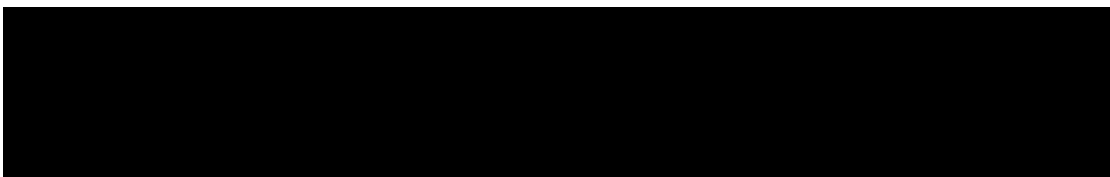
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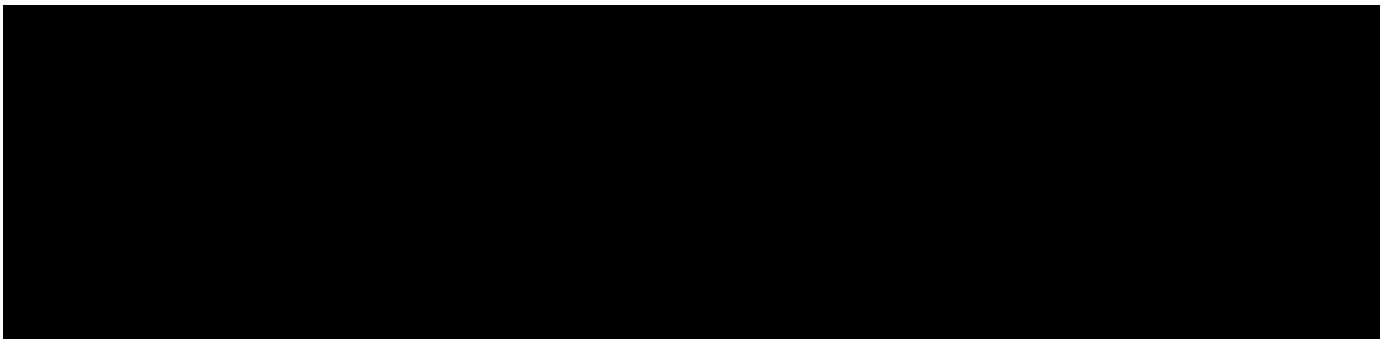
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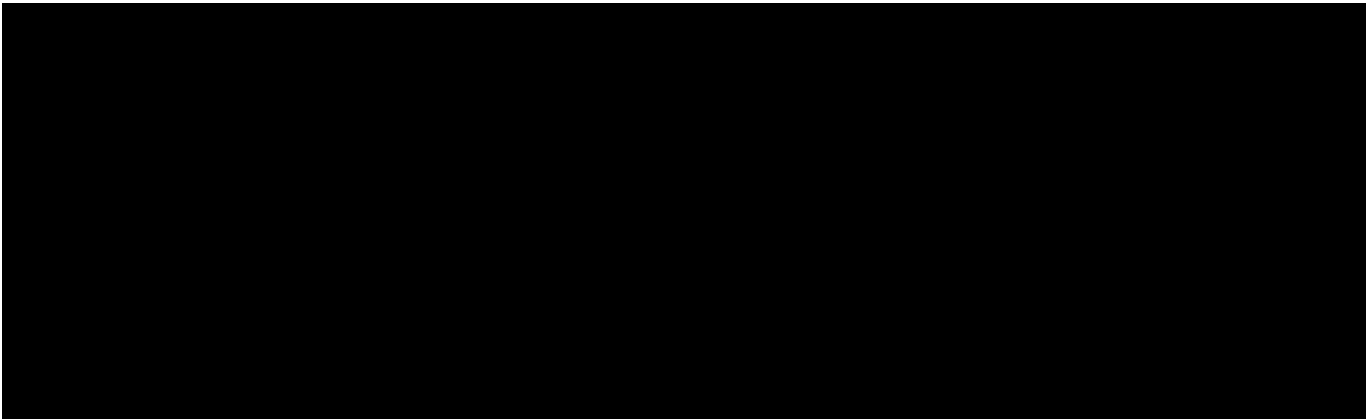
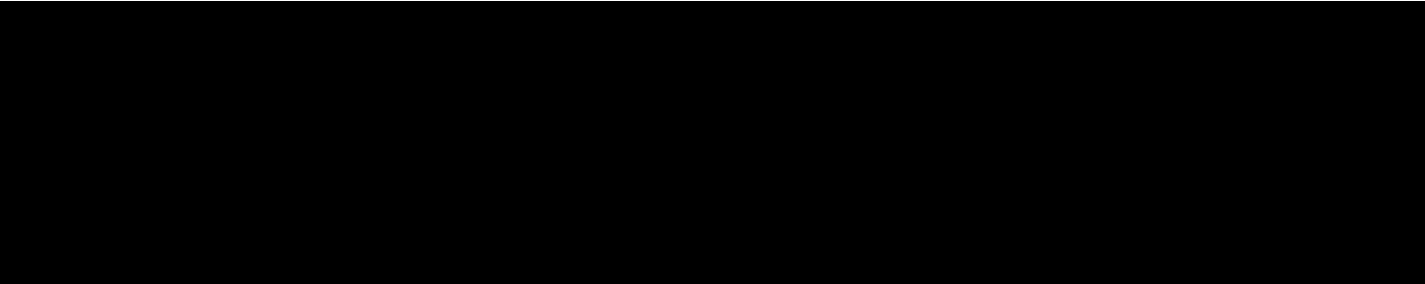
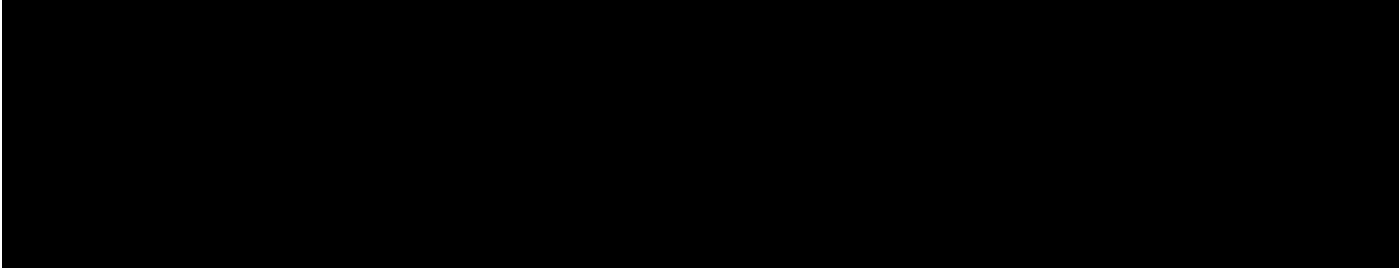
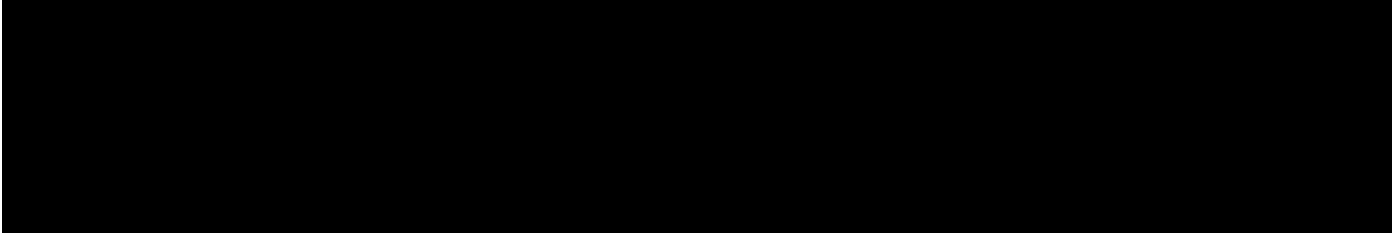
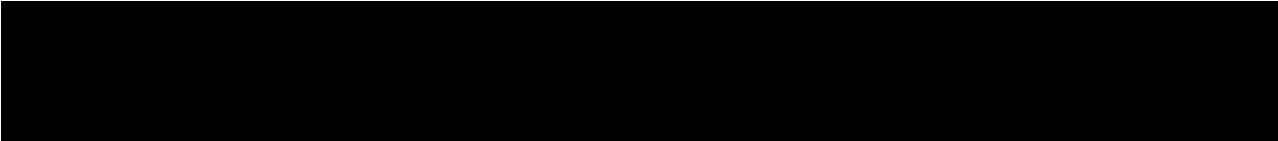
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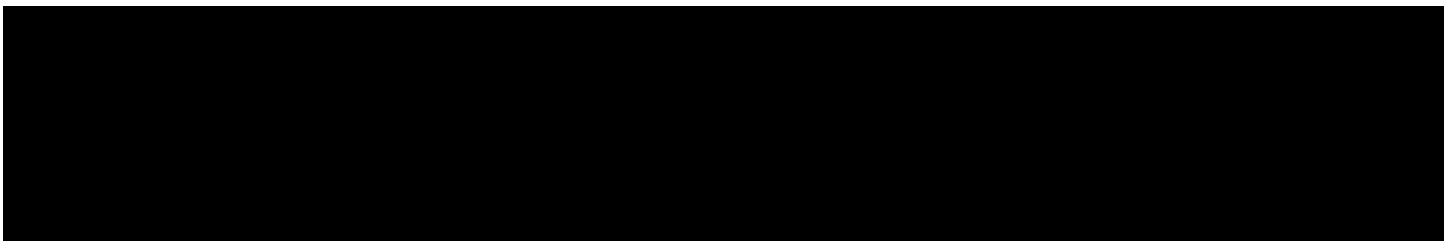
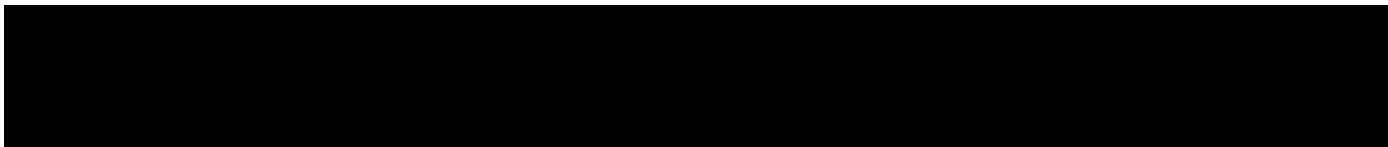
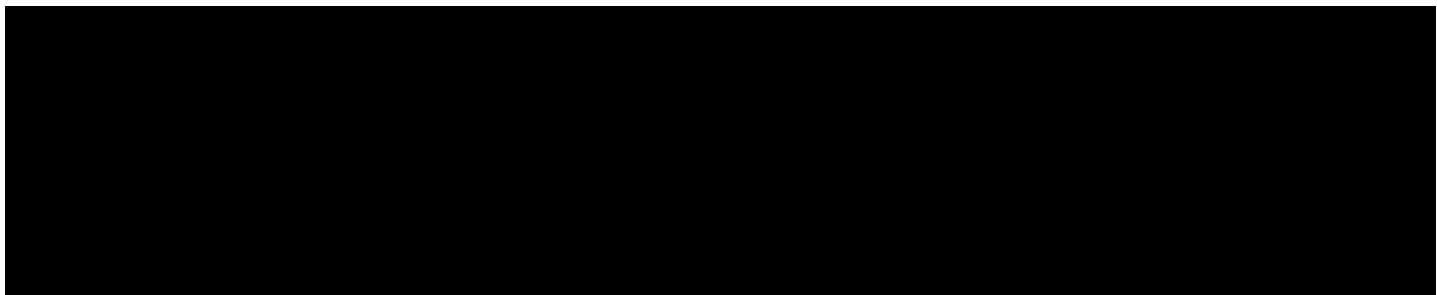
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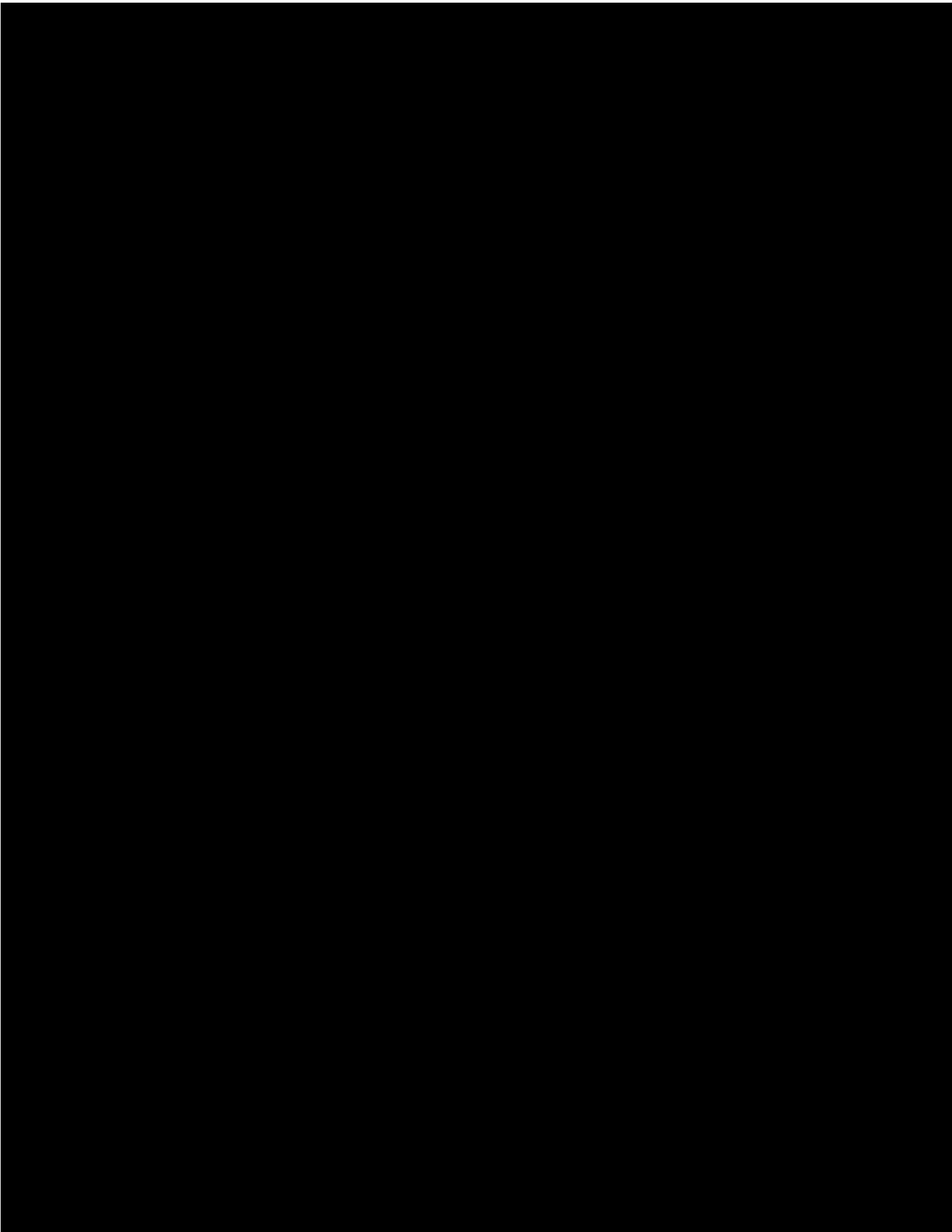
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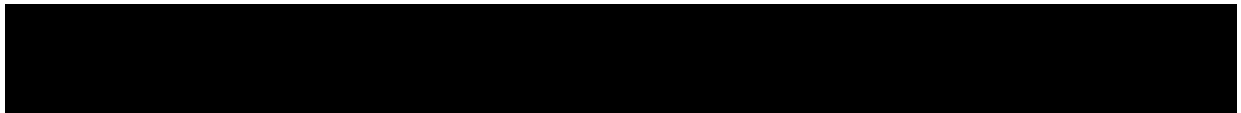
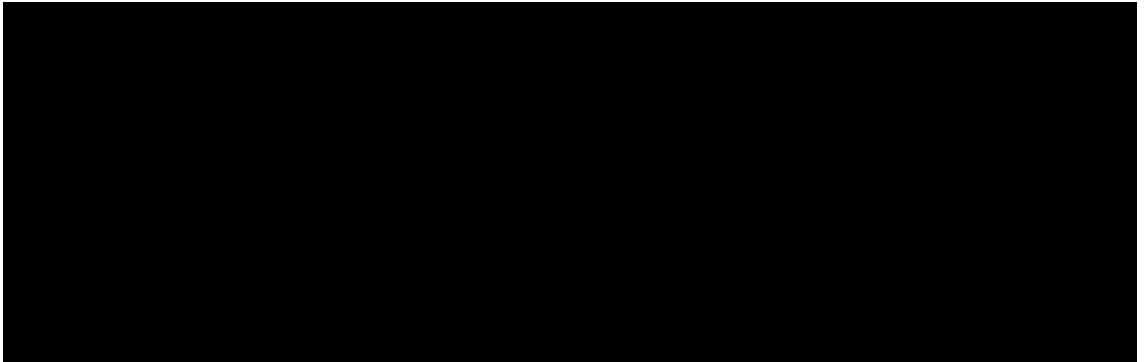
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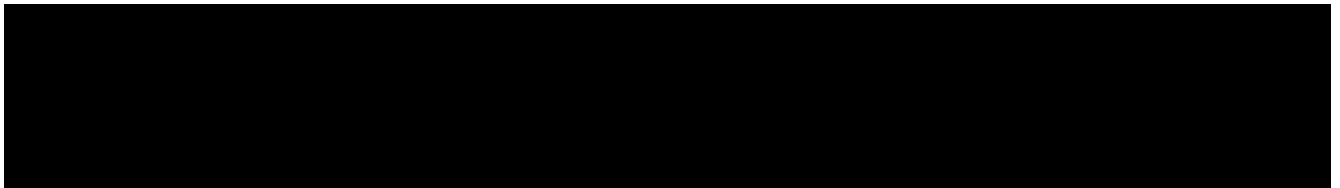
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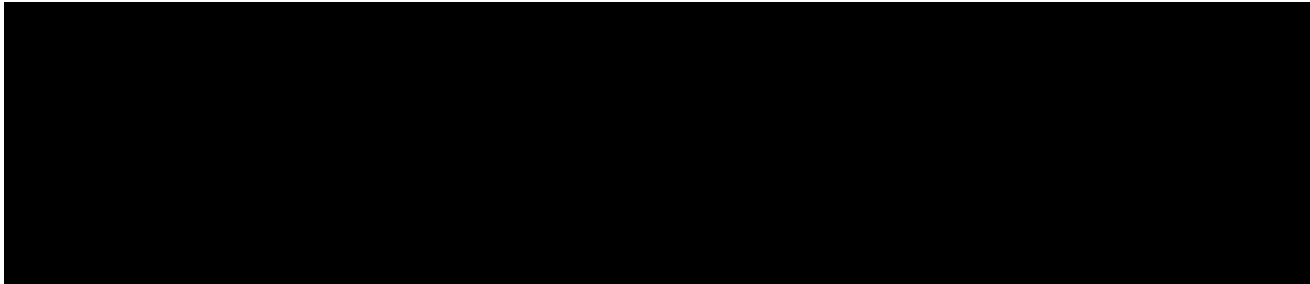
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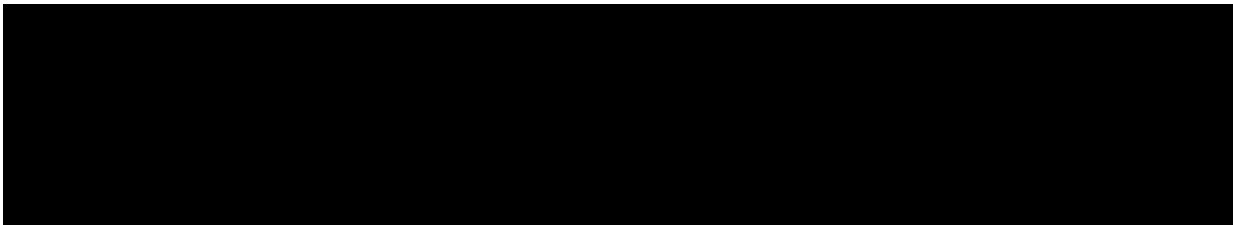
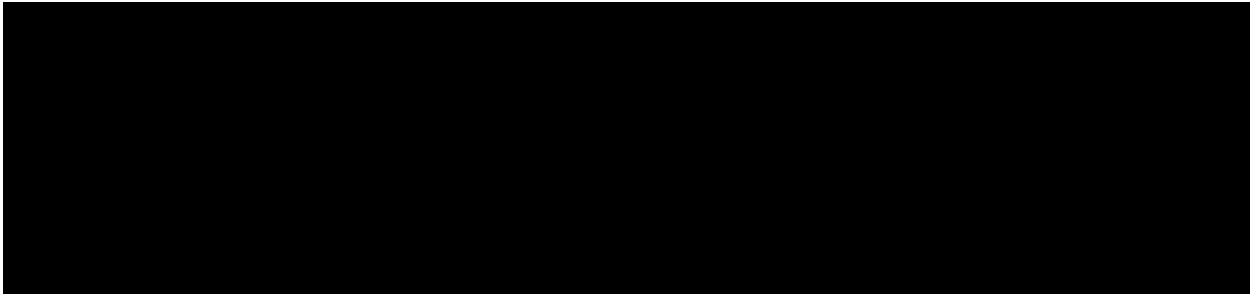
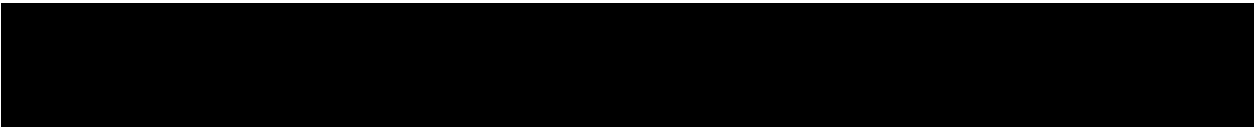
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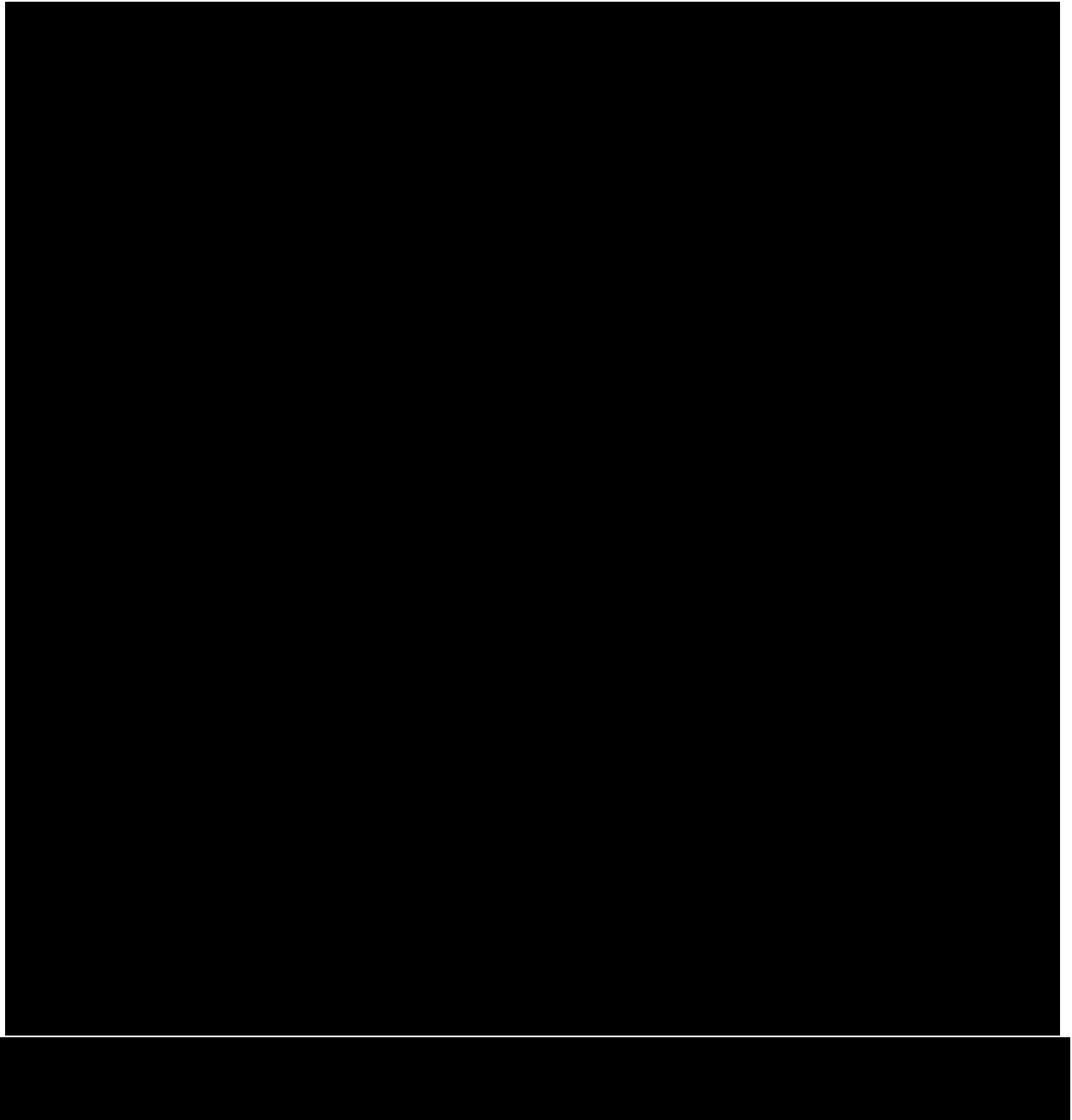
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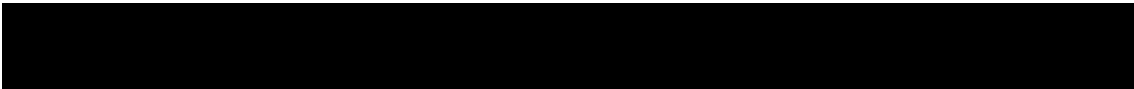


