

Dear Mayor Deasy, Vice Mayor Daggett and Council Members,

Flagstaff offers so much for so many. The City has worked to embrace diversity and defend the underserved. There is a lot more work to be done. Every year, Flagstaff Pride creates an atmosphere where people can come together, can experience a safe community, and can express their authentic selves.

Civano Coffee House can provide that same safe space for the other 364 days of the year. The City of Flagstaff has an opportunity to take another step forward to support local business and demonstrate its commitment to and acceptance of this marginalized culture.

The approval of the series 6 liquor license is not about “just another bar” or even another liquor license here in Flagstaff. It is about creating a community whether LGBTQIA2s+ or straight allies, to come together with like minded people, show support for family and friends as well as keep business here in Flagstaff. The approval would open opportunities for Civano Coffee House to become more than its name. It becomes a place to bring different cultures together through entertainment, awareness and the olive branch that states all are welcome.

The approval allows Civano to increase their sales which in return allows Flagstaff to increase its revenue. It will draw people to our beautiful city who will eat at our local restaurants and sleep in our hotels. It will provide a neighborhood gathering place. It will keep Flagstaff as a destination for all.

Again, we ask the council to approve this acquisition for a series 6 license for Civano.

We thank you for the opportunity to stand in support of local business.

With Pride,

Debra Taylor

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D/B/A Flagstaff Pride

