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But Will Morgan Meneses-Sheets Explain Which Protections She's Decided Aren't As Much Needed As Others?

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Abstract

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From Free State Just Us:

Wed, Feb 23, 2011

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Transgender Issues Working Group

Equality Maryland is fully committed to ending discrimination against all Marylanders on the basis of their gender identity or expression.

The input and perspective of our transgender supporters is absolutely vital for the advancement of these much-needed protections during this legislative session. Please join the Equality Maryland team at our weekly Transgender Issues Working Group on Wednesday, February 23rd in Baltimore at the Equality Maryland offices (1201 S. Sharp Street, Baltimore, MD 21230).

Feel free to invite others that should be included in this ongoing conversation.

Due to the nature of these meetings, we ask you to register ahead of time so we can supply adequate spacing needs and any materials.

Together, we'll make the Free State a place where all Marylanders can live without fear of discrimination.

Event Location

Equality Maryland Offices
1201 S. Sharp Street,
Baltimore, MD 21230

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Now, look at some of the reactions to the pimping of this event on Free State Just Us's facebook page:



Zoe Ellen Brain If you think only covering employment will stop opponents from generating hysteria about a "bathroom bill", see the Boston Herald's reaction to the Executive order in MA affecting state employment (only).
<http://bostonherald.com/news/politics/view.bg?articleid=1317631>

"Deval Patrick signs 'bathroom bill,' sets off 'firestorm'"

In a move blasted by opponents as an "end run" around lawmakers, Gov. Deval Patrick yesterday quietly signed a controversial transgender rights executive order, called the bathroom bill by critics, making it illegal to discriminate against state workers on the basis of "gender identity."

Feeding this hysteria just gives it strength.

7 hours ago



Zoe Ellen Brain If you want actual feedback from Trans people... announce this and publicise it weeks, not days, in advance. And have TELCON facilities because while many of us on less than \$10,000 a year have Internet access, we can't in general afford a car.

7 hours ago



Jayne A Maynes I have to ask will this meeting be lead by Transgender people who know the Transgender community, or will it be lead by Cisgender people who only think they understand the Transgender community?

6 hours ago



Donna Simone Plamondon I WILL be there.
I think the ENTIRE LGBT community has to sit down calmly and with civility discuss the differences between being LGB, Transgender and Transexual. We have so much yet so little in common. United we stand, divided we fall. We ARE three different communities.

Conversation --> Education --> Understanding --> Unity -->
EQUALITY

I have experienced the MOST discrimination in the glb community. As I stated above, they have no real understanding of the differences between glb, transgender, gender queer and transexual. Transexuals (pre AND post-op) HAVE to speak up and do the education. I'm sick of being the "sacrificial lamb". Transexuals have paid their (and continue to pay) their dues more than any other group on the planet. I WILL BE HEARD

6 hours ago



Donna Simone Plamondon MOST of my REAL friends are str8 (live with two str8 men). They understand the differences and do more educating and advocacy than ANY of the orgs.

6 hours ago · 🍷 1 person



Zoe Ellen Brain @Donna - be careful they don't change the venue and "forget" to tell you.

6 hours ago · 🍷 1 person



Donna Simone Plamondon @Zoe - My friends in the press will be sure to let the community know if dissenters are avoided. I've been effective in the past with changing hearts and, if given the chance to tell my (our) story, am confident in finding SOMEONE WITH INTEGRITY to fix this bill or introduce a good one.

about an hour ago

Oh is that last comment ever so sad.

What have these people done to show that they can be trusted?

As I've already written as a comment to the version of this post at ENDABlog (Dana Beyer had chimed in there): If the current incarnation of Free State Just Us is so innocent and so not what they appear to be (via Meneses-Sheets' "incremental progress"-with-a-different-lexicon and the strong implication that sufficient employment equality for trans people is being able to work in sex shops) then they should be the first to fore in calling out the lies and deceit of 2001 as well as opening the books and shining the light on what happened then and precisely who did it. Cathy Brennan, Shannon Avery, Liz Seaton and every duplicitous gay and lesbian in Maryland who had anything to do with creating third-class status for Maryland's trans population in 2001 must be forced to pay a price for what they did to us.*

And if doing so isn't the first item on the agenda at these 'working groups,' then nudge the agenda in that direction - to exactly the same degree that gays and lesbians have 'nudged' the civil rights agenda away from what trans people (and most gays and lesbians) need to what the ultra-rich gays, the bourgeoisie dykes and the rest of the LGBs who have been infected with Marriage Derangement Syndrome want.

Demand answers from these people.

Its your history!

And if they claim its their history and you have no right to it, point out to them that that history of theirs is causing you to exist in Maryland as a third-class citizen in the present just as it has for almost a full decade.

You own that history!

They are keeping it from you.

Demand that they cough it up!

You own the real story of what they're doing right now to ensure that no LGBT oxygen is left in the Maryland state house after gays get their marriage bill.

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*No, I'm not a Maryland resident - but I am a living American transsexual woman. I have the potential to set foot inside Maryland and, on a few occasions since 2001, I have - and when I do so, it is the Seaton-Brennan-Avery-consecrated third-class status that immediately envelops my being like a patina of shit.

When I get off of an airplane at BWI, I know that I am legally unequal to the very people who conned that state's legislature into making me unequal to them when I'm in that state.

When I get off of the DC Metro at a stop in Maryland, I know that I am legally unequal to the very people who conned that state's legislature into making me unequal to them when I'm in that state.

Anyone who demands, asks or even suggests that I, or any other trans person, just shut up and move along and not worry about the history of the Maryland Gay-over-Trans Apartheid Statute of 2001, has taken sides with those who committed that anti-trans political hate crime.

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