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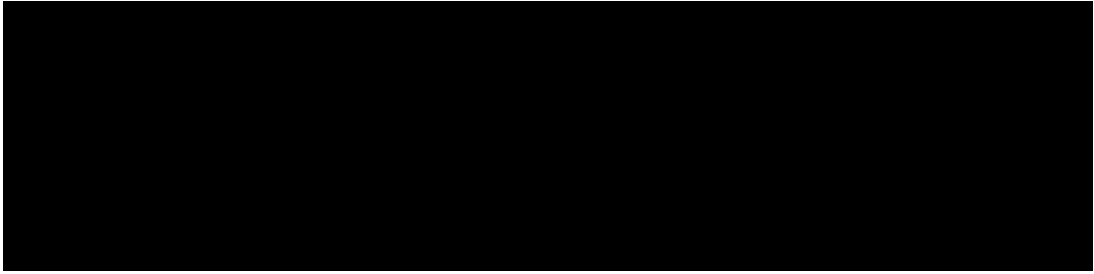
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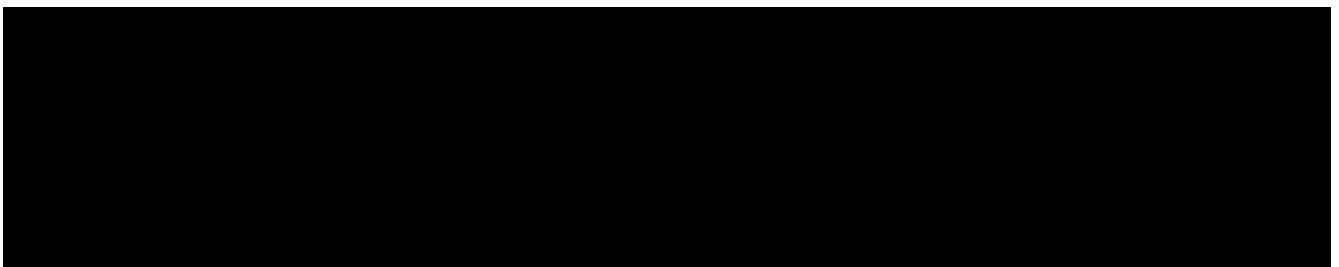
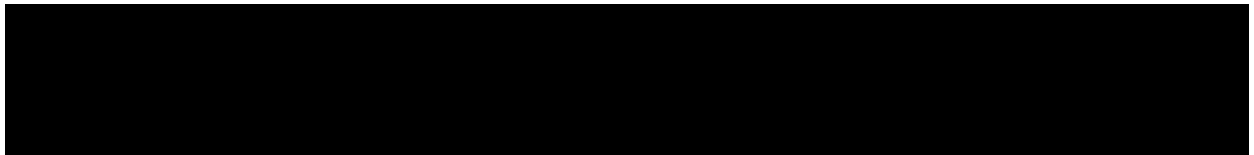
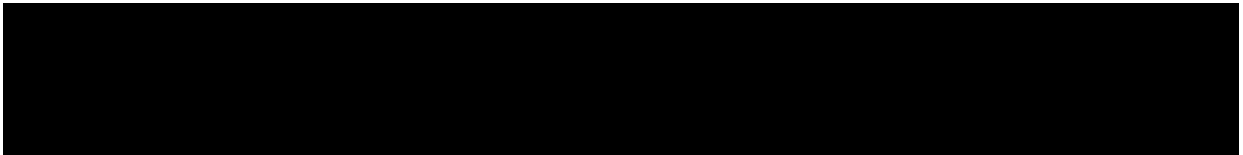
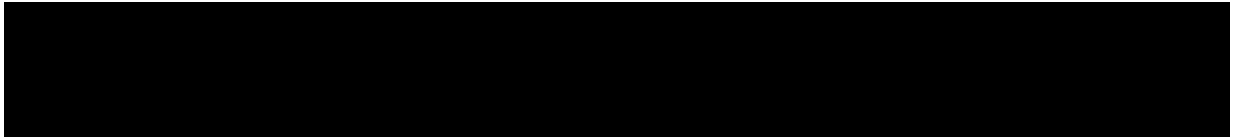
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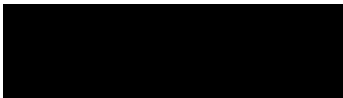
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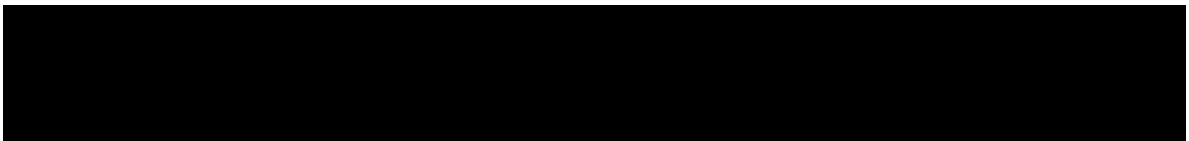
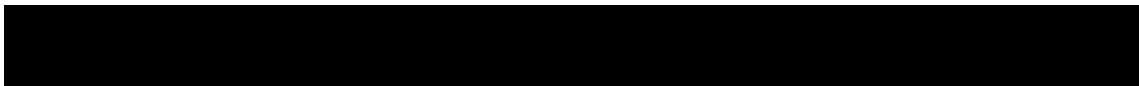
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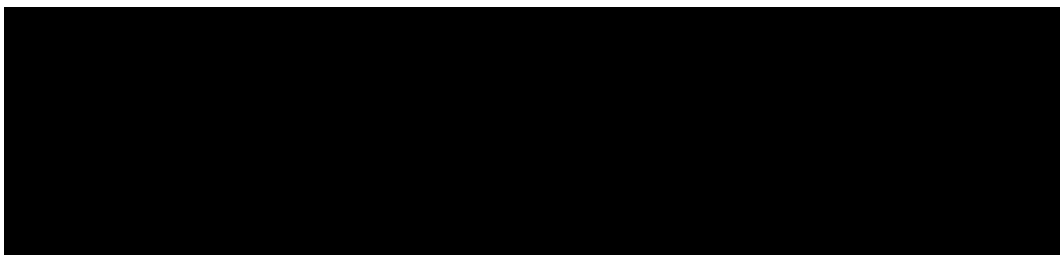
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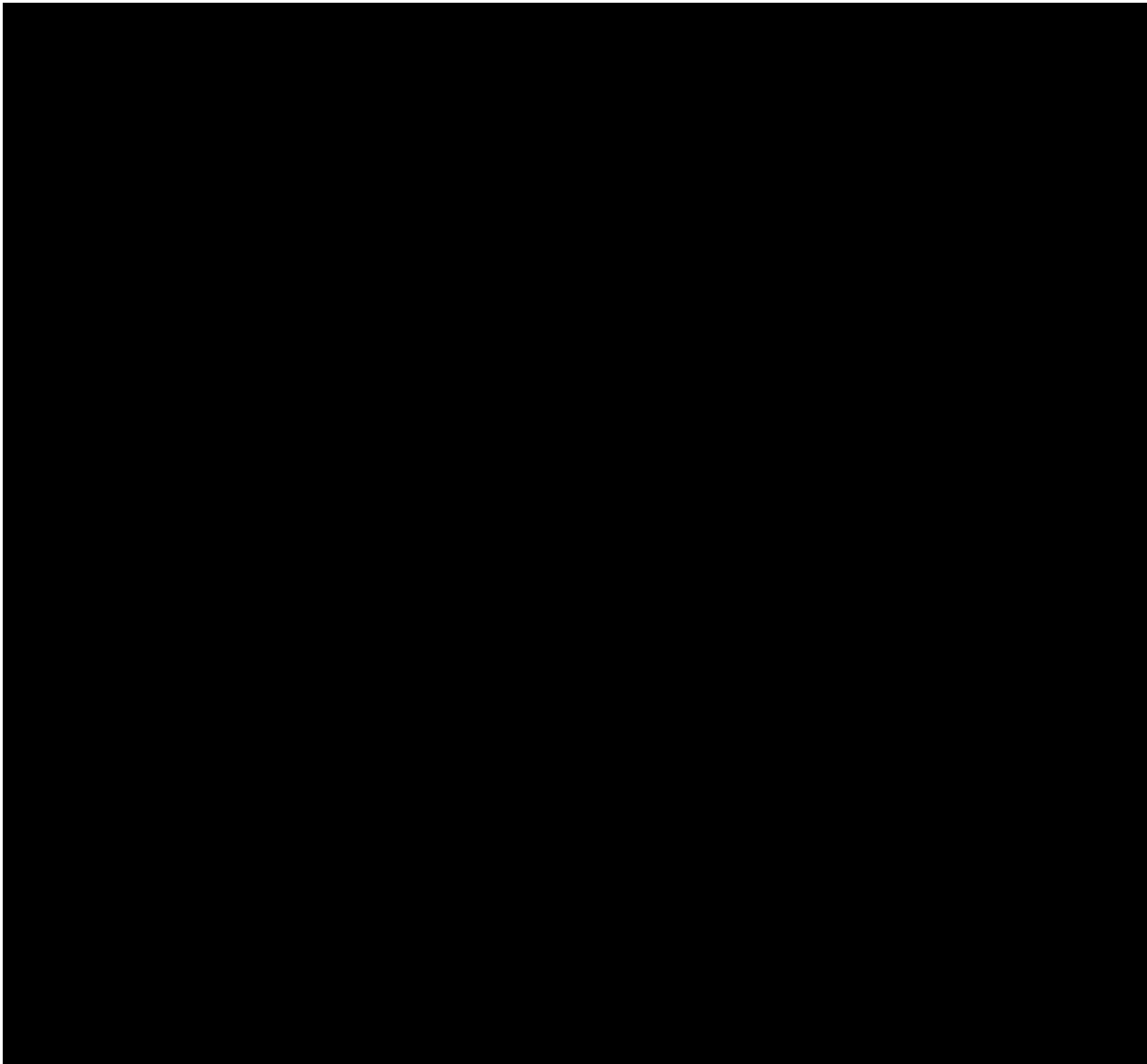
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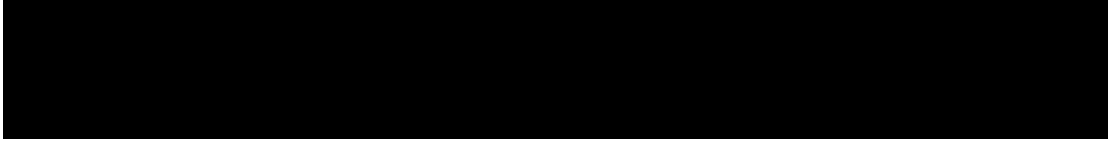
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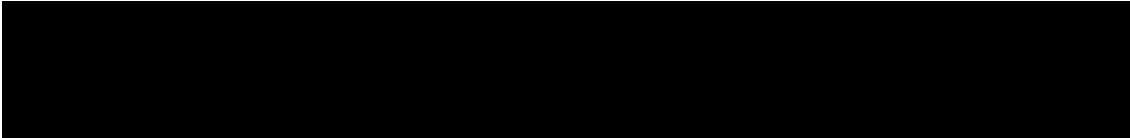
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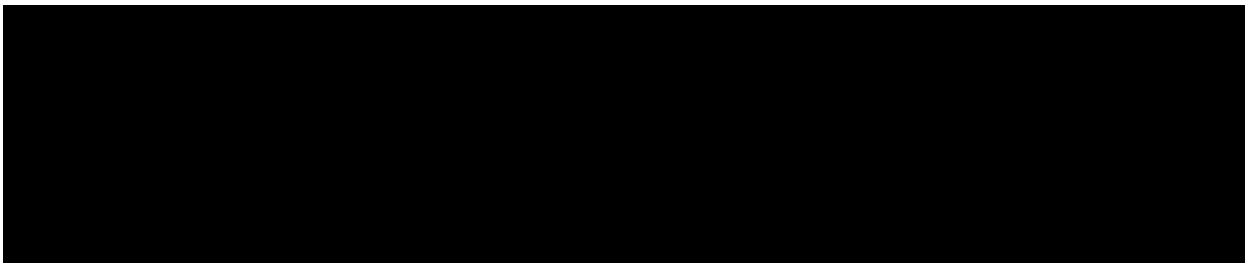
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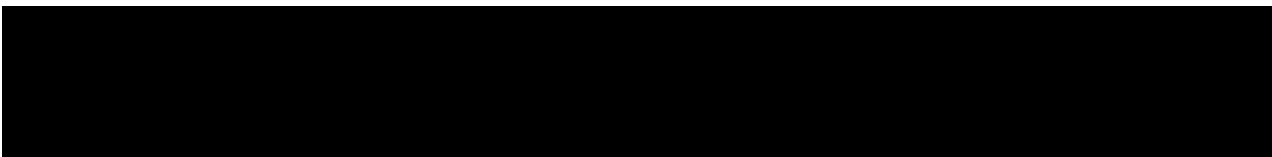
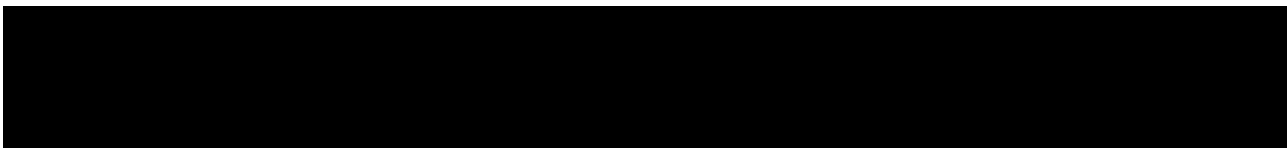
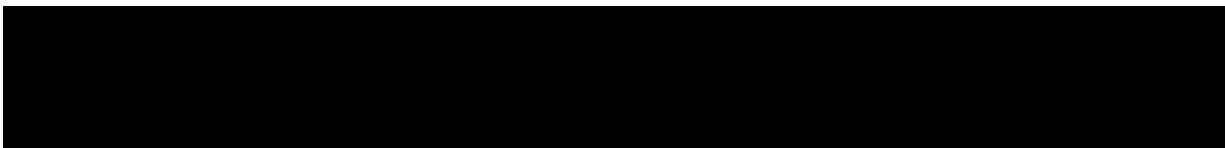
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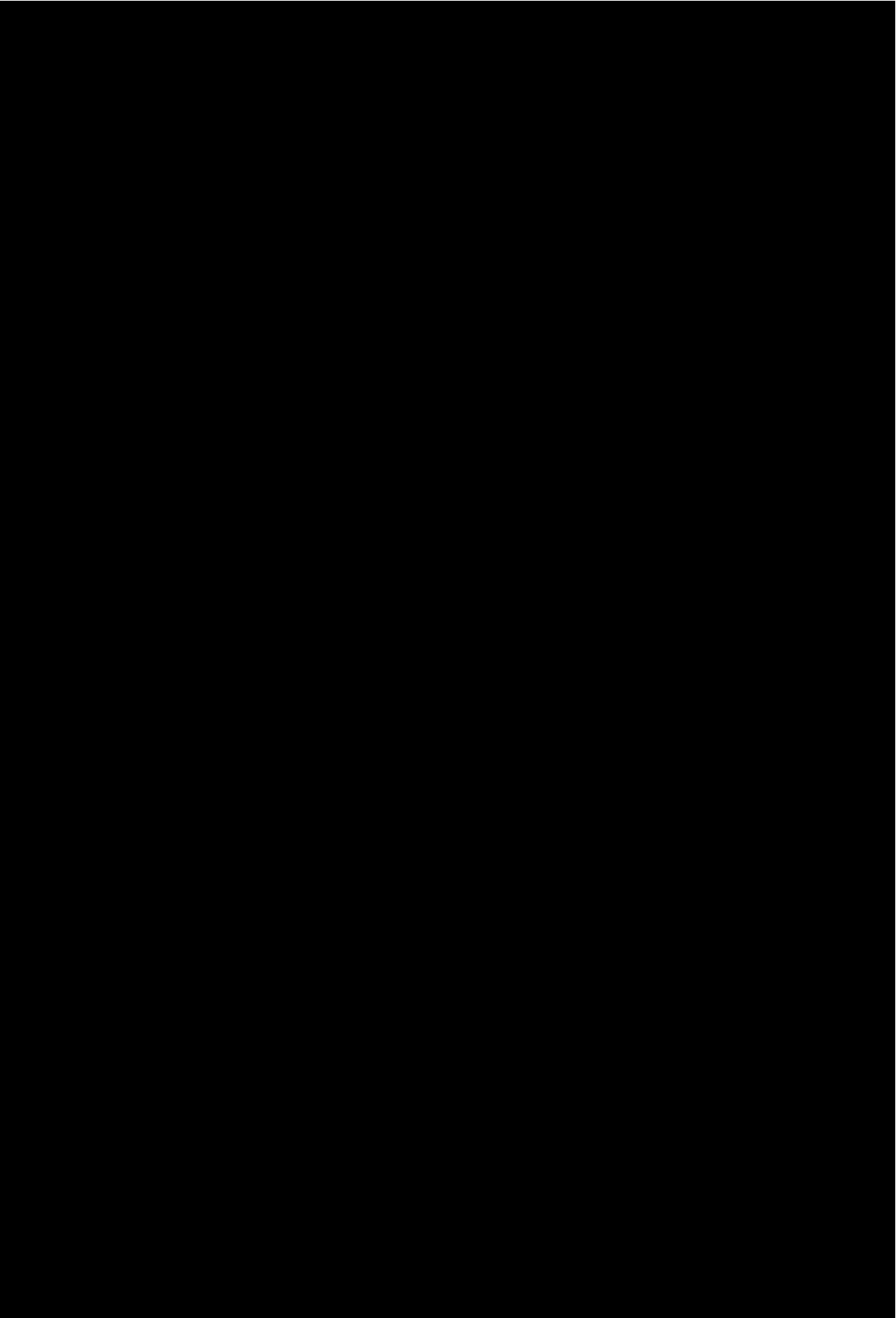
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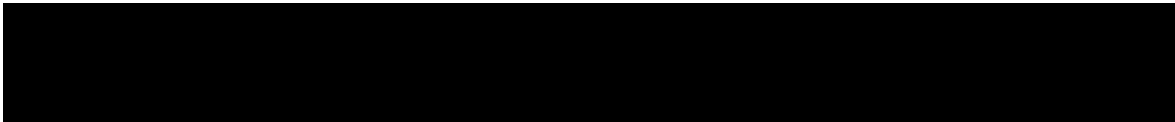
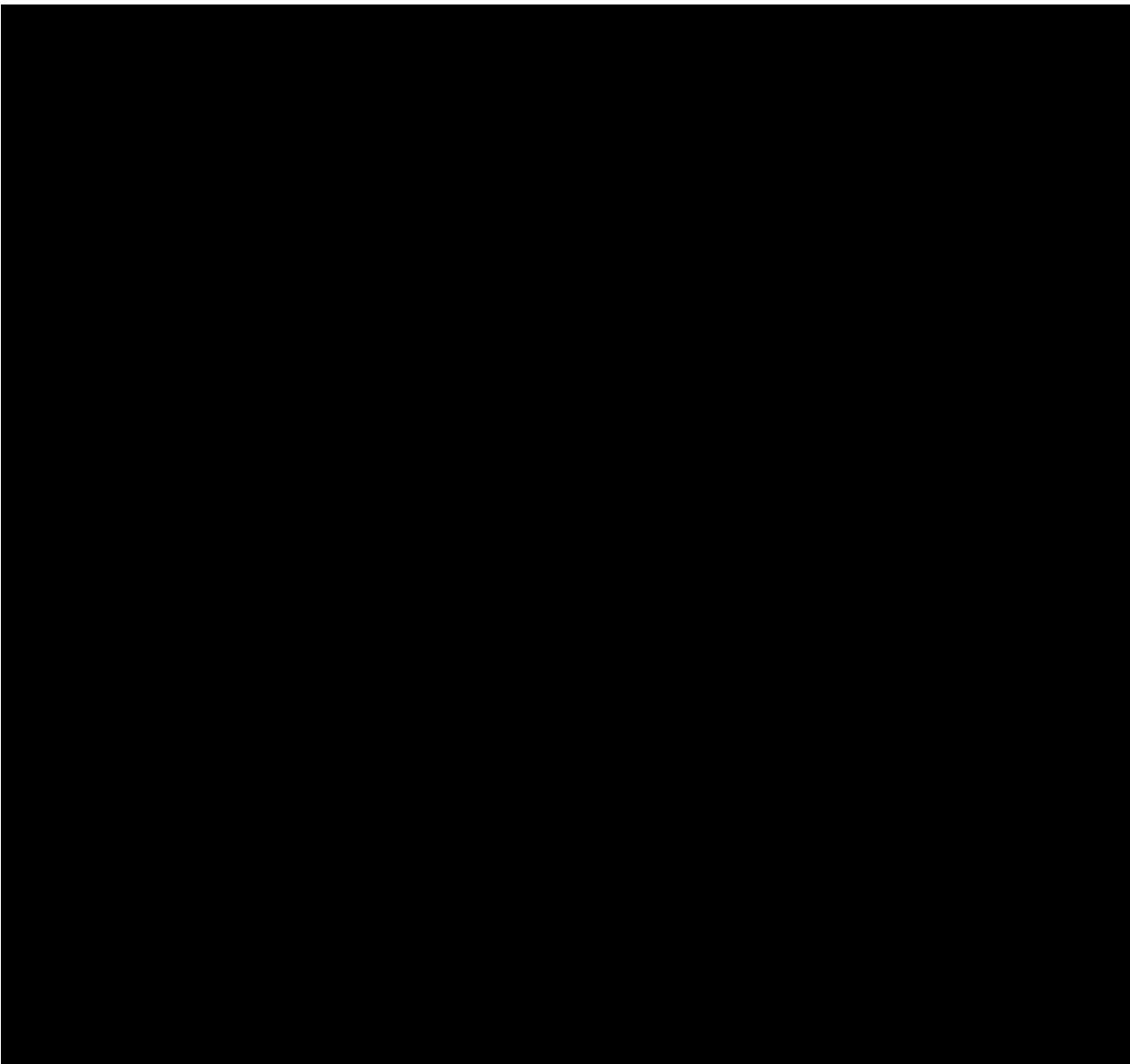
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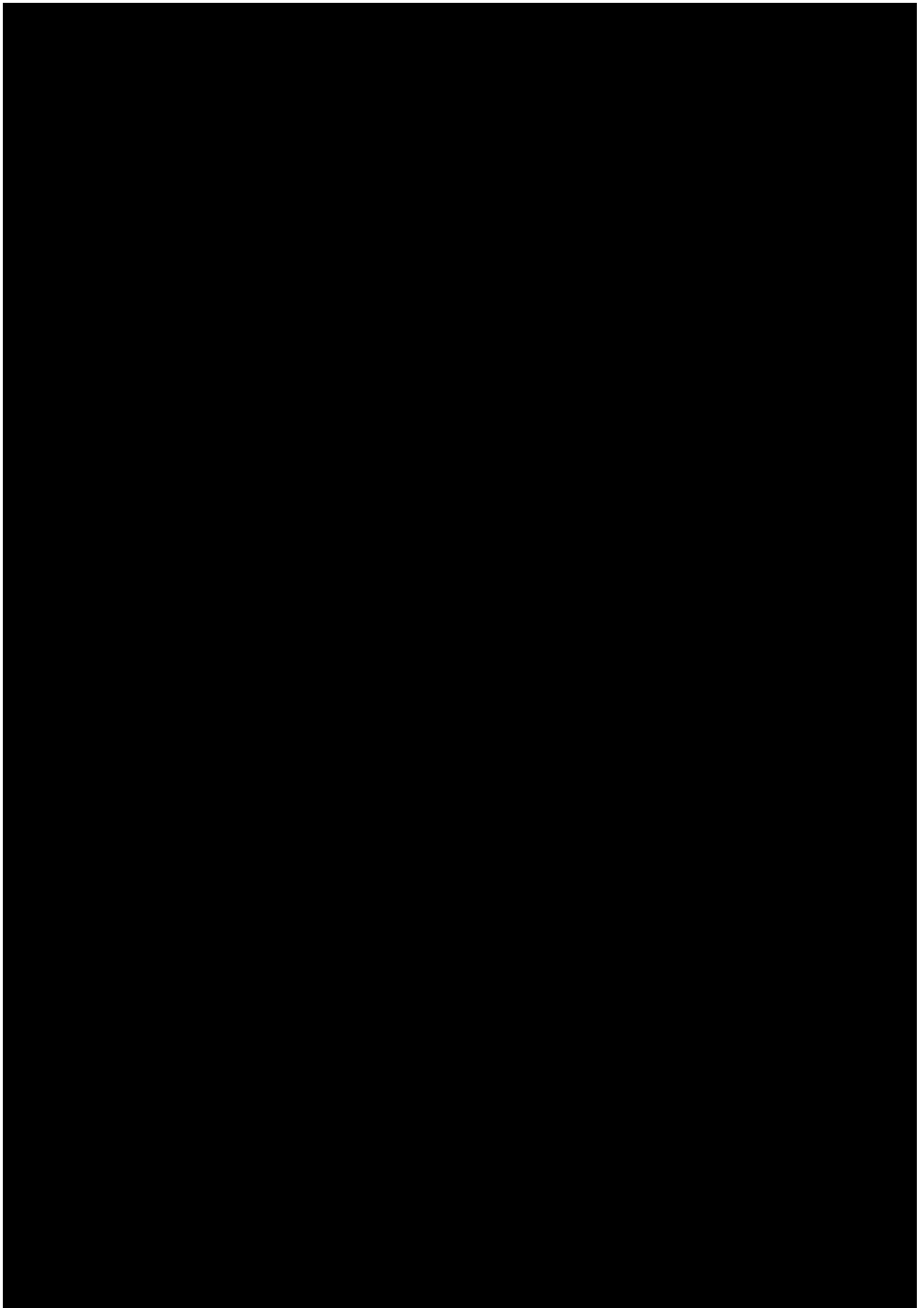
