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FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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1 You know, and if anything, we should be smarter now
2 than we were before.

3 You know, I just think that as we go
4 forward, we should show a little intelligence in this
5 area of life. So thanks for the opportunity.

6 MAYOR TROXELL: Thank you, very much.
7 Next.

8 MS. PROUTY: Good evening. My name is
9 Pam Prouty. I live in rural Larimer County near
10 Wellington. And my husband and I have a date night
11 every Friday night and, typically, what we do is walk
12 around Old Town and get dinner, winter or summer. And
13 if this ordinance is passed, we will be driving to
14 Loveland instead. Thank you.

15 MAYOR TROXELL: Thank you. Next.

16 MR. SHAW: Hi. My name is Trevor Shaw.
17 I live on the corner of Stover and Horsetooth. I sent
18 you guys an email and I was just going to read it for
19 public record, and just in case you guys didn't have a
20 chance to read it.

21 As a graduate student in chemistry at
22 CSU, I look at things -- I need evidence and reason
23 and -- to support and then I try to develop my opinion
24 or make -- draw conclusions rationally.

25 I'm a morally -- I'm sorry. Not

1 morally. Reasonably -- rationally opposed to allowing
2 females to walk around topless for several reasons.

3 Scientifically, women's breasts were
4 developed to signal men that they were fertile and
5 ready for sex. Female areola release pheromones that
6 attract males, signaling sex.

7 Male nipples are as important to the
8 body as an appendix, simply being left-over DNA in an
9 embryo before sex is even determined in utero.

10 Therefore, we cannot say that male and
11 female chests are equal.

12 Further, Dr. Carolyn Ross -- according
13 to Carolyn Ross, there are many detrimental effects on
14 a youth's early exposure to nudity and pornography,
15 images leave a lasting impression, as we all know, and
16 there are undesirable consequences.

17 Studies have shown that children exposed
18 to such images often engage in early and high-risk sex.
19 Also, 90 percent of men who identify as sex addicts
20 report pornography and nudity exposure at an early age
21 as a key factor; not to mention that increasing
22 exposure tends to lead to increased -- tends to
23 increase violent thoughts and acts against women.

24 I just, again, would like to emphasize
25 the point that a male's chest is completely different

1 than a female's chest. A female's chest is a
2 reproductive sex organ that was developed to let males
3 know they were ready for sex.

4 In my opinion, women that choose to go
5 topless would place themselves in unnecessary danger to
6 unwanted sexual advances or assaults. Many women
7 acknowledge the fact that they hate when they're
8 whistled at or cat called. I don't believe this would
9 make it any better.

10 And finally, I'd just -- it goes to the
11 presentation of the pie chart that 60 percent of the
12 people voted against this.

13 MAYOR TROXELL: Thank you, very much.
14 Next. Please.

15 MS. MYERS: My name -- my name is Barb
16 Myers, and my husband and I have lived here in Fort
17 Collins for 30 years. We live at 816 Brookedge Drive.

18 As you, the City Council, consider the
19 question of allowing women to go topless in public, you
20 as leaders and Fort Collins as a community really
21 stands at a crossroads. The opportunity to raise the
22 level of respect for all men, women, and children who
23 call this city home or visit really is in question.

24 We have the privilege of recognizing and
25 saying out loud that men and women are vastly different