

I've raised children that are more aware of the real issues in life than some adults. During this they have asked questions, that seem to me, should be asked when committees like this are formed and funded. Questions like "Why does it matter if a person is different?" "Why don't rich people just buy food for the poor people?" "Why don't we take care of persons who are Neuro-diverse?" "Why are there so many people who are homeless?"

As a domesticated people, we should be more aware and more willing to ensure safety and equality. Organized committees, like this, should be representative of the population they serve. Instead, they are limited and under funded, which makes them less able to serve the community in big ways. Then they are evaluated and judged, unfairly about what they did not accomplish, rather than what they did with such limited means. Budgets for committees like this are often, seemingly, set up for failure with such limited support and funding. This is a failure on our part. It's a travesty, on our part and we should change that, effectively immediately.

I support the funding of this committee and hope to encourage stronger support next year and the years to follow. I hope to see major growth in the funding for this committee so that they may effectively serve the under represented groups in our communities. Together, we can actually show that we care, about quality of life and making stronger connections in our lives and communities.

Thank you for your time.