



STATEMENT FROM THE MUNICIPAL LGBTI COUNCIL ABOUT THE TRANS ACT

In the name of the Municipal Council for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex people, as an advisory and sectoral participatory body which since 2004 has had the purpose of fostering equal rights, freedoms and social recognition of LGBTI people.

We demand the passing without delay of the bill on the real and effective equality of trans people and for the guarantee of the rights of LGBTI people.

This draft bill seeks to consolidate and guarantee the rights of trans and LGBTI people. The text includes various points referring to the rights of trans, gay, lesbian and intersex people in different spheres of daily life.

The rights of LGBTI people set out in this bill are threatened with being removed and by exclusionary positions which limit the scope of these rights and go against the demands, particularly of trans collectives, who for decades have fought for recognition of their right to a dignified life.

The process unleashed by the passing of this bill clearly shows how necessary and urgent it is that the people it covers do not carry on being invisible, excluded or even questioned constantly about their life or their identity.

The recognition of the rights of trans people also means increasing the rights of the majority. Under no circumstances should recognition of the various realities covered by gender go against the rights acquired by women.

This bill is the result of a joint process by LGBTI organisations, hence we stand firm in demanding its implementation without delay, and in full, and always seeking to improve people's lives and their recognition.

Delays in its approval are unacceptable, we demand it is unblocked and expedited through parliament. Behind this bill there are lives waiting and people who are in need of it.

Amendments to water down the bill constitute violence and harm rights. We want a bill which includes gender self-determination and provides protection for the rights of trans minors, migrants, refugees and non-binary people.

We cannot and will not accept any step backwards in the negotiation of this text.

With no concessions. We reject the trans-exclusionary stances taken by parliamentary representatives and make a stand against the media channels operating as a voice for these positions, which limit the scope of the bill and change the demands of trans people, who are and must be the people called on to decide how to act without supervision.

That is why we demand the swift introduction of the bill and call on Catalan political representatives and parties represented in the Spanish parliament to give their support to passing this bill immediately .

The aspects addressed by the bill represent a historical debt our society has with trans people.