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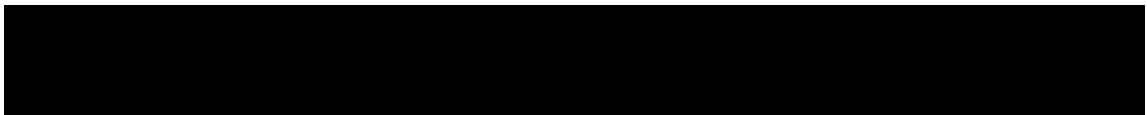
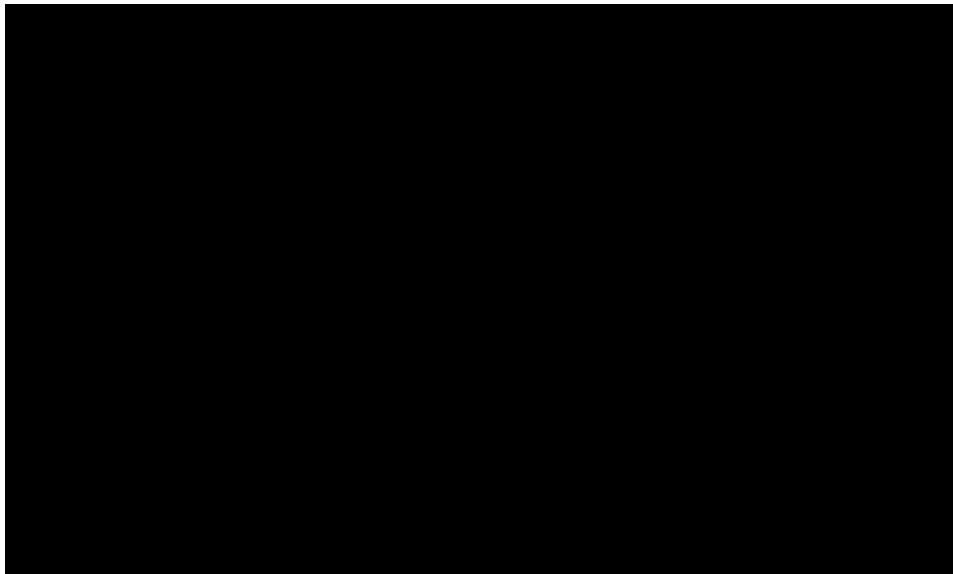
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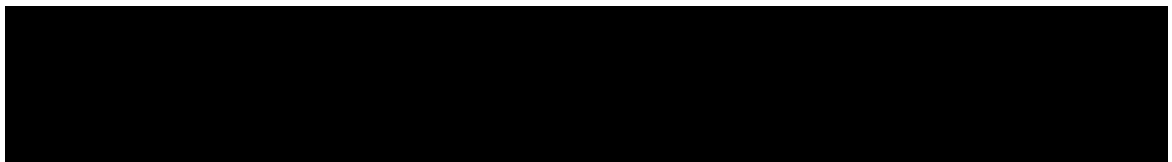
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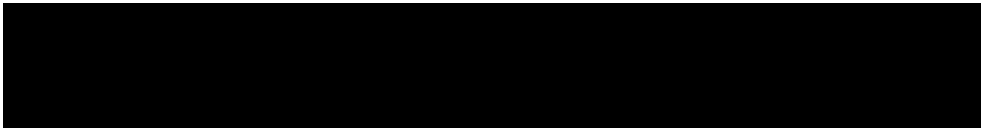
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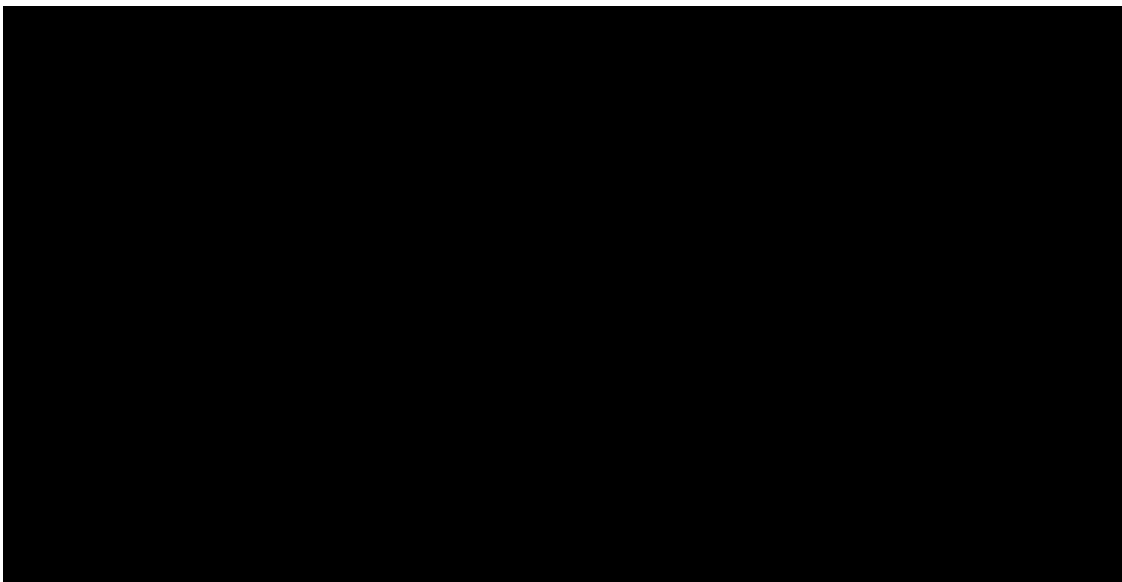
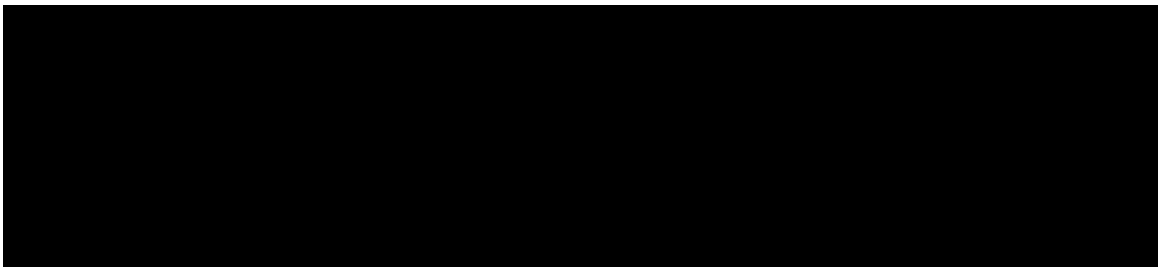
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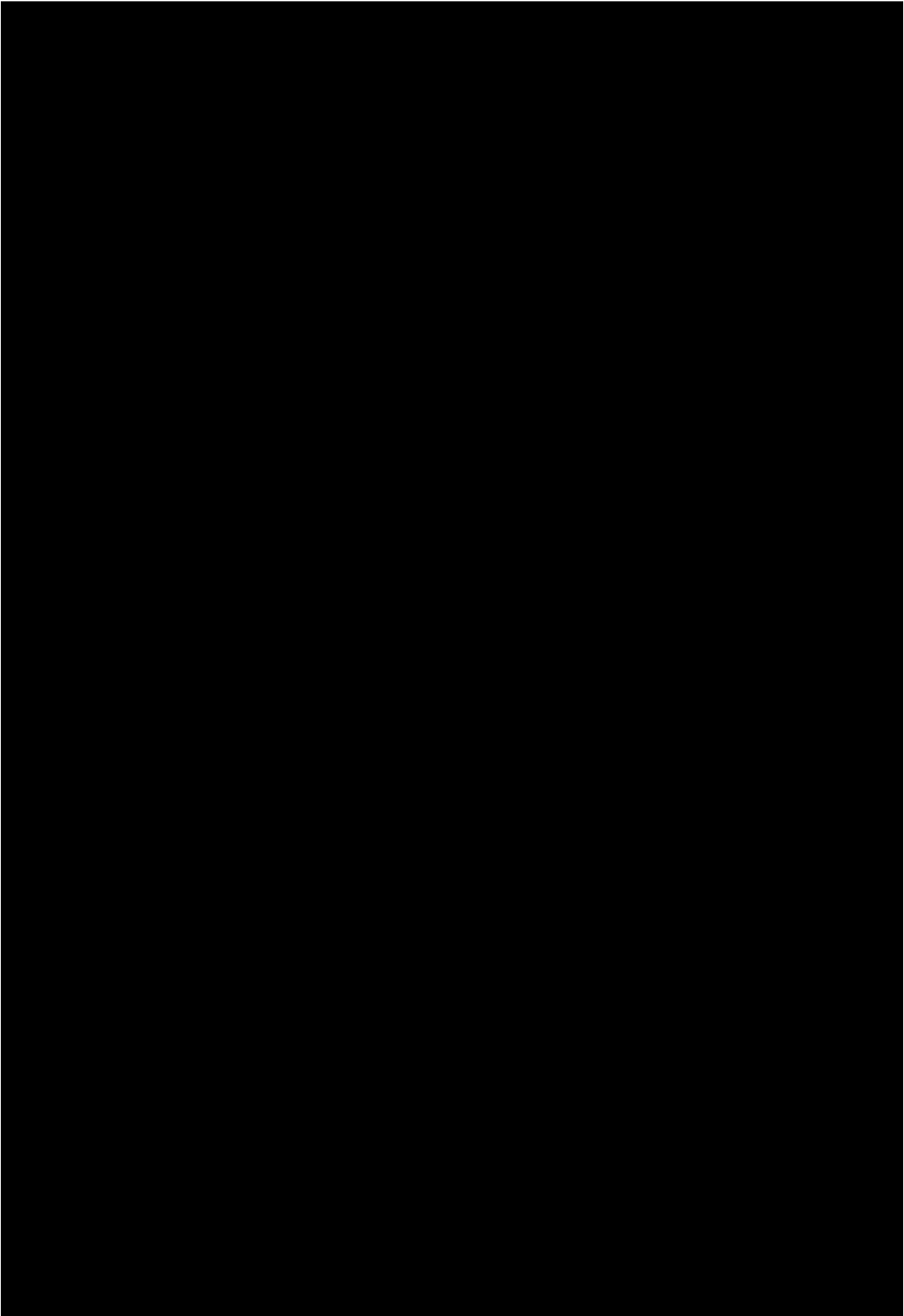
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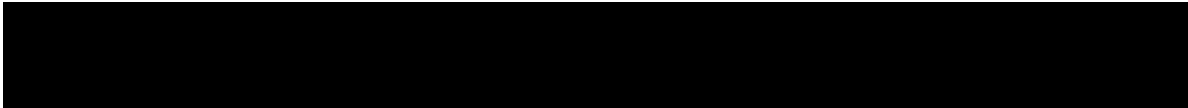
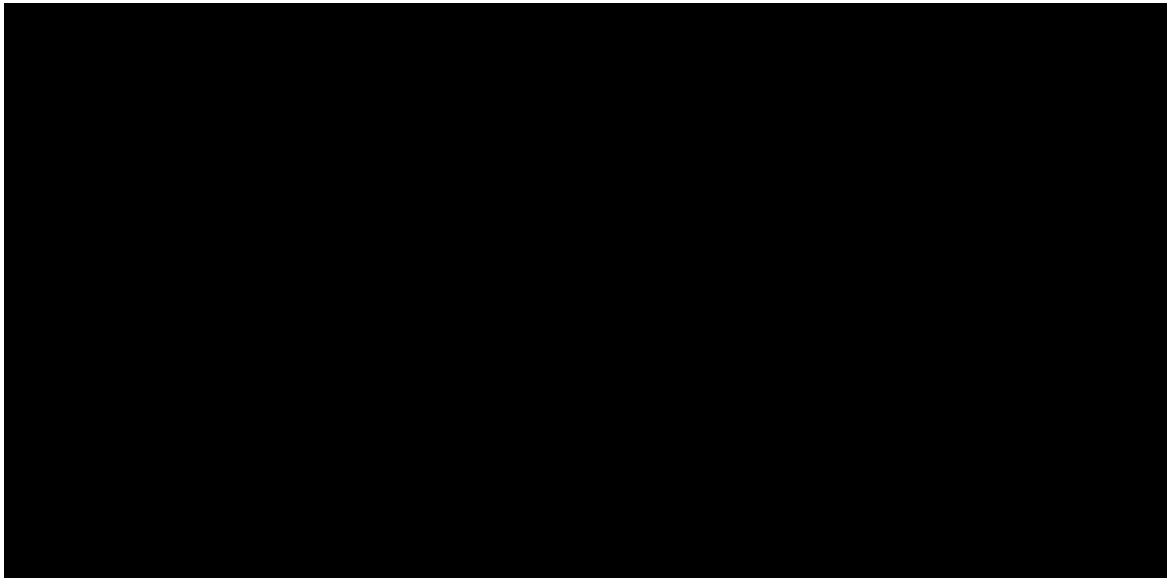
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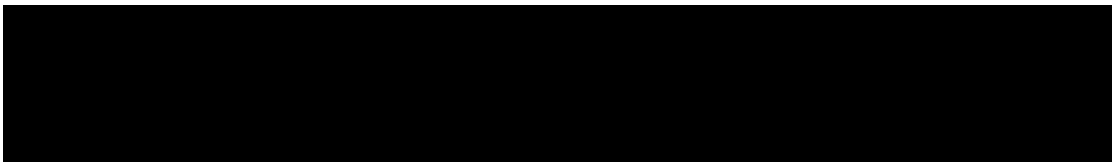
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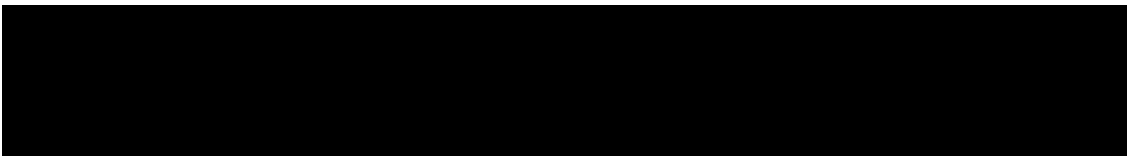
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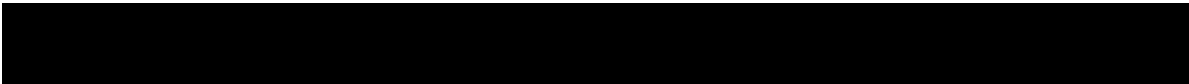
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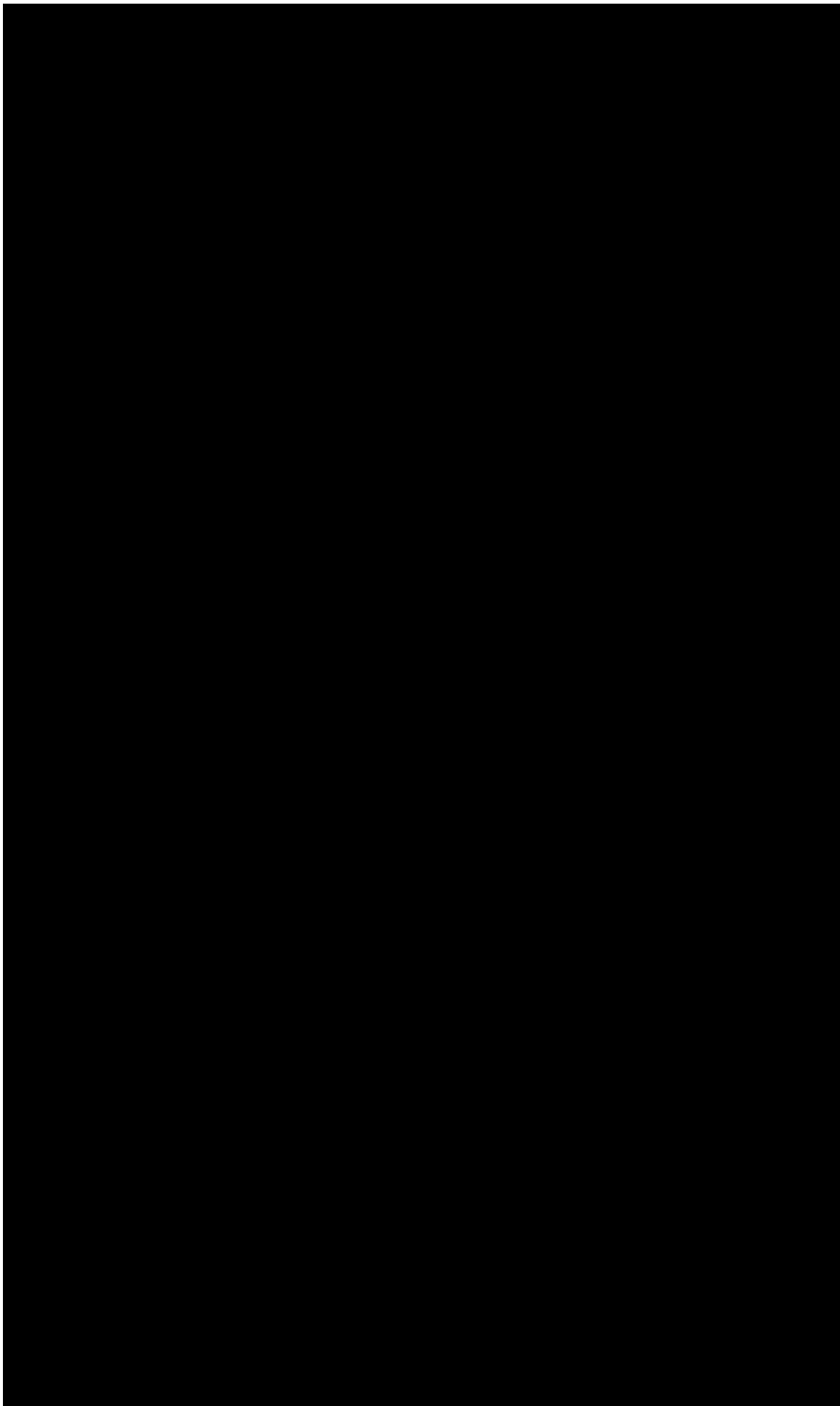
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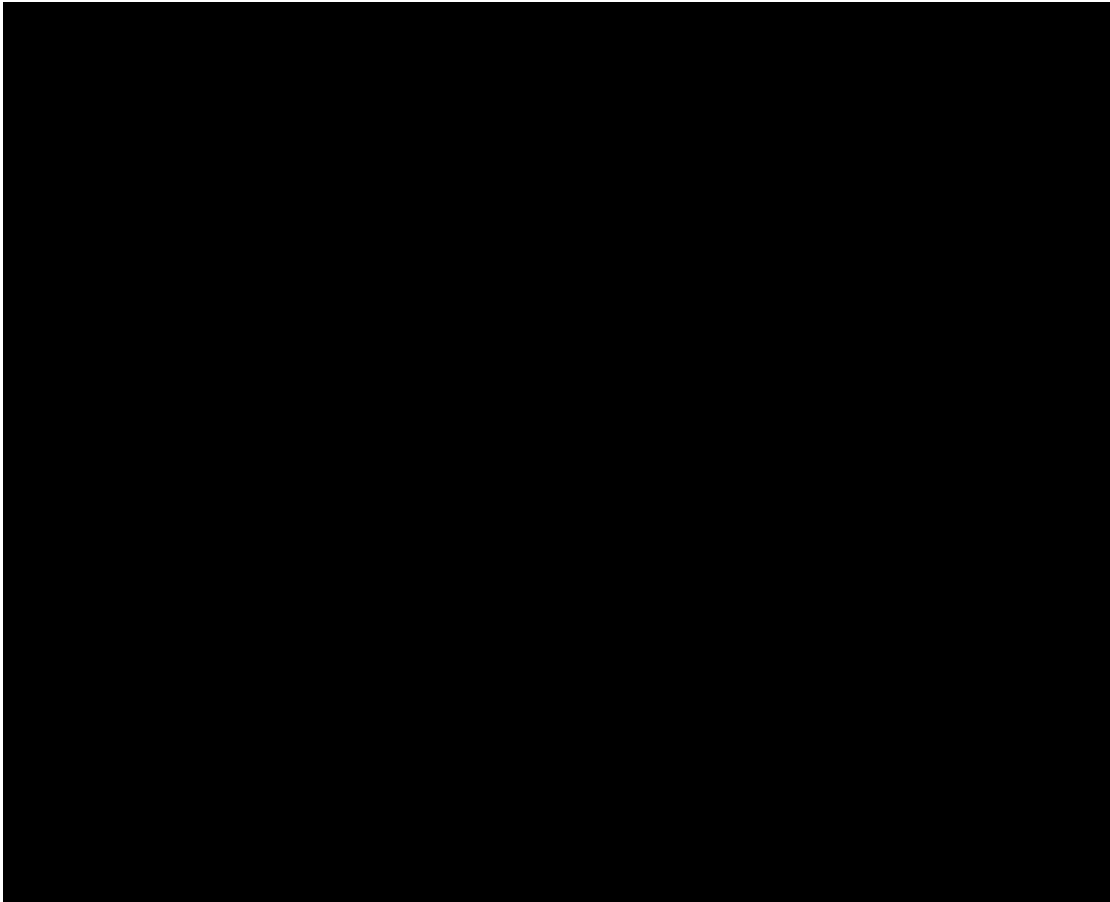
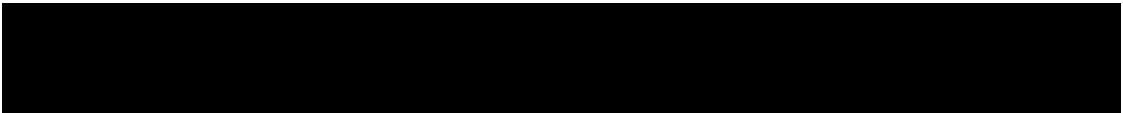
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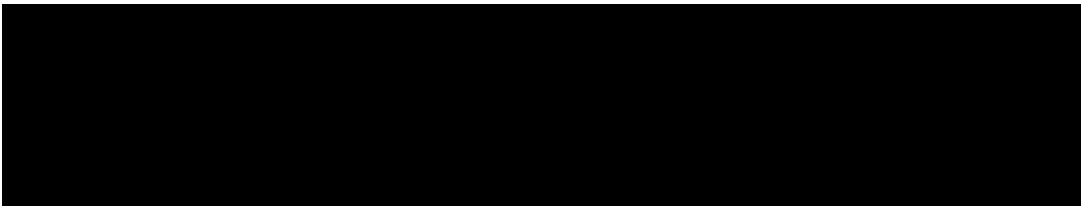
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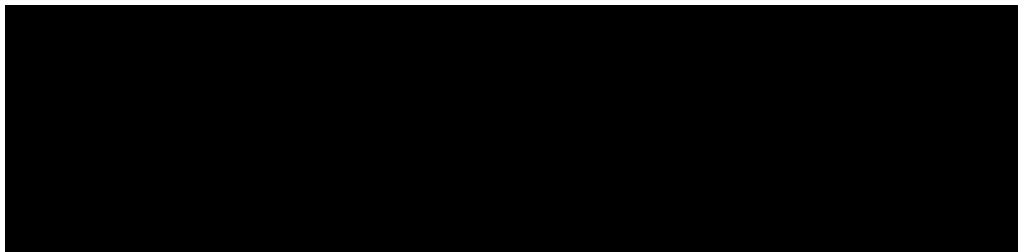
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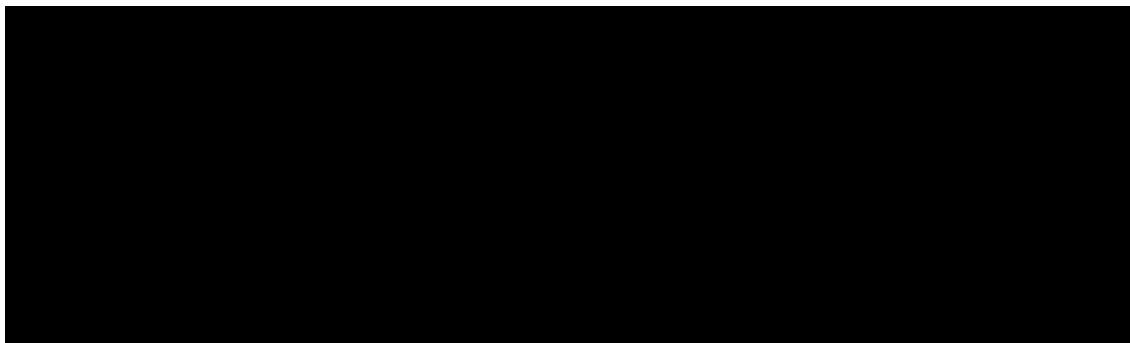
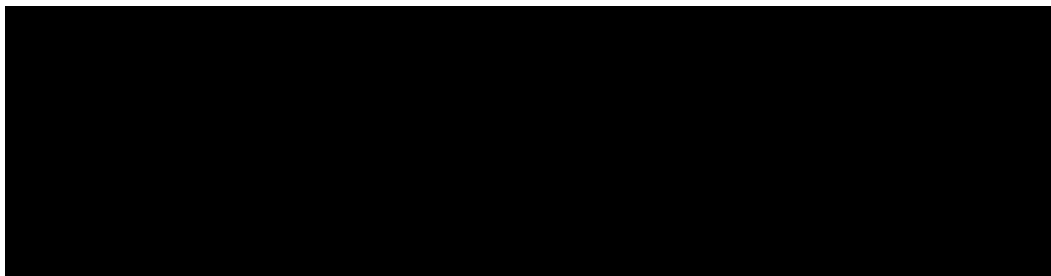


