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Proudly, I am Jewish. By, birth, heritage, by practice. That does not mean that I oppose others right to pray as they wish. That is what created America, the right to pray and believe as we wish.

In Lodi, I guess, those folks have not heard of the First Amendment. I enjoy hearing a Rabbi pray before a public forum such as a city council or school board meeting. I am not offended by a Pastor ending a prayer, "In Jesus Names". In fact I am offended when a Minister does NOT say that at the end of a prayer--as if he or she is not proud of their religious beliefs or embarrassed by them. Or maybe they come from the Jeremiah Wright school of religion.

I urge everyone, Jew and Christian, to attend this rally for religious freedom. First it will be the ending that is banned, next it will be the beginning--no prayer at all.

We are a nation founded on religious faith, we can not allow the ACLU or their followers to negate the First Amendment.

August 5 at 6:00pm there will be a "Prayer Rally for Jesus" in Lodi at the city hall steps

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From: Charles Cooper

Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2009 7:41:18 AM

Subject: A vote of support--from an atheist

Dear Chaps,

I just wanted to express my support for you and your efforts during these difficult times when rampant liberalism is attacking people of faith on every level, not just in the way they say their prayers. I say this, ironically enough, as an atheist. Christian ministers and priests--all Christians, in fact--should pray in Jesus' name, to do any less would be a denial of who they are and what they stand for.

That same level of integrity, as long as it does not cross the line into bigotry, goes for all religions and it goes for atheists as well. You see, any form of religious intolerance--especially from those who profess to have no religion--is repugnant to me. I do not have to believe in Jesus to respect your right to pray in his name. As an atheist, what I have to do is respect YOU enough to allow you to pray in any way you see fit.

The unfortunate thing is that this is what it really is all about. The objections to praying in Jesus' name have little to do with prayer and a great deal to do with the Left's agenda to reshape American culture into a purely secular socialist mockery of itself. Their attacks are not religious, they are political, a fact that must be exposed to all. Religion is simply another battlefield for the secular Left in this country, and their tactics are bullying intimidation and lawsuits, the mere threat of which are all too effective against craven, spineless politicians whose only thought is how to stay in office a little longer.

I cannot, nor will I try, to apologize for other atheists. All I will say is that by engaging in these attacks, they are showing the same small-minded, intolerant bigotry that they accuse religious people of showing to each other and to them. I think it is disgusting and you have my support.

Charles M. Cooper

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----- Reply Message -----

From: Gordon James Klingenschmitt

To: Charles Cooper

Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2009 2:10:18 PM

Subject: Re: A vote of support--from an atheist

Charles, your statement is more Christian than many pastors I know.

I consider you a brother in the battle for liberty.

In Jesus name,

Chaps