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From: Daniel Orner [REDACTED]
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Hi,

I am writing to express my support for Mayor Del Duca's proposed by-law limiting protests within a certain distance of public institutions such as schools, daycares and places of worship.

While I fully support the right of free speech and protest rights, these must be limited where they cause safety problems or foment fear among the general population trying to go about their lives. My son's school had to close due to the recent protest on Clark Street due to safety fears. Children have nothing to do with whatever public issue is being demonstrated about, and it is counterproductive and tone-deaf to include them in political discourse, and possibly traumatizing.

Similarly, places of worship are a daily need for many congregants, many of whom have no opinion (or may even agree with the protesters). Forcing them to push past a large, unruly crowd to get to their private and personal prayers is unfair.

My thanks to the Mayor and I would appreciate if my support could be registered for this proposal.

Thank you,

—Daniel Orner
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