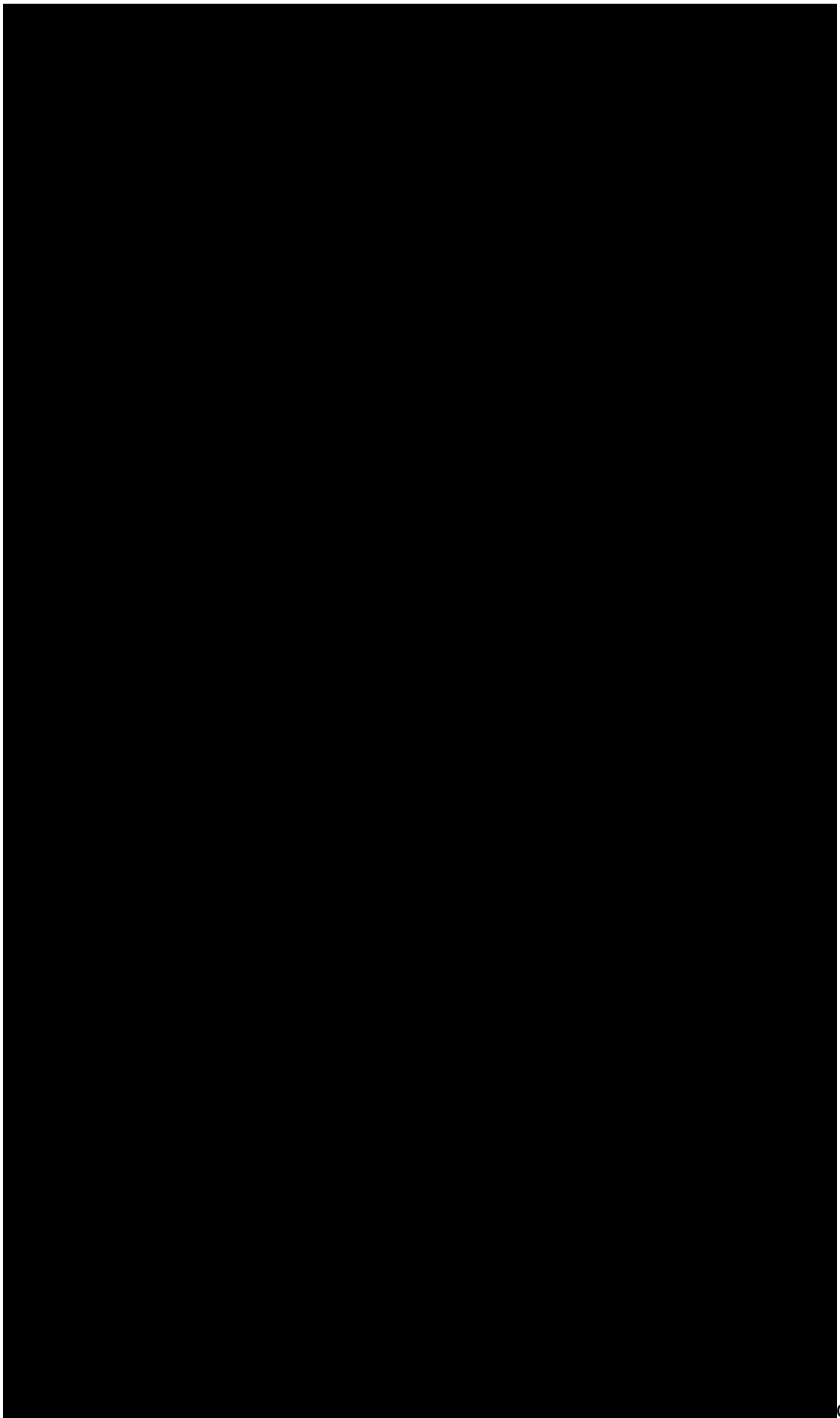
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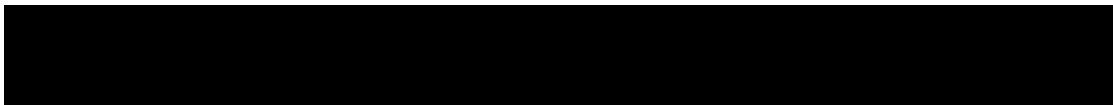
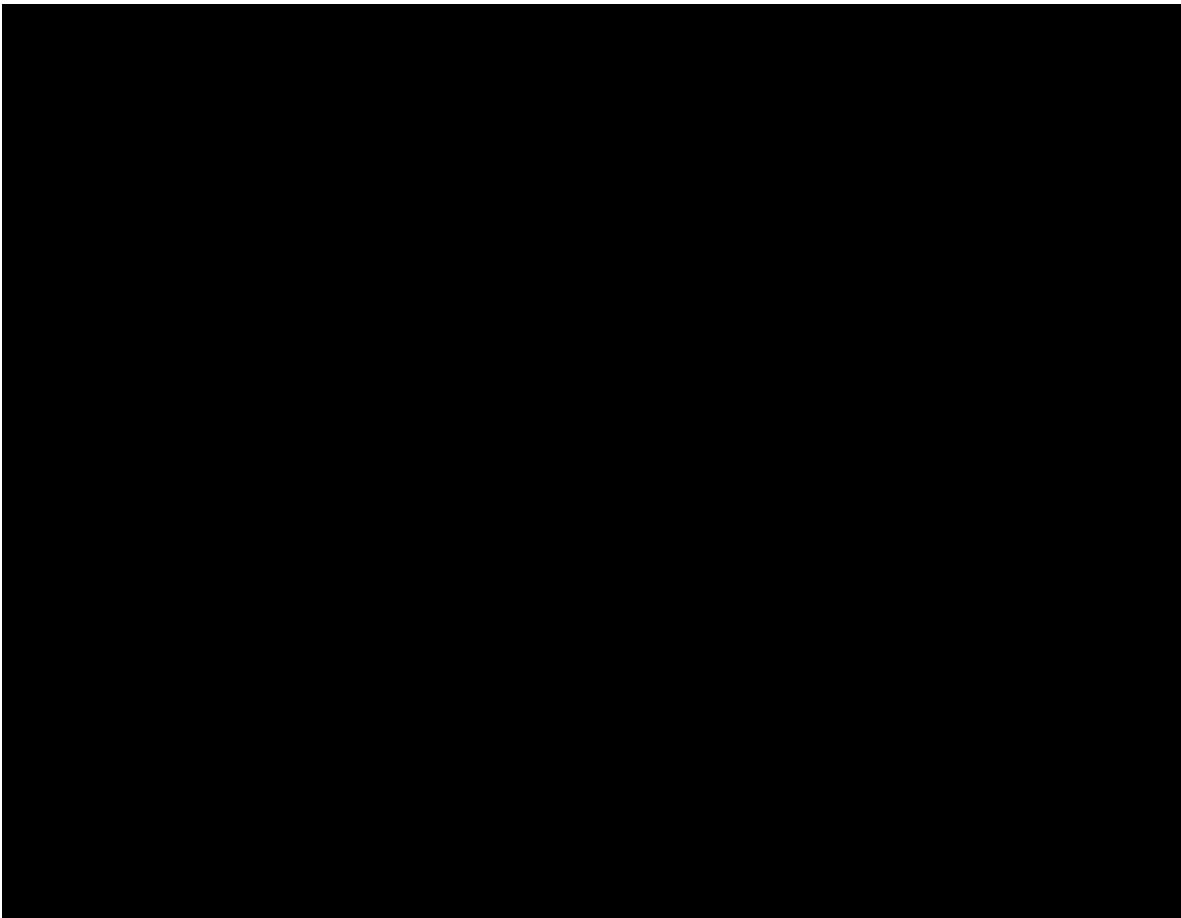
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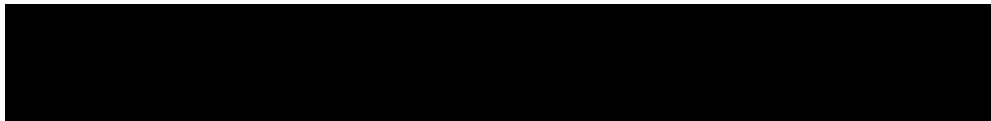
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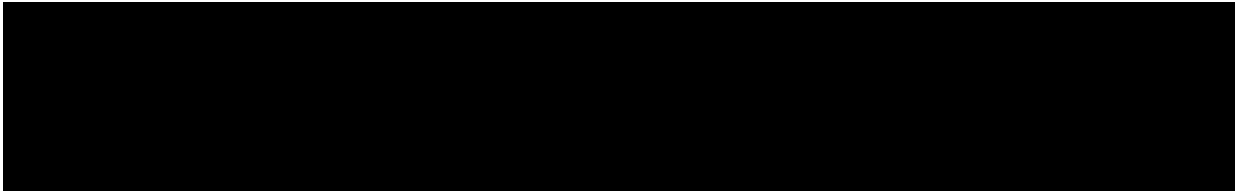
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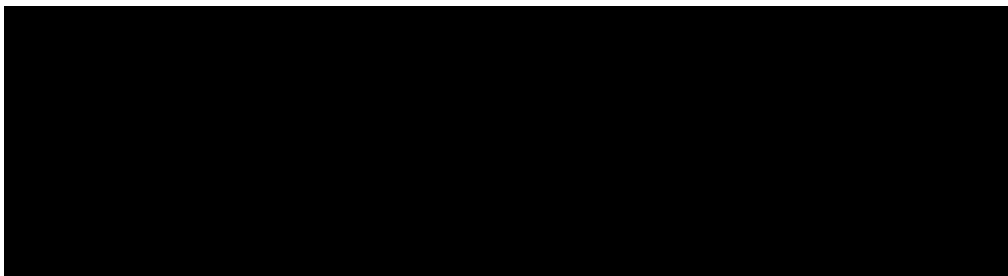
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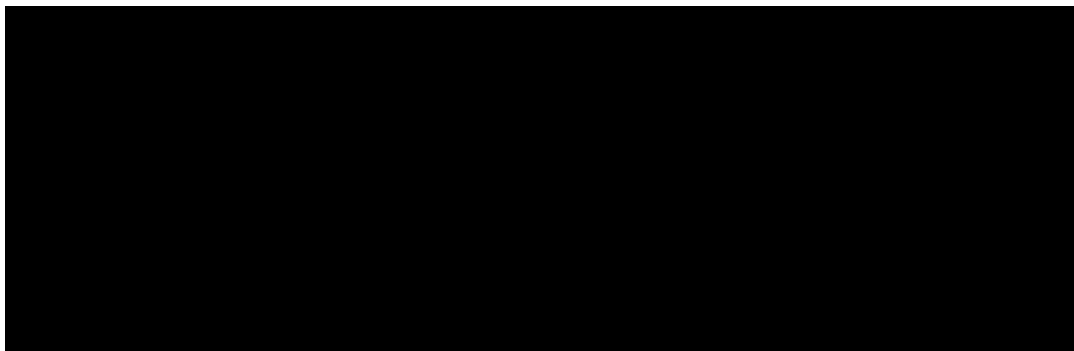
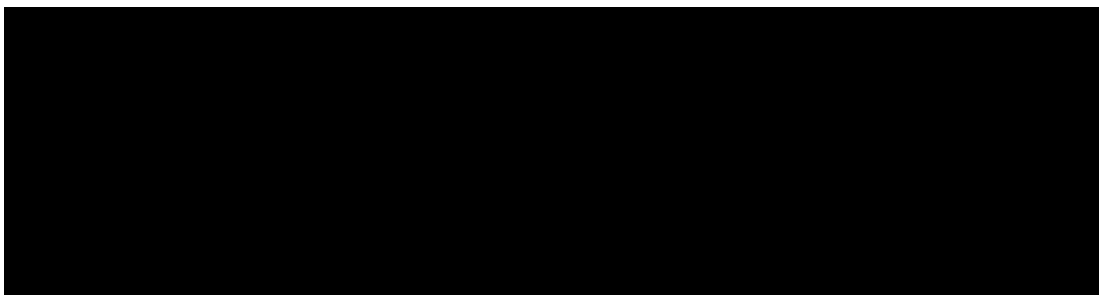


