

November 26, 2018

RE: Statement of Prides Decision

Now more than ever Pride needs to be a celebration of those *stuck* at the margins. This is Pride's history. And as an agency and community, we hope steps will be taken to ensure the safety and inclusion of those among us who are most vulnerable, for various reasons.

As an agency, we strongly believe in community engagement and consultation with our stakeholders. We feel Pride did not adequately consult the community about its decision.

ASAAP has taken the leadership on addressing the alleged serial killer circumstances in the city and have made great strides with support from the community. We have engaged in meaningful work with the mayor's office, Toronto police and the police services board and community to advance systemic change. This is work we will continue to do while engaging everyone in meaningful dialogue