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Resolution 2023-075

Kay Schneider

Location:

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Please consider the following questions and statements while deliberating the proposed resolution. Thank you.

Can the Assembly use reason alone to serve the residents of the Borough?

How does one define the "best interest" of the Borough Assembly?

How does one define a "true" invocation?

Is there a lack of spiritual care in the Borough Assembly which requires buttressing before meetings?

Have all of the public officials been polled about their "spiritual needs" which require buttressing before Assembly meetings?

Can a standardized invocation be recited before meetings?

How do you determine the qualification of a person to give an invocation?

Everyone is qualified as all are entitled to celebrate any spiritual tradition whatsoever, whether ancient or recent.

The volunteer chaplain requirement excludes minority religious i.e. home church and individual faith practitioners, and is unconstitutional.

Excluding any person from offering a "spiritual" invocation is unconstitutional.

Bobby Henderson

Location:

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The strength of a community is reflected in its diversity, and this should be mirrored in our government practices. Invocations, if included in public meetings, should not only embrace but celebrate the full spectrum of beliefs represented in our community.

By restricting who may deliver invocations, we risk alienating community members. The implicit message is that some beliefs are more valid or worthy of public acknowledgment than others, which does not align with the inclusive values the community must uphold.

-Bobby, concerned citizen

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Barrett Fletcher

Location:

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I was dismayed at the apparently non-controversial acceptance of 2023-075 regarding the invocation. I will be listening to invocations given by Chaplains and other persons authorized under the new rule. Should I hear any reference to any specific deity that fails to explicitly acknowledge the true Inebriated Creator of the Universe: The Great Flying Spaghetti Monster, I will be initiating suit to force abandonment of this unconstitutional tradition.