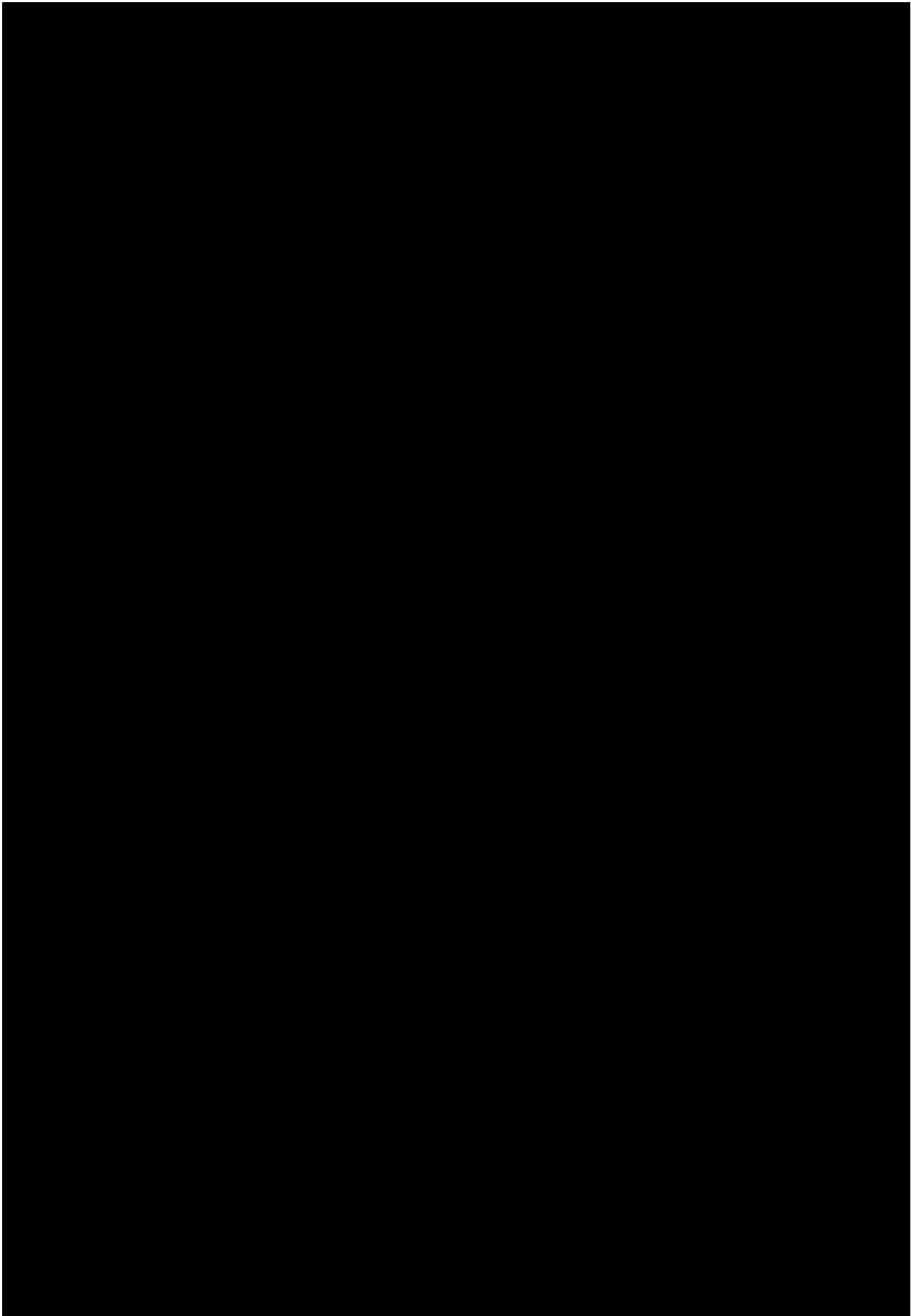
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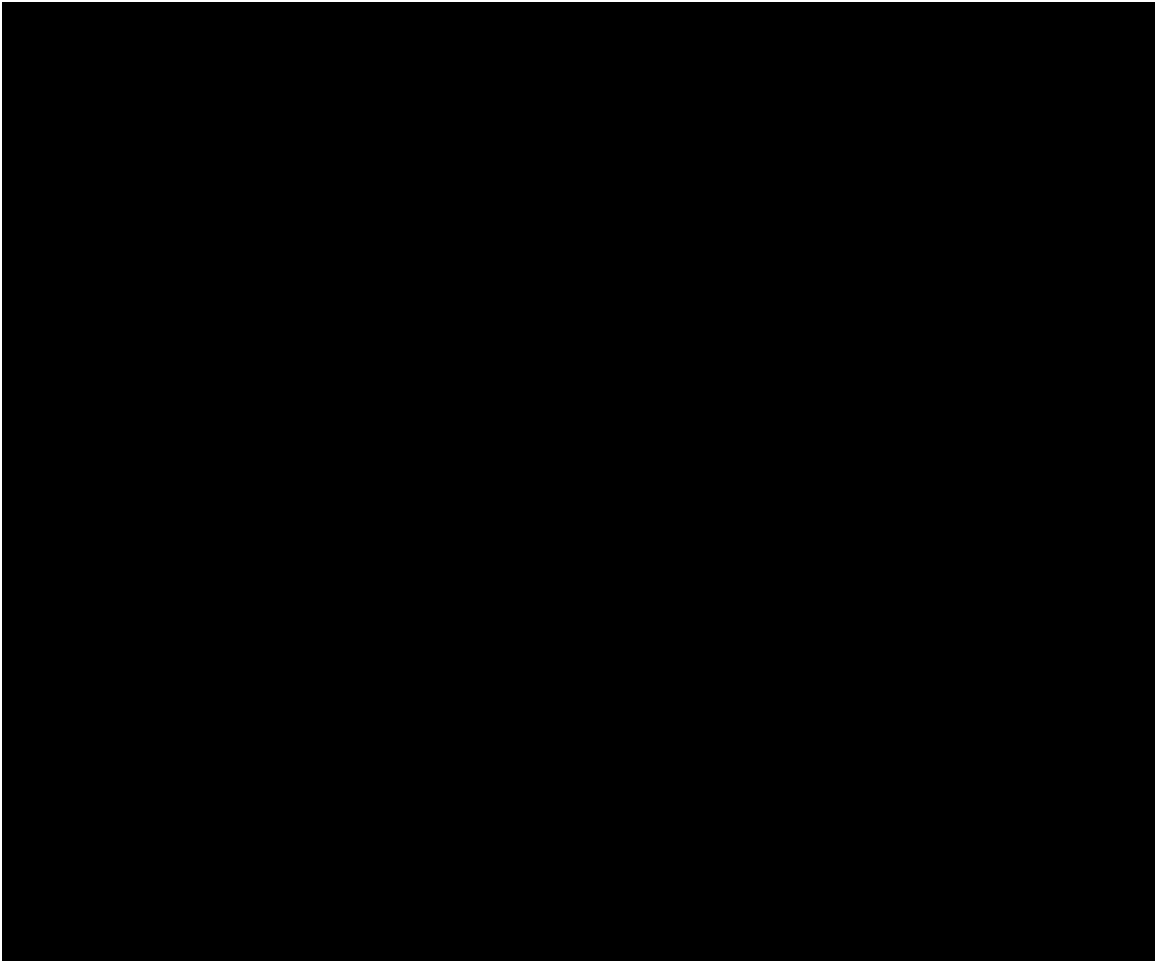
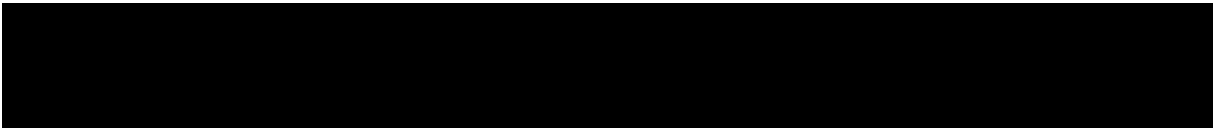
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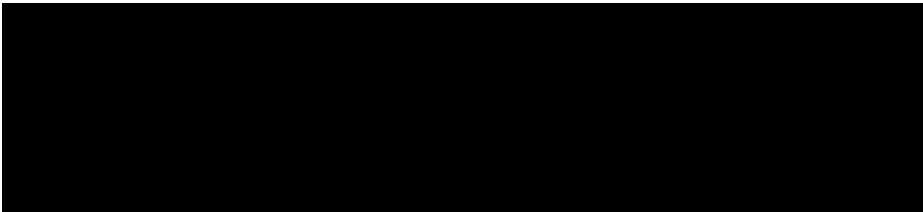
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To: [Casey Pick](#)
Cc: [Troy Stevenson](#); [Rivera, Felix](#); [Quinn-Davidson, Austin](#)
Subject: Re: Fw: Anchorage conversion therapy ban
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 3:49:53 PM
Attachments: [AO_2020-65_CONVERSION_THERAPY_BAN.PDF.pdf](#)
[Assembly Counsel Memo - Liberty Counsel letter re-AO 2020-65_final-signed.pdf](#)
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Latest version plus response to Liberty Council.

