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Subject: Legal justification for allowing prayers "in Jesus name"

Dear Mayor [Hansen] and Lodi California Councilmembers Johnson, Hitchcock, [Mounce], Katzakian:

I represent 85% of polled Americans who will support your efforts, if you continue to allow many diverse prayers (taking turns) including public prayers offered "in Jesus name" in the Lodi city council meetings, or will oppose your efforts if you censor or silence public prayer as Americans United and the Freedom From Religion Foundation wrongly demand.

I have fought this legal battle around the country, and helped win legal or legislative victories (against AU and the ACLU) in Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Indiana, Pennsylvania, and the U.S. Military. I've held pro-faith rallies with over 1,000 marchers each in Florida and Virginia, and last week my press releases helped persuade UCLA to allow a graduating student to thank Jesus during her graduation speech.

Attached are two PDF legal briefings that are critical to your defense against threats by the Wisconsin ACLU and Americans United, who are wrong on the issues, and are not telling you "the whole story" about how courts have ruled specifically to allow "Jesus" in legislative prayer.

1) PDF ATTACHED 11TH CIRCUIT RULING IN PELPHRY VS. COBB COUNTY SPECIFICALLY ALLOWS JESUS PRAYERS in government forums, and bases its ruling entirely upon Supreme Court precedent, including Lee v. Weisman and Marsh v. Chambers. The attached PDF brief gives the best possible legal arguments for your lawyer to defend your right to continue allowing diverse, rotating prayers spoken aloud in Lodi council meetings. A news story explaining this victory for religious freedom and diversity of speech in Georgia is here:
<http://www.wnd.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=79452>

2) PDF ATTACHED TULSA CITY OKLAHOMA POLICY IS A MODEL POLICY that permits pastors or speakers of many diverse faiths to "take turns" and allow a diversity of religious expression, which I recommend Lodi should follow, and is highly defensible in court, read the attached PDF. A news story about how I led a rally of pastors to defend Jesus prayers in Tulsa is at this link:
<http://www.wnd.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=57668>

Also, here is a link to a story about how other city councils have fought (and won) the right to allow Jesus prayers in 7th Circuit and Indiana courts:
<http://www.wnd.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=44329>

Also, here is a link to an article proving the U.S. Supreme Court allows Jesus prayers, despite some atheists deceptive claim otherwise:
<http://www.wnd.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=42256>

Finally, the Alliance Defense Fund has SPECIFICALLY OFFERED TO DEFEND YOU, PRO-BONO, or defend any government that protects public prayer, especially Jesus prayers, through their national legal defense campaign, see their standing offer to any governments, here:
<http://www.alliancedefensefund.org/adfresources/default.aspx?cid=4134>

I have built a 35,000 member email list that I can activate to petition you further, if you wish. You can win this in court if you stand firm, or you can lose alot of public support if you cave-in to the enemies of religious liberty. Please reply to let me know which way I can best encourage you.

I pray in Jesus' name,

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