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**Subject:** My comments for 2021.MM28.9 on February 2, 2021 City Council

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## To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the February 2, 2021 City Council meeting on item 2021.MM28.9, Cancelling City of Toronto Advertisement in Corriere Canadese- by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Paul Ainslie

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## Comments:

The articles speak to the bias of Joe Volpe and the publication Corriere Canadese in general. It is an attack on the LGBTQ+ community. In no way should The City of Toronto be supporting this publication. It is our opinion that The City of Toronto should not advertise with them, give them interviews and if they have press credentials with the City, those should be revoked. They are not a legitimate news source and have proven themselves to be a vehicle for their brand of hate.

There is no argument that services like the LGBTQ Youthline are invaluable to students dealing with hatred, bullying, and other issues while trying to navigate their place in this world.

We support the motion and denounce this publication and the linked articles.

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