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From: Casey Pick [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 3:31 PM
To: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Troy Stevenson [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Fw: Anchorage conversion therapy ban

[REDACTED]

On Mon, Aug 24, 2020 at 3:20 PM Casey Pick [REDACTED] wrote:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On Mon, Aug 24, 2020 at 2:24 PM Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov> wrote:

Great. Looking forward to it. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: Casey Pick [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:21 AM
To: Troy Stevenson [REDACTED]
Cc: Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Fw: Anchorage conversion therapy ban

Hi Christopher,
From my review, [REDACTED]

~Casey

On Mon, Aug 24, 2020 at 2:15 PM Troy Stevenson [REDACTED] wrote:
Hi Christopher,

My colleague Casey, copied here, is looking at them as we speak and will get back to you ASAP.

Thanks,

Troy

On Mon, Aug 24, 2020 at 1:04 PM Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov> wrote:

Hi Troy,

I don't know if your team received these proposed amendments from a member of the body. I wanted to make sure you had seen them in advance.

-Christopher

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From: Quinn-Davidson, Austin <austin.quinn-davidson@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 9:57 AM
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Cc: Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Anchorage conversion therapy ban

Here are the amendments, Chris.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Gates, Dean T." <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Date: August 19, 2020 at 10:41:48 PM AKDT
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Cc: "sam.brinton" <sam.brinton@anchorageak.gov>, "casey.pick" <casey.pick@anchorageak.gov>, "Rivera, Felix" <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>, "Constant, Christopher" <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Anchorage conversion therapy ban

Attached are the 2 amendments I'm aware of so far for this AO.

Best regards,

Dean

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From: Quinn-Davidson, Austin <austin.quinn-davidson@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 3:26 PM
To: Troy Stevenson <troy.stevenson@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: sam.brinton@anchorageak.gov; casey.pick@anchorageak.gov; Rivera, Felix <felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov>; Constant, Christopher <christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov>; Gates, Dean T. <dean.gates@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Anchorage conversion therapy ban

Wonderful! I think the invite you sent is for 4pm AK time. Do you want to meet at 3pm? Sorry it's so late for you and thank you so much for making time for this! As far as testimony goes, we'll be taking public testimony at our assembly meeting on Tuesday, but we might not get to this item until late on Tuesday. We can discuss those details on the Monday call.

Dean, can you send the amendments when you get a chance?

Austin

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On Aug 19, 2020, at 12:17 PM, Troy Stevenson [REDACTED]
wrote:

Hi Austin,

Thank you so much for the update. Can we do 3 PM Alaska Time on Monday? My colleague Casey is away this week, and she is our legislative drafter who will have the best insight on amendments. And we are more than willing to give testimony. Just let us know what you need.

Looking forward to speaking soon.

Thank you!

Troy

On Wed, Aug 19, 2020 at 2:48 PM Quinn-Davidson, Austin <austin.quinn-davidson@anchorageak.gov> wrote:

Hi all,

Thanks so much for your assistance crafting our conversion therapy ban ordinance. The public hearing and potentially a vote is coming up at our meeting next Tuesday, August 25th. We received a couple of ideas for amendments from a colleague and want to run through those by you, as well as just check in to prepare for Tuesday's meeting generally. Are you free sometime on Monday other than 11-12, preferably after 3pm? (Alaska time). We understand this might be too late for you due to the time change. Or perhaps this Friday at 9am would work?

Felix/Chris/Dean, could one of you send this group the amendments we received from member Weddleton? We are also meeting with a religious leader on Thursday who might propose an amendment, which we would want to run by you all. We also received a memo on our ordinance that I will send to you all momentarily.

Are some of you able to give testimony at our meeting on Tuesday? Unfortunately, it will likely be later in the evening. We can discuss that with you when we talk.

Thanks so much!

Austin

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 16 BY ADDING CHAPTER 16.140 REGARDING MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICES, SUCH AS SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY CHANGE EFFORTS WITH A MINOR.

WHEREAS, research demonstrates that sexual orientation and gender identity change efforts can pose critical health risks to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons; and

WHEREAS, contemporary science recognizes that being lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender is part of the natural spectrum of human identity and is not a disease, disorder, or illness; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage has a compelling interest in protecting the physical and psychological well-being of minors¹ that justifies protecting minors from the risk of serious harm from sexual orientation and gender identity change efforts in the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly desires to protect minors within the Municipality from harmful and discredited approaches to change sexual orientation or gender identity with minors, including so-called “conversion” or “reparative” therapy, finding that such efforts lack medical justification, are unethical, violate fundamental human rights principles, and put minors at risk of suicide and other long-term physical and psychological harms; and

WHEREAS, no other means of protecting minors from the harms associated with such efforts would be effective; now, therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Anchorage Municipal Code is amended by adding a new chapter 16.140 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 16.140 MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICES

Sections

16.140.010 General provisions; purposes.

16.140.020 Prohibition on sexual orientation and gender identity change efforts with a minor.

¹ See *Ginsberg v. State of N.Y.*, 390 U.S. 629, 88 S.Ct. 1274 (1968); *Treacy v. Municipality of Anchorage*, 91 P.3d 252 (Alaska 2004).

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2 **16.140.010 General provisions; purposes.**
3

4 *Purpose.* This Chapter is an exercise of the Municipality's police power for
5 the public safety, health, and welfare in relation to the provision of medical
6 and mental health practices; and its provisions shall be liberally construed to
7 accomplish this purpose.
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9 **16.140.020 Prohibition on sexual orientation and gender identity**
10 **change efforts with a minor.**
11

12 A. *Findings and Intent.* Medical and mental health experts have
13 denounced efforts to change sexual orientation and gender identity as
14 ineffective and unsafe for people, especially minors. These efforts are
15 based on the discredited premise that being non-heterosexual or
16 transgender is a mental disorder that can be corrected or cured. It is
17 the intent of the Assembly that these unethical treatments that
18 correlate with serious and dangerous harm to the health and well-
19 being of minors be prohibited. Therefore, the assembly finds and
20 declares that protecting minors from efforts to change sexual
21 orientation or gender identity is necessary to further its compelling
22 interest in protecting the physical and psychological well-being of
23 minors, and no other means of protecting minors from the harms
24 associated with these treatments would be effective.
25

26 B. *Definitions.* The following words, terms, and phrases shall have the
27 meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context
28 clearly indicates a different meaning:
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30 *Minor* refers to any person under 18 years of age.
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32 *Provider* means any person licensed, certified, or registered to
33 provide professional counseling including, but not limited to, behavior
34 analysts, licensed professional counselors, marital and family
35 therapists or associates, physicians or assistants, osteopaths or
36 assistants, registered or practical nurses or assistive personnel,
37 certified nurse aides, physical or occupational therapists or assistants,
38 psychologists or psychological associates, social workers or
39 associates, licensed professional conservators or guardians,
40 naturopaths, or a person who performs counseling as part of the
41 person's professional training.
42

43 *Sexual orientation or gender identity change efforts*, also
44 known as *conversion therapy* or *reparative therapy*, means any
45 counseling, practice, or treatment that seeks to change a person's
46 sexual orientation or gender identity including, but not limited to,
47 efforts to change behaviors or gender expression, or reduce or
48 eliminate sexual or romantic attraction or feelings toward a person of
49 the same gender. Sexual orientation or gender identity change efforts
50 do not include counseling that does not seek to change sexual
51 orientation or gender identity and that:

- a. Assists a person undergoing gender transition;
 - b. Provides acceptance, support, and understanding to the person; or
 - c. Facilitates a person's coping, social support, identity exploration, and development, including sexual orientation and gender identity-neutral interventions to prevent or address unlawful conduct or unsafe sexual practices.
- C. *Prohibition on sexual orientation and gender identity change efforts.* It is unlawful for any provider to provide, apply, or use sexual orientation or gender identity change efforts with a patient who is a minor.
- D. *Private action.* Any person aggrieved, harmed, injured, or suffering loss or damages by the act or omission of another person constituting a violation of the provisions of this section may, following 30 days written notice to the municipal attorney or department, commence and maintain a civil action for injunctive relief authorized by Section 1.45.010B. In any action under this section, the Municipality, if not a party, may intervene as a matter of right.
- E. Violation of this section shall be punishable by a civil penalty in accordance with chapter 14.60. Each day in violation constitutes a separate offense.

Section 2. Anchorage Municipal Code section 14.60.030 is hereby amended to read as follows (*the remainder of the section is not affected and therefore not set out*):

14.60.030 - Fine schedule.

The fine schedule under this chapter is as follows:

Code Section	Offense	Penalty/Fine
	***	***
<u>16.140.020C.</u>	<u>Providing, applying, or using sexual orientation or gender identity change efforts with a minor</u>	<u>500.00</u>
	***	***

(AO No. 93-167(S-1), § 1, 4-13-94; AO No. 94-108, § 1, 10-5-94; AO No. 94-134, § 2, 9-8-94; AO No. 95-42, § 2, 3-23-95; AO No. 95-67(S), § 9, 7-1-95; AO No. 95-102, § 1, 4-26-95; AO No. 95-118, § 3, 9-1-95; AO No. 95-163(S), § 21, 8-8-95; AO No. 95-195(S-1), 1-1-96; AO No. 96-51(S-1), § 2, 8-1-96; AO No. 96-96(S-1), § 2, 2-1-97; AO No. 96-126(S), § 3, 10-1-96; AO No. 96-137(S), § 9, 1-2-97; AO No. 97-88, § 3, 6-3-97; AO No. 97-107, § 3, 11-17-97; AO No. 97-133(S), § 1, 11-11-97; AO No. 98-27(S-1), § 2, 11-11-97; AO No. 98-160, § 2, 12-8-98; AO No. 99-13(S), 2-9-99; AO No. 99-91(S), § 4, 7-13-99; AO No. 2000-64, § 1, 4-18-00; AO No. 2000-116(S), § 4, 7-18-00; AO No. 2000-127(S), § 2, 10-14-00; AO No. 2000-129(S), § 26, 11-21-00; AO

No. 2001-48, § 1, 3-13-01; AO No. 2001-74(S), § 2, 4-17-01; AO No. 2001-4, § 2, 2-6-01; AO No. 2001-145(S-1), § 11, 12-11-01; AO No. 2003-68, § 1, 9-30-03; AO No. 2003-97, § 4, 9-30-03; AO No. 2003-117, § 2, 1-28-03; AO No. 2003-130, § 8, 10-7-03; AO No. 2003-152S, § 10, 1-1-04; AO No. 2004-1, § 2, 1-1-03; AO No. 2004-99, § 2, 6-22-04; AO No. 2004-100(S-1), § 6, 1-1-05; AO No. 2004-171, § 1, 1-11-05; AO No. 2005-160, § 9, 11-1-05; AO No. 2005-84(S), § 3, 1-1-06; AO No. 2005-185(S), § 35, 2-28-06; AO No. 2005-124(S-1A), § 33, 4-18-06; AO No. 2006-39, § 6, 4-11-06; AO No. 2006-54, § 1, 5-2-06; AO No. 2006-80, § 1, 6-6-06; AO No. 2007-50, § 4, 4-10-07; AO No. 2007-60, § 4, 11-1-07; AO No. 2007-70, § 3, 5-15-07; AO No. 2008-84(S), § 5, 7-15-08; AO No. 2009-61, § 3, 7-7-09; AO No. 2009-82, § 5, 7-7-09; AO No. 2009-40(S), § 3, 7-21-09; AO No. 2009-112, § 4, 10-13-09; AO No. 2009-122, § 2, 12-17-09; AO-2010-35(S), § 7, 5-11-10; AO No. 2010-39, § 2, 5-11-10; AO No. 2010-87(S), § 3, 12-7-10; AO No. 2011-46, § 4, 4-12-11; AO No. 2011-59, § 10, 5-24-11; AO No. 2011-106(S), § 3, 11-8-11; AO No. 2011-112, § 4, 11-22-11, eff. 12-22-11; AO No. 2012-10, § 1, 1-31-12; AO No. 2012-77, § 29, 8-7-12; AO No. 2013-109(S-1), § 5, 12-3-13; AO No. 2013-130(S-1), § 1, 1-14-14; AO No. 2014-42, § 31, 6-21-14; AO No. 2014-85, § 4, 8-5-14; AO No. 2014-110(S), § 2, 9-9-14; AO No. 2014-137(S), § 3, 11-18-14; AO No. 2015-23(S), § 20, 3-24-15; AO No. 2015-48, § 16, 5-14-15; AO No. 2015-54, § 1, 5-26-15; AO No. 2015-65, § 4, 6-9-15; AO No. 2015-111(S-1), § 2, 1-1-16; AO No. 2016-16(S), § 4, 2-9-16; AO No. 2016-76(S), § 7, 7-12-16; AO No. 2016-81(S), § 4, 8-25-16; AO No. 2016-83(S), § 9, 7-26-16; AO No. 2016-82, § 3, 8-9-16; AO No. 2016-116, § 2, 10-18-16; AO No. 2016-115(S), § 2, 11-15-16; AO No. 2016-124(S), § 11, 12-20-16; AO No. 2017-26, § 2, 5-1-17; AO No. 2017-29(S), § 61, 6-1-17; AO No. 2017-30, § 3, 3-21-17; AO No. 2017-31(S), § 5, 5-26-17; AO No. 2017-119(S), § 4, 11-9-17; AO No. 2017-101, § 2, 2-5-18; AO No. 2017-161(S), § 3, 2-27-18; AO No. 2017-16, § 3, 2-14-17; AO No. 2018-63(S), § 2, 8-28-18; AO No. 2018-100(S), § 2, 1-1-19; AO No. 2018-110, § 2, 12-18-18; AO No. 2019-9(S), § 2, 2-12-19; AO No. 2019-12, § 2, 3-5-19; AO No. 2019-15(S), § 2, 3-19-19; AO No. 2019-34, § 5, 4-18-19; AO No. 2019-50(S), § 2, 6-6-19; AO No. 2019-66, § 26, 6-18-19; AO No. 2019-74(S), § 2, 6-18-19; AO No. 2019-79(S), § 2, 7-9-19; AO No. 2019-90(S), § 7, 8-20-19; Ord. No. 2020-4(S), § 3, 6-24-20)

Section 3. This ordinance shall be effective 30 days after passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Chair

ATTEST:

1 Municipal Clerk
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From: Chair Rivera, Assembly Member Constant, and Vice-Chair Quinn-Davidson

Subject: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 16 BY ADDING CHAPTER 16.140 REGARDING MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICES, SUCH AS SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY CHANGE EFFORTS WITH A MINOR.

This ordinance addresses an important issue in mental and behavioral health practices. The use of sexual orientation or gender identity change efforts, also known as “conversion therapy,” is harmful and too often youth are subjected to it and have no say in the decision for its use. The number of organizations that decry conversion therapy demonstrate the widespread agreement on the harm it causes. For example, the American Medical Association also put out an issue brief with more info on the harm of conversion therapy and opposing the practice.¹ It addressed the medical ethics of providing conversion therapy and identified additional “social and interpersonal harm,” including alienation, loneliness, social isolation, interference with intimate relationships and loss of social supports. A comprehensive list of medical groups that oppose this practice is available from Human Rights Campaign.²

In 2009, the American Psychological Association Task Force on Appropriate Therapeutic Responses to Sexual Orientation concluded that efforts to change sexual orientation and gender identity are unlikely to produce anticipated outcomes and can pose unintended harmful side effects to participants, such as a sense of having wasted time and resources, confusion, shame, guilt, helplessness, hopelessness, loss of faith, decreased self-esteem and authenticity towards others, increased self-hatred and negative perceptions, social withdrawal, a feeling of being dehumanized and untrue to self, depression, increased substance abuse and high-risk sexual behaviors, and suicidality.³

Also in 2009, the American Psychological Association issued a Resolution on Appropriate Affirmative Responses to Sexual Orientation Distress and Change Efforts, that, among other things, advises persons to avoid efforts to change sexual orientation or gender identity that portray homosexuality as a mental illness or developmental disorder, while encouraging psychotherapy, social support, and

¹ American Medical Association, *Issue brief: LGBTQ change efforts (so-called “conversion therapy”)*, (2019), see <https://www.ama-assn.org/system/files/2019-12/conversion-therapy-issue-brief.pdf> (accessed June 17, 2020).

² See <https://www.hrc.org/resources/policy-and-position-statements-on-conversion-therapy> (accessed June 17, 2020).

³ American Psychological Association, *Report of the American Psychological Association Task Force on Appropriate Therapeutic Responses to Sexual Orientation*, (2009).

educational services that provide accurate information on sexual orientation and sexuality, increase family and school support, and reduce rejection of sexual minority youth.⁴

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has concluded that:

- “Conversion therapy perpetuates outdated views of gender roles and identities as well as the negative stereotype that being a sexual or gender minority or identifying as LGBTQ is an abnormal aspect of human development. Most importantly, it may put young people at risk of serious harm.”
- “Conversion therapy—efforts to change an individual’s sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression — is a practice that is not supported by credible evidence, and has been disavowed by behavioral health experts and associations.”
- “Same-gender sexual identity, behavior, and attraction are not mental disorders. Same-gender sexual attractions are part of the normal spectrum of sexual orientation. Sexual orientation change in children and adolescents should not be a goal of mental health and behavioral interventions.”⁵

A 2018 study by The Family Acceptance Project found the following:

- Rates of attempted suicide by LGBT young people whose parents tried to change their sexual orientation were more than double (48%) the rate of LGBT young adults who reported no conversion experiences (22%). Suicide attempts nearly tripled for LGBT young people who reported both home-based efforts to change their sexual orientation by parents and intervention efforts by therapists and religious leaders (63%).
- High levels of depression more than doubled (33%) for LGBT young people whose parents tried to change their sexual orientation compared with those who reported no conversion experiences (16%) and more than tripled (52%) for LGBT young people who reported both home-based efforts to change their sexual orientation by parents and external sexual orientation change efforts by therapists and religious leaders.
- Sexual orientation change experiences during adolescence by both parents / caregivers and externally by therapists and religious leaders were associated with lower young adult socioeconomic status: less educational attainment and lower weekly income.⁶

The State of Illinois passed its Youth Mental Health Protection Act, with thorough findings that cites the above groups’ positions plus some additional studies as justification for the measure. The State of California enacted a law in 2012 prohibiting any mental health provider from engaging in sexual orientation change efforts with a patient who is a minor, and it survived First Amendment challenges on two separate

⁴ *Id.* at Appendix A.

