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Every Black Life Matters condemns plans by the San Jose City Council to target the VAC and Informed Parents for informing parents of their legal rights

[SAN JOSE, CA, September 29, 2023] Today, the founder of Every Black Life Matters (EveryBLM.com) and President of the Frederick Douglass Foundation of CA, Kevin McGary spoke out about the San Jose City Council's plans on Tuesday Oct 17th at 1:30 pm to issue a condemnation of the actions of Informed Parents of Silicon Valley (www.IP-SV.org) and the Values Advocacy Council (www.VAC.org). The condemnation can be viewed here: sjcondemnation.vacmail.org

Mr. McGary said, "The city of San Jose claims that the condemnation is because of the disagreement with the LGBTQ+ community on moral issues. However," he noted, "if this is truly the case then why doesn't the City Council condemn most of our African American churches. Most of them agree with the Bible. Yet we hear not a word from the Council about that. That's clearly not the issue here. Instead, the real reason the City Council is upset is clearly because Informed Parents and the VAC have been very effective about informing parents that they can opt their children out of age-inappropriate education. Does the City really want to go down in history as the group that insisted that parents should never find out that they can choose to remove their children from learning about things they morally disagree with?"

Pastor Hoye of the California Civil Rights Foundation added, "This is unacceptable, to find a City Council that postures and threatens activist groups that they disagree with. Our fathers fought against this. This sort of a censure is clearly intended to cast a chill over free speech and censor groups the council does not agree with. It's meant to be a warning that everyone better obey! Should parents know that they have the right to pull their kids from certain types of sexual education? The state law says they can. Why does the City Council think they should try to stop this information from getting out? This is especially relevant to black parents who are often the last to be told of their options. This is all the more reason why people should volunteer at Informed Parents and get the word out."

Mr. Poindexter of Every Black Life Matters in his remarks, concluded with: "The council also claims that the groups harassed people, yet video evidence shows the harassment came from the school officials lying about their rights, saying these groups did not have the right to stand on public sidewalks. There was no harassment by these groups handing out bookmarks. Most parents were glad to receive this information and asked why the school itself had not informed them. This is clearly a manipulation of the facts by officials to target those they disagree with. Anyone associated with this condemnation should be embarrassed.

"Worse, councilmember Torres who created this resolution has a history of lying and has already been accused of lying earlier this year and tried to play the race card when he was caught illegally using official city letterhead to harass a local business he did not like. Further he has been accused by two other groups of being a bully and inciting violence against them. We are living in a culture of tyranny where officials lie and use force to attack those they disagree with and then get away with it. Citizens

need to remember this.

“Finally, as a Black Civil Rights organization, we do not take lightly to people playing the race card. Because, when real racist acts actually occur, people will think it’s just another person crying wolf. As we say: It is actually racist to make false claims of racism, as it enables real racists to get away with true racism.”

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