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Mr. Steve Clark
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Mr. Bradley and Mr. Clark:

I am writing as an ex-officio member of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce Board as I join fellow ex-officio member Chancellor G. David Gearhart in calling for the Board to rescind its decision to oppose and lobby against the civil rights ordinance passed by the Fayetteville City Council that is going for a vote of Fayetteville residents on Tuesday, December 9.

I was surprised to learn of this decision since I received no notification of the Board meeting in which it was considered, and I was certainly disappointed in the announced decision to work for repeal of the ordinance. Had I been notified of the meeting, I would have attended and discussed the reasons why I think a non-discrimination policy enhances our efforts at economic development in Fayetteville. I was also taken aback by the announcement that this was a unanimous decision. Since you list me as an ex-officio member on your website, many citizens might infer that I supported this position. I do not.

Sincerely,

Lioneld Jordan, Mayor