⁵ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, *Ending Conversion Therapy: Supporting and Affirming LGBTQ Youth*. HHS Publication No. (SMA) 15-4928. Rockville, MD (2015).

⁶ Caitlin Ryan, et al., *Parent-Initiated Sexual Orientation Change Efforts With LGBT Adolescents: Implications for Young Adult Mental Health and Adjustment*, *Journal of Homosexuality*, 67:2, 159-173 (2020), DOI: 10.1080/00918369.2018.1538407, see <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/00918369.2018.1538407> (accessed June 17, 2020).

1 appeals to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.⁷ This ordinance is very similar.

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3 The harms from sexual orientation or gender identity change efforts are a local
4 concern in Anchorage. The Anchorage Press published a three-part series on
5 persons who are homosexual and the difficulties and oppression they faced growing
6 up in Alaska, some of them from Anchorage. The third part of the series,
7 "Conversion, The real hell," focused on the stories of two young Alaskans who faced
8 conversion therapy forced on them by their families when they were minors.⁸ Their
9 stories end on a good note, but not without enduring effects of the trauma they
10 suffered as a result of being subjected to sexual orientation or gender identity change
11 efforts. How many other unreported stories of Alaskans with similar experiences are
12 there? This ordinance is intended to reduce the incidence of these occurrences, and
13 hold professional therapists and counselors in Anchorage accountable to a practice
14 standard that is supported by national professional associations.

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16 **We request your support for the ordinance.**

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18 Prepared by: Assembly Counsel's Office

19 Respectfully submitted: Felix Rivera, Assembly Chair
20 District 4, Midtown Anchorage

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22 Christopher Constant, Assembly Member
23 District 1, Downtown Anchorage

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25 Austin Quinn-Davidson, Assembly Vice-Chair
26 District 3, West Anchorage
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⁷ 2012 Cal. Legis. Serv. Ch. 835 (S.B. 1172); and see *Pickup v. Brown*, 740 F.3d 1208 (9th Cir. 2014), *abrogated by National Inst. Of Family & Life Advocates v. Becerra*, 138 S.Ct. 2361, 201 L.Ed.2d 835 (2018), and *Welch v. Brown*, 834 F.3d 1041 (9th Cir. 2016).

⁸ RJ Johnson, "Conversion, The real hell." Anchorage Press, Nov. 2, 2018 (see https://www.anchoragepress.com/news/conversion-the-real-hell/article_c570e40a-ded5-11e8-8e9e-2b28e7b54703.html), accessed June 17, 2020).



**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY COUNSEL
MEMORANDUM**

To: Assembly Members
Cc: Mayor Berkowitz
Kathryn R. Vogel, Municipal Attorney
From: Dean T. Gates, Assembly Counsel DTG
Date: August 21, 2020
Subject: Legal points in Letter from Richard Mast, Liberty Counsel, August 17, 2020, re: Proposed AO No. 2020-65.

Assembly Members Rivera, Constant, and Quinn-Davidson have proposed AO 2020-65, which will, in the context of mental and behavioral health practice, prohibit the use of sexual orientation or gender identity change efforts, also known as “conversion therapy.” A letter from Liberty Counsel dated August 17, 2020, a national nonprofit organization focused on protecting First Amendment liberties, alleges that AO 2020-65 constitutes a ban on protected speech in violation of First Amendment rights, is preempted by state law regulating the counseling professions, and that research on conversion therapy is insufficient to show it is harmful and justifies a ban. This memorandum addresses the legal arguments in the first two points, because these issues were identified, researched, and addressed when drafting AO 2020-65.

Both of Liberty Counsel’s legal points are grounded in the decision of a federal district court in Florida, *Robert L. Vazzo and Soli Deo Gloria International, Inc. d/b/a New Hearts Outreach Tampa Bay v. City of Tampa*, Case no. 8:17-cv-2896-T-02AAS, 415 F.Supp.3d 1087 (M.D. Fla. 2019). The district court’s decision was appealed to the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in November 2019 and is still pending. Important to note is decisions of that district and appellate court are only persuasive and informative legal resources for Alaska courts, they have no precedent or controlling effect in this jurisdiction.

State law preemption. While there were multiple claims in *Vazzo v. City of Tampa*, the court based its decision only on the one issue of state preemption of the city’s ordinance. It said “... the Court concludes that Florida’s substantive regulation of healthcare practices, modalities, and discipline is so pervasive that it occupies the entire field. The City’s Ordinance creates a danger of conflict with the Legislature’s broad program for the healing arts in Florida. ... Tampa Ordinance 2017-47 is stricken under the doctrine of implied preemption.”¹

The doctrine of implied preemption in Florida is not the same in Alaska. In Florida when evaluating a conflict between a local ordinance and state law, where the local law is not expressly preempted, “implied preemption occurs when the state legislative scheme is pervasive and the local legislation would present a danger of conflict with that pervasive scheme.”² Stating it another way, Florida courts have said preemption is implied “when the legislative scheme is so pervasive as to virtually evidence an intent to preempt the particular area or field of operation, and where strong public policy reasons exist for finding such an area

¹ *Vazzo v. City of Tampa*, 415 F.Supp.3d 1087, 1107 (M.D. Fla 2019).

² *Id.* at 1094.

or field to be preempted by the Legislature.”³ This is commonly referred to as a state “occupying the field.”

In contrast, in Alaska the current test for preemption of municipal home rule enactments was established by the Alaska Supreme Court in 1974: “The prohibition must be either by express terms or by implication such as where the statute and ordinance are so **substantially irreconcilable** that one cannot be given its substantive effect if the other is to be accorded the weight of law.”⁴ The *Jefferson* court also reaffirmed Alaska’s rejection of “the doctrine of state pre-emption by ‘occupying the field’,” and instead requires the legislature to expressly state if it wishes to preempt an entire field.⁵

The licensure and regulation of businesses and professions is governed by Title 8 of the Alaska Statutes, and nowhere in the general centralized licensing Chapter 08.01 nor in the chapters for professions providing counseling and therapy affected by AO 2020-65 does it state that regulation of these healing arts is reserved to the state or prohibited to municipalities. In comparison, the Alaska Legislature expressly prohibited municipal licensing and regulation of massage therapists, unless specifically provided by statute, by adding AS 29.35.146 in the Municipal Government title of the statutes. Even though Alaska may have a pervasive licensing scheme for professional counselors, marital and family therapists, and other professions affected by AO 2020-65, that does not preempt local ordinances without an express prohibition enacted by the Legislature. Here, there is none.

The question, then, is does prohibiting the use of conversion therapy frustrate a state law that requires it be allowed? A survey of the statutory provisions for the affected professions and the regulations promulgated by their respective licensing boards reveals no indication a state law or policy for professional counseling would conflict or not have substantive effect if the conversion therapy ban is given the weight of law. In fact, the professional licensing statutes typically include an “affirmative” limitation on practices that requires appropriate education and training in any particular treatment before using it in practice. Alaska generally enables treatment methods if a person has training and is qualified, and rarely has a prohibition or required type of treatment. Thus, it is abundantly clear the Municipality can enact limitations on counseling practices that pass the *Jefferson* implied preemption test, and the conversion therapy ban proposed by AO 2020-65 passes with flying colors.

First Amendment rights. Liberty Counsel also asserts that AO 2020-65 “constitutes a ban on protected speech” because it would prohibit verbal counseling based on the viewpoint in that counseling. But it cites no case law to support this assertion and offers no controlling precedent. Free speech under the First Amendment is not absolute: laws that effect content-based discrimination or viewpoint discrimination receive strict scrutiny from a reviewing court, and some are deemed valid. Moreover, it is well established by the U. S. Supreme Court that states and local governments may regulate professional conduct, even though that conduct incidentally involves speech, or even when professional treatment is delivered by verbal means.⁶

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Jefferson v. State*, 527 P.2d 37, 43 (Alaska 1974).

⁵ *Id.* at fn. 33, citing *Rubey v. City of Fairbanks*, 456 P.2d 470 (Alaska 1969).

⁶ *See, e.g., National Institute of Family and Life Advocates v. Becerra*, 138 S.Ct. 2361, 201 L.Ed.2d 835 (2018).

Controlling Ninth Circuit caselaw on the issue of “professional” speech has discerned between (1) professionals speaking publicly about a controversial treatment, which has the greatest First Amendment protection, (2) professional speech within the confines of a professional relationship which is also protected but time and again has been found permissible if written to be narrowly tailored to further a compelling government interest, and (3) regulation of professional conduct even though there may be an incidental effect on speech.⁷ The Ninth Circuit court has upheld California’s conversion therapy ban twice, applying First Amendment review to the second and third types of speech or conduct regulation described above.⁸

When the speech is within the confines of a professional relationship, and the regulation is alleged to be content-based or viewpoint based discrimination (as Liberty Counsel asserts), strict scrutiny applies and the regulation will be upheld if it serves a compelling government interest and is narrowly tailored to meet that interest.

If the regulation is of the professional conduct, and the regulation incidentally burdens freedom of expression, the review is intermediate scrutiny and the ordinance must advance important government interests unrelated to the suppression of free speech and does not burden substantially more speech than necessary to further those interests.⁹

AO 2020-65 was drafted with assistance of Assembly Counsel, and its language carefully crafted with the foregoing in mind. It is posited as regulation of conduct of the professional relationship and provision of counseling or therapy services, which will incidentally prohibit verbal counseling employed to deliver conversion therapy treatment. The Ordinance does not prohibit any professional from publicly espousing and advocating to allow conversion therapy. It does not prohibit religious counseling. In an abundance of caution, the more rigorous strict scrutiny test was taken into consideration in case a court regards it as viewpoint discrimination and not regulation of conduct. Because the Ordinance identifies a well established compelling government interest to protect the well being of minors, and is narrowly tailored to prohibit a harmful treatment practice being provided to minor patients, it should withstand a challenge.

Conclusion. In conclusion, the case cited by Liberty Counsel has no bearing on AO 2020-65, the Municipality’s home rule powers allow this enactment and the ban is not substantially irreconcilable with any state law. The First Amendment arguments have been addressed by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in its review of California’s nearly identical state law, and it was upheld. Assembly Counsel recommends the Assembly Members base their vote on policy considerations of this Ordinance, and not on flawed legal arguments opposing it.

⁷ *Pickup v. Brown*, 740 F.3d 1208, 1229 (9th Cir. 2014), *abrogated by National Institute of Family and Life Advocates v. Becerra*, 138 S.Ct. 2361. The abrogation by *Becerra* was specifically to a category of “professional speech” that the *Pickup v. Brown* court found received less First Amendment protection than public speech. No such category was ever recognized by the Supreme Court and does not exist, meaning the same level of protection to speech in the confines of the professional relationship. This abrogation is acknowledged through the description of (2) in the text.

⁸ *Id.*, and *Welch v. Brown*, 834 F.3d 1041 (9th Cir. 2016). The former case considered freedom of speech, the latter considered the Free Exercise clause.

⁹ *Pacific Coast Horseshoeing School, Inc. v. Kirchmeyer*, 961 F.3d 1062 (9th Cir. 2020).



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REPLY TO FLORIDA

August 17, 2020

The Honorable Ethan Berkowitz
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RE: Proposed Ordinance No. AO 2020-65

Dear Mayor Berkowitz:

Liberty Counsel is a national nonprofit litigation, education and public policy organization focused on protecting First Amendment liberties. Liberty Counsel engages in nationwide advocacy on behalf of the First Amendment through a variety of means, including informational letters and strategic impact litigation, in association with local counsel. We have constituents and supporters in every state of the nation, including Alaska. Anchorage residents have contacted Liberty Counsel regarding proposed Ordinance No. AO 2020-65, which would add [Chapter 16.140](#)¹ to the Anchorage Municipal Code.

Liberty Counsel writes in opposition to proposed Ordinance No. AO 2020-65, currently scheduled for review at the August 25, 2020 meeting.² The proposed Ordinance would ban verbal counseling (erroneously called “conversion therapy” or “sexual orientation change efforts”) based on the viewpoint of that counseling. The proposed Ordinance constitutes a ban on protected speech. This speech ban should be rejected.

In support of this position, Liberty Counsel brings to your attention a ruling from the federal District Court for the Middle District of Florida. This case in Tampa, Florida was brought by Liberty

¹ “An Ordinance of the Anchorage Assembly Amending Anchorage Municipal Code Title 16 by Adding Chapter 16.140 Regarding Medical and Mental Health Practices, Such as Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity Change Efforts with a Minor,” AONo. 2020-65, available at

https://www.muni.org/departments/assembly/siteassets/pages/meetings-worksessions/ao%202020-65_conversion%20therapy%20ban.pdf

² <https://alaskawatchman.com/2020/07/28/anchorage-postpones-debate-on-ban-against-helping-minors-with-unwanted-same-sex-attraction/>

Counsel against the City of Tampa, and is summarized below. The Tampa speech ban is pending before the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

On October 4, 2019, federal Judge William F. Jung issued an [order](#) granting summary judgment to Liberty Counsel in a suit to invalidate the City of Tampa ordinance that prohibited licensed counselors from providing and minors and their families from receiving counsel to reduce or eliminate their unwanted same-sex attractions, behaviors, or gender identity. The court ruled that local governments do not have authority to regulate counseling because it is the prerogative of the state. The 41-page ruling states, in part:

“There is no grant of authority by the Florida Legislature to municipalities to substantively regulate healthcare treatment and discipline.”

“The City Ordinance is preempted by the comprehensive Florida regulatory scheme for healthcare regulation and discipline. Accordingly, the Court strikes the Ordinance under the implied preemption doctrine and grants the Plaintiffs’ motion for summary judgment on Count VI.”

“The State statutory scheme for healthcare regulation leaves nothing substantive at all for municipalities to do; there is no grant or delegation at all to localities.”

“To say that the State of Florida’s regime of healthcare regulations is vast is an understatement. There seems nothing more regulated and addressed by the Florida legislative and administrative body than healthcare, and a material part of this is mental health related. In addition to its breadth and depth, this Florida regulatory scheme is uniform across each of the 400 plus municipalities in the State. In contrast, the Tampa Ordinance covers only the 114 square miles of city limits, leaving the substantive mental health therapy rules to vary depending which of the 400 plus Florida municipalities one is in, or even where one is within Hillsborough County.”

“Nothing is more intimate, more private, and more sensitive, than a growing young man or woman talking to a mental health therapist about sex, gender, preferences, and conflicting feelings. The Ordinance inserts the City’s code enforcers into the middle of this sensitive, intense and private moment. But this moment is already governed by Florida’s very broad rights of privacy, something the Ordinance ignores...The Florida Constitution’s privacy amendment suggests that government should stay out of the therapy room. The Tampa Ordinance does not address this constitutional issue, and in doing so the City attempts to occupy a very private space, contrary to a strong statewide policy.”

“The Ordinance eliminates this longstanding parental right without discussion or exception—Florida already occupied this ground. Parental rights, which the Florida Supreme Court has noted are fundamental and protected by the state constitution, are reduced or increased within Hillsborough County, Florida, depending on whether one steps across the Tampa city line or not.”

“All of these topics such as constitutional privacy rights, parental choice, patient choice as to treatment, and the availability of non-conventional or alternative treatments show that the Legislature has occupied entirely the very wide healthcare swath, whether it is called ‘informed consent’ or ‘patient’s rights.’ No room exists in this pervasive and uniform statewide program for the more than four-hundred Florida municipalities to regulate where legislative intent resides so broadly.”

The Court also addressed the expert testimony presented by experts from the City of Tampa and Liberty Counsel. The summary of the testimony undermines any reason to enact these counseling bans, even if there were authority to do so. The Court provided the following bullet points.

“Although the City expresses confident certitude, the City’s experts, one or both, expressly agreed with the following points:

- Minors can be gender fluid and may change or revert gender identity. Dkt. 192-2 at 38–40.
- Gender dysphoria during childhood does not inevitably continue into adulthood. Dkt. 192-2 at 85–87.
- Formal epidemiologic studies on gender dysphoria in children, adolescents, and adults are lacking. Dkt. 192-2 at 92.
- One Tampa expert testified there is not a consensus regarding the best practices with prepubertal gender nonconforming children. Dkt. 192-2 at 120–21.
- A second Tampa expert testified consensus does not exist regarding best practices with prepubertal gender nonconforming children, but a trend toward a consensus exists. Dkt. 192-1 at 159.
- Emphasizing to parents the importance of allowing their child the freedom to return to a gender identity that aligns with sex assigned at birth or another gender identity at any point cannot be overstated. Dkt. 192-2 at 123.
- One cannot quantify or put a percentage on the increased risk from conversion therapy, as compared to other therapy. Dkts. 192-2 at 131; 192-1 at 198–99.
- Scientific estimates of the efficacy of conversion therapy are essentially nonexistent because of the difficulties of obtaining samples following individuals after they exit therapy, defining success, and obtaining objective reassessment. Dkt. 192-1 at 136–37.
- Based on a comprehensive review of this work, the American Psychological Association 2009 SOCE Task Force concluded that no study to date has demonstrated adequate scientific rigor to provide a clear picture of the prevalence or frequency of either beneficial or harmful SOCE outcomes. More recent studies claiming benefits and/or harm have done little to ameliorate this concern. Dkt. 192-1 at 148.
- No known study to date [looking at 2014 article Dkt. 192-6 at 2] has drawn from a representative sample of sufficient size to draw conclusions about the experience of those who have attempted SOCE. Dkt. 192-1 at 149.
- No known study [looking at same 2014 article] has provided a comprehensive assessment of basic demographic information, psychosocial wellbeing, and religiosity, which would be required to understand the effectiveness, benefits and/or harm caused by SOCE. Dkt. 192-1 at 150.
- Although research on adult populations has documented harmful effects of SOCE, no scientific research studies have examined SOCE among adolescents. Dkt. 192-1 at 153.
- With extraordinarily well-trained counseling “in a hypothetically perfect world” it may be an appropriate course of action for a counselor to aid a gender-dysphoric child who wants to return to biological gender of birth. Dkt. 192-1 at 171–72.
- There is a lack of published research on efforts to change gender identity among childhood and adolescents. Dkt. 192-1 at 177.

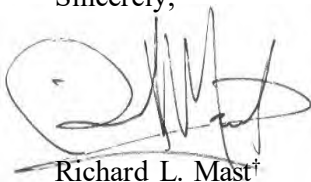
- As of October 2015 no research demonstrating the harms of conversion therapy with gender minority youth has been published. Dkt. 192-1 at 180–81. In 2018 an article was published on youth but causal claims could not be made from that 2018 report. Dkt. 192-1 at 181.”

Liberty Counsel hopes that the Anchorage Assembly will respect the First Amendment rights of counselors, minors, and their parents, and will reject proposed Ordinance No. AO 2020-65.

