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## **Anthony Sutton statement of support for the LGBTQ+ community**

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As a member of the LGBTQ+ Community and Council Member for the Town of Waynesville, I am deeply troubled by the continued vilification of our transgender citizens. It's disheartening to see this level of hostility being leveled at such a historically marginalized group of people; and there is no place in Waynesville for these kinds of cold-hearted, calloused, and libelous attacks.

I commend our wonderful Police Department in taking this investigation seriously and without prejudice. I want all of Waynesville's citizens to know that I will always fight for them; regardless of race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. I know first hand the difficulties faced when others try to disparage the love I have for my husband. But our community is made from all walks of life and together our light cannot be diminished; and that is what makes me proud to call Waynesville home.