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**TO:** Mayor Josh Morgan, London City Councillors

**FROM:** Deanna Ronson

**RE:** Item 8.4, 4 (4.1) Regulation of the Display of Graphic Images on the Council Agenda, 6th Meeting of City Council, March 5, 2024

Dear Mayor Morgan and London City Council,

As you consider the 4th Report from the Community and Protective Services Committee, specifically, the Regulation of the Display of Graphic Images, I'd like you to please consider the residence of those who are sending you emails and submissions to the public agenda. I believe that if you do so, you'll find that many of those who are writing to you do **NOT** reside in London.

Indeed, many who are opposed to seeing restrictions of the Display of Graphic Images in London actually live in Toronto and other Ontario towns/cities and as far away as Alberta. These people have NOT and WILL NOT be impacted by the display of Graphic Images **in London** as **they do not reside here**.

Please listen to the majority of actual **Londoners** who have suffered grievous harm when they encountered these images displayed in public.

We elected you with the expectation that you would abide by the Municipal Act of Ontario.

The **Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25**, states that municipalities have "**broad authority**" to "provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public." The Act also states, that "a single-tier municipality **may pass by-laws respecting the following matters:** . . . 6. **Health, safety and well-being of persons.** . . . 8. **Protection of persons and property**" (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/01m25>).

As the former Council did with the graphic flyer by-law, we need you to approve a sign by-law that will address the safety and wellbeing and protection of residents.

Please vote to refer the staff report from the CPSC meeting of Feb. 20, 2024 back to City Staff; this would allow staff to draft a proposed by-law to be followed by a Public Participation Meeting on the matter, so that you can hear Londoners testify to the harm of graphic images of alleged aborted fetuses.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Deanna Ronson  
Resident of London, Ontario