The proposed Ordinance would ban pure speech. A decision to pass the proposed Ordinance will potentially expose the City to liability for civil rights violations.

Liberty Counsel trusts the Tampa ruling will be informative to the deliberations of the Anchorage Assembly. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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From: [Jones, Barbara A.](#)
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Subject: RE: Conversion Therapy Ban Effective Date?
Date: Thursday, September 24, 2020 1:09:21 PM
Attachments: [AO 2020-065, As Amended OCR.pdf](#)
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You are correct, 30 days after passage is September 25, 2020.

I'm not sure I understand why it would be in effect close of business on the 25th. The AO says it is EFFECTIVE 30 days after passage. The 25th IS the 30th day after passage; it seems to me it should be in effect at 12:00:01 on September 25. But that is probably a legal question for Dean or Kate.

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Christopher: Dean is out this week and I have a handy dandy perpetual date calculator on my desk that I'd like to use to confirm the date. Will do so first thing in the morning. Barbara

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Subject: Conversion Therapy Ban Effective Date?

I figure between the two of you we can figure out the exact date. AO 2020-65 was effective 30 days after passage. Passage date was 8/26/2020. The item is in effect close of business on the 25th?

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 16 BY ADDING CHAPTER 16.140 REGARDING MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICES, SUCH AS SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY CHANGE EFFORTS WITH A MINOR.

1 **WHEREAS**, research demonstrates that sexual orientation and gender identity
2 change efforts can pose critical health risks to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and
3 transgender persons; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, contemporary science recognizes that being lesbian, gay, bisexual, or
6 transgender is part of the natural spectrum of human identity and is not a disease,
7 disorder, or illness; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Anchorage has a compelling interest in protecting
10 the physical and psychological well-being of minors¹ that justifies protecting minors
11 from the risk of serious harm from sexual orientation and gender identity change
12 efforts in the Municipality; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Assembly desires to protect minors within the
15 Municipality from harmful and discredited approaches to change sexual orientation
16 or gender identity with minors, including so-called “conversion” or “reparative”
17 therapy, finding that such efforts lack medical justification, are unethical, violate
18 fundamental human rights principles, and put minors at risk of suicide and other
19 long-term physical and psychological harms; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, no other means of protecting minors from the harms associated with
22 such efforts would be effective; now, therefore,
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24 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:**
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26 **Section 1.** Anchorage Municipal Code is amended by adding a new chapter
27 16.140 to read as follows:
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29 **CHAPTER 16.140 MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICES**
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31 **Sections**

32 16.140.010 General provisions; purposes.

33 16.140.020 Prohibition on sexual orientation and gender identity
34 change efforts with a minor.

¹ See *Ginsberg v. State of N.Y.*, 390 U.S. 629, 88 S.Ct. 1274 (1968); *Treacy v. Municipality of Anchorage*, 91 P.3d 252 (Alaska 2004).

1 **16.140.010 General provisions; purposes.**

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3 *Purpose.* This Chapter is an exercise of the Municipality's police power for
4 the public safety, health, and welfare in relation to the provision of medical
5 and mental health practices; and its provisions shall be liberally construed to
6 accomplish this purpose.
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8 **16.140.020 Prohibition on sexual orientation and gender identity**
9 **change efforts with a minor.**

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11 A. *Findings and Intent.* Medical and mental health experts have
12 denounced efforts to change sexual orientation and gender identity as
13 ineffective and unsafe for people, especially minors. These efforts are
14 based on the discredited premise that being non-heterosexual or
15 transgender is a mental disorder that can be corrected or cured. It is
16 the intent of the Assembly that these unethical treatments that
17 correlate with serious and dangerous harm to the health and well-
18 being of minors be prohibited. Therefore, the assembly finds and
19 declares that protecting minors from efforts to change sexual
20 orientation or gender identity is necessary to further its compelling
21 interest in protecting the physical and psychological well-being of
22 minors, and no other means of protecting minors from the harms
23 associated with these treatments would be effective.
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25 B. *Definitions.* The following words, terms, and phrases shall have the
26 meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context
27 clearly indicates a different meaning:
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29 *Minor* refers to any person under 18 years of age.

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31 *Provider* means any person licensed by a state professional
32 licensing board or accredited professional licensing
33 association~~[, certified, or registered]~~ to provide professional
34 counseling including, but not limited to, behavior analysts, licensed
35 professional counselors, marital and family therapists or associates,
36 physicians or assistants, osteopaths or assistants, registered or
37 practical nurses or assistive personnel, certified nurse aides, physical
38 or occupational therapists or assistants, psychologists or
39 psychological associates, social workers or associates, licensed
40 professional conservators or guardians, naturopaths, or a licensed
41 person who performs counseling as part of the person's professional
42 services~~[training]~~.
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44 *Sexual orientation or gender identity change efforts*, also
45 known as *conversion therapy* or *reparative therapy*, means any
46 counseling, practice, or treatment that seeks to change a person's
47 sexual orientation or gender identity including, but not limited to,
48 efforts to change behaviors or gender expression, or reduce or
49 eliminate sexual or romantic attraction or feelings toward a person of

the same gender. Sexual orientation or gender identity change efforts do not include counseling that does not seek to change sexual orientation or gender identity and that:

- a. Assists a person undergoing gender transition;
- b. Provides acceptance, support, and understanding to the person; or
- c. Facilitates a person's coping, social support, identity exploration, and development, including sexual orientation and gender identity-neutral interventions to prevent or address unlawful conduct or unsafe sexual practices.

C. *Prohibition on sexual orientation and gender identity change efforts.* It is unlawful for any provider to provide, apply, or use sexual orientation or gender identity change efforts with a patient who is a minor.

D. **Subsection C. does not apply to a clergy member or religious counselor who is acting substantially in a pastoral or religious capacity and not in the capacity of a health care professional.**

E[D]. **Parent and Guardian Rights. Nothing in this Chapter will infringe on the right of parents or legal guardians to help and counsel their minor children regarding their ethical, religious or other viewpoints regarding sexual orientation or gender identity.**

F[E]. *Private action.* Any person aggrieved, harmed, injured, or suffering loss or damages by the act or omission of another person constituting a violation of the provisions of this section may, following 30 days written notice to the municipal attorney or department, commence and maintain a civil action for injunctive relief authorized by Section 1.45.010B. In any action under this section, the Municipality, if not a party, may intervene as a matter of right.

G[F]. Violation of this section shall be punishable by a civil penalty in accordance with chapter 14.60. Each day in violation constitutes a separate offense.

Section 2. Anchorage Municipal Code section 14.60.030 is hereby amended to read as follows (*the remainder of the section is not affected and therefore not set out*):

14.60.030 - Fine schedule.

The fine schedule under this chapter is as follows:

Code Section	Offense	Penalty/Fine
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<u>16.140.020C.</u>	<u>Providing, applying, or using sexual orientation or gender identity change efforts with a minor</u>	<u>500.00</u>
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(AO No. 93-167(S-1), § 1, 4-13-94; AO No. 94-108, § 1, 10-5-94; AO No. 94-134, § 2, 9-8-94; AO No. 95-42, § 2, 3-23-95; AO No. 95-67(S), § 9, 7-1-95; AO No. 95-102, § 1, 4-26-95; AO No. 95-118, § 3, 9-1-95; AO No. 95-163(S), § 21, 8-8-95; AO No. 95-195(S-1), 1-1-96; AO No. 96-51(S-1), § 2, 8-1-96; AO No. 96-96(S-1), § 2, 2-1-97; AO No. 96-126(S), § 3, 10-1-96; AO No. 96-137(S), § 9, 1-2-97; AO No. 97-88, § 3, 6-3-97; AO No. 97-107, § 3, 11-17-97; AO No. 97-133(S), § 1, 11-11-97; AO No. 98-27(S-1), § 2, 11-11-97; AO No. 98-160, § 2, 12-8-98; AO No. 99-13(S), 2-9-99; AO No. 99-91(S), § 4, 7-13-99; AO No. 2000-64, § 1, 4-18-00; AO No. 2000-116(S), § 4, 7-18-00; AO No. 2000-127(S), § 2, 10-14-00; AO No. 2000-129(S), § 26, 11-21-00; AO No. 2001-48, § 1, 3-13-01; AO No. 2001-74(S), § 2, 4-17-01; AO No. 2001-4, § 2, 2-6-01; AO No. 2001-145(S-1), § 11, 12-11-01; AO No. 2003-68, § 1, 9-30-03; AO No. 2003-97, § 4, 9-30-03; AO No. 2003-117, § 2, 1-28-03; AO No. 2003-130, § 8, 10-7-03; AO No. 2003-152S, § 10, 1-1-04; AO No. 2004-1, § 2, 1-1-03; AO No. 2004-99, § 2, 6-22-04; AO No. 2004-100(S-1), § 6, 1-1-05; AO No. 2004-171, § 1, 1-11-05; AO No. 2005-160, § 9, 11-1-05; AO No. 2005-84(S), § 3, 1-1-06; AO No. 2005-185(S), § 35, 2-28-06; AO No. 2005-124(S-1A), § 33, 4-18-06; AO No. 2006-39, § 6, 4-11-06; AO No. 2006-54, § 1, 5-2-06; AO No. 2006-80, § 1, 6-6-06; AO No. 2007-50, § 4, 4-10-07; AO No. 2007-60, § 4, 11-1-07; AO No. 2007-70, § 3, 5-15-07; AO No. 2008-84(S), § 5, 7-15-08; AO No. 2009-61, § 3, 7-7-09; AO No. 2009-82, § 5, 7-7-09; AO No. 2009-40(S), § 3, 7-21-09; AO No. 2009-112, § 4, 10-13-09; AO No. 2009-122, § 2, 12-17-09; AO-2010-35(S), § 7, 5-11-10; AO No. 2010-39, § 2, 5-11-10; AO No. 2010-87(S), § 3, 12-7-10; AO No. 2011-46, § 4, 4-12-11; AO No. 2011-59, § 10, 5-24-11; AO No. 2011-106(S), § 3, 11-8-11; AO No. 2011-112, § 4, 11-22-11, eff. 12-22-11; AO No. 2012-10, § 1, 1-31-12; AO No. 2012-77, § 29, 8-7-12; AO No. 2013-109(S-1), § 5, 12-3-13; AO No. 2013-130(S-1), § 1, 1-14-14; AO No. 2014-42, § 31, 6-21-14; AO No. 2014-85, § 4, 8-5-14; AO No. 2014-110(S), § 2, 9-9-14; AO No. 2014-137(S), § 3, 11-18-14; AO No. 2015-23(S), § 20, 3-24-15; AO No. 2015-48, § 16, 5-14-15; AO No. 2015-54, § 1, 5-26-15; AO No. 2015-65, § 4, 6-9-15; AO No. 2015-111(S-1), § 2, 1-1-16; AO No. 2016-16(S), § 4, 2-9-16; AO No. 2016-76(S), § 7, 7-12-16; AO No. 2016-81(S), § 4, 8-25-16; AO No. 2016-83(S), § 9, 7-26-16; AO No. 2016-82, § 3, 8-9-16; AO No. 2016-116, § 2, 10-18-16; AO No. 2016-115(S), § 2, 11-15-16; AO No. 2016-124(S), § 11, 12-20-16; AO No. 2017-26, § 2, 5-1-17; AO No. 2017-29(S), § 61, 6-1-17; AO No. 2017-30, § 3, 3-21-17; AO No. 2017-31(S), § 5, 5-26-17; AO No. 2017-119(S), § 4, 11-9-17; AO No. 2017-101, § 2, 2-5-18; AO No. 2017-161(S), § 3, 2-27-18; AO No. 2017-16, § 3, 2-14-17; AO No. 2018-63(S), § 2, 8-28-18; AO No. 2018-100(S), § 2, 1-1-19; AO No. 2018-110, § 2, 12-18-18; AO No. 2019-9(S), § 2, 2-12-19; AO No. 2019-12, § 2, 3-5-19; AO No. 2019-15(S), § 2, 3-19-19; AO No. 2019-34, § 5, 4-18-19; AO No. 2019-50(S), § 2, 6-6-19; AO No. 2019-66, § 26, 6-18-19; AO No. 2019-74(S), § 2, 6-18-19; AO

No. 2019-79(S) , § 2, 7-9-19; AO No. 2019-90(S) , § 7, 8-20-19; Ord. No. 2020-4(S) , § 3, 6-24-20)

Section 3. This ordinance shall be effective 30 days after passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 26th day of August, 2020.



ATTEST:

Chair



Municipal Clerk

1 **From:** Chair Rivera, Assembly Member Constant, and
2 Vice-Chair Quinn-Davidson
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4 **Subject:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY AMENDING
5 ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 16 BY ADDING CHAPTER
6 16.140 REGARDING MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH
7 PRACTICES, SUCH AS SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER
8 IDENTITY CHANGE EFFORTS WITH A MINOR.
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10 This ordinance addresses an important issue in mental and behavioral health
11 practices. The use of sexual orientation or gender identity change efforts, also known
12 as “conversion therapy,” is harmful and too often youth are subjected to it and have
13 no say in the decision for its use. The number of organizations that decry conversion
14 therapy demonstrate the widespread agreement on the harm it causes. For example,
15 the American Medical Association also put out an issue brief with more info on the
16 harm of conversion therapy and opposing the practice.¹ It addressed the medical
17 ethics of providing conversion therapy and identified additional “social and
18 interpersonal harm,” including alienation, loneliness, social isolation, interference with
19 intimate relationships and loss of social supports. A comprehensive list of medical
20 groups that oppose this practice is available from Human Rights Campaign.²
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22 In 2009, the American Psychological Association Task Force on Appropriate
23 Therapeutic Responses to Sexual Orientation concluded that efforts to change sexual
24 orientation and gender identity are unlikely to produce anticipated outcomes and can
25 pose unintended harmful side effects to participants, such as a sense of having
26 wasted time and resources, confusion, shame, guilt, helplessness, hopelessness,
27 loss of faith, decreased self-esteem and authenticity towards others, increased self-
28 hatred and negative perceptions, social withdrawal, a feeling of being dehumanized
29 and untrue to self, depression, increased substance abuse and high-risk sexual
30 behaviors, and suicidality.³
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32 Also in 2009, the American Psychological Association issued a Resolution on
33 Appropriate Affirmative Responses to Sexual Orientation Distress and Change
34 Efforts, that, among other things, advises persons to avoid efforts to change sexual
35 orientation or gender identity that portray homosexuality as a mental illness or
36 developmental disorder, while encouraging psychotherapy, social support, and
37 educational services that provide accurate information on sexual orientation and
38 sexuality, increase family and school support, and reduce rejection of sexual minority

¹ American Medical Association, *Issue brief: LGBTQ change efforts (so-called “conversion therapy”)*, (2019), see <https://www.ama-assn.org/system/files/2019-12/conversion-therapy-issue-brief.pdf> (accessed June 17, 2020).

² See <https://www.hrc.org/resources/policy-and-position-statements-on-conversion-therapy> (accessed June 17, 2020).

³ American Psychological Association, *Report of the American Psychological Association Task Force on Appropriate Therapeutic Responses to Sexual Orientation*, (2009).

1 youth.⁴

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3 The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has concluded that:

- 4 • “Conversion therapy perpetuates outdated views of gender roles and identities
5 as well as the negative stereotype that being a sexual or gender minority or
6 identifying as LGBTQ is an abnormal aspect of human development. Most
7 importantly, it may put young people at risk of serious harm.”
- 8 • “Conversion therapy—efforts to change an individual’s sexual orientation,
9 gender identity, or gender expression — is a practice that is not supported by
10 credible evidence, and has been disavowed by behavioral health experts and
11 associations.”
- 12 • “Same-gender sexual identity, behavior, and attraction are not mental
13 disorders. Same-gender sexual attractions are part of the normal spectrum of
14 sexual orientation. Sexual orientation change in children and adolescents
15 should not be a goal of mental health and behavioral interventions.”⁵

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17 A 2018 study by The Family Acceptance Project found the following:

- 18 • Rates of attempted suicide by LGBT young people whose parents tried to
19 change their sexual orientation were more than double (48%) the rate of LGBT
20 young adults who reported no conversion experiences (22%). Suicide attempts
21 nearly tripled for LGBT young people who reported both home-based efforts to
22 change their sexual orientation by parents and intervention efforts by
23 therapists and religious leaders (63%).
- 24 • High levels of depression more than doubled (33%) for LGBT young people
25 whose parents tried to change their sexual orientation compared with those
26 who reported no conversion experiences (16%) and more than tripled (52%)
27 for LGBT young people who reported both home-based efforts to change their
28 sexual orientation by parents and external sexual orientation change efforts by
29 therapists and religious leaders.
- 30 • Sexual orientation change experiences during adolescence by both parents /
31 caregivers and externally by therapists and religious leaders were associated
32 with lower young adult socioeconomic status: less educational attainment and
33 lower weekly income.⁶

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35 The State of Illinois passed its Youth Mental Health Protection Act, with thorough
36 findings that cites the above groups’ positions plus some additional studies as
37 justification for the measure. The State of California enacted a law in 2012 prohibiting
38 any mental health provider from engaging in sexual orientation change efforts with a
39 patient who is a minor, and it survived First Amendment challenges on two separate

⁴ *Id.* at Appendix A.

⁵ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, *Ending Conversion Therapy: Supporting and Affirming LGBTQ Youth*. HHS Publication No. (SMA) 15-4928. Rockville, MD (2015).

⁶ Caitlin Ryan, et al., *Parent-Initiated Sexual Orientation Change Efforts With LGBT Adolescents: Implications for Young Adult Mental Health and Adjustment*, *Journal of Homosexuality*, 67:2, 159-173 (2020), DOI: 10.1080/00918369.2018.1538407, see <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/00918369.2018.1538407> (accessed June 17, 2020).

1 appeals to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.⁷ This ordinance is very similar.

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3 The harms from sexual orientation or gender identity change efforts are a local
4 concern in Anchorage. The Anchorage Press published a three-part series on
5 persons who are homosexual and the difficulties and oppression they faced growing
6 up in Alaska, some of them from Anchorage. The third part of the series,
7 “Conversion, The real hell,” focused on the stories of two young Alaskans who faced
8 conversion therapy forced on them by their families when they were minors.⁸ Their
9 stories end on a good note, but not without enduring effects of the trauma they
10 suffered as a result of being subjected to sexual orientation or gender identity change
11 efforts. How many other unreported stories of Alaskans with similar experiences are
12 there? This ordinance is intended to reduce the incidence of these occurrences, and
13 hold professional therapists and counselors in Anchorage accountable to a practice
14 standard that is supported by national professional associations.

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16 **We request your support for the ordinance.**

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20 District 4, Midtown Anchorage

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22 Christopher Constant, Assembly Member
23 District 1, Downtown Anchorage

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25 Austin Quinn-Davidson, Assembly Vice-Chair
26 District 3, West Anchorage

⁷ 2012 Cal. Legis. Serv. Ch. 835 (S.B. 1172); and see *Pickup v. Brown*, 740 F.3d 1208 (9th Cir. 2014), *abrogated by National Inst. Of Family & Life Advocates v. Becerra*, 138 S.Ct. 2361, 201 L.Ed.2d 835 (2018), and *Welch v. Brown*, 834 F.3d 1041 (9th Cir. 2016).

⁸ RJ Johnson, “Conversion, The real hell.” Anchorage Press, Nov. 2, 2018 (see https://www.anchoragepress.com/news/conversion-the-real-hell/article_c570e40a-ded5-11e8-8e9e-2b28e7b54703.html), accessed June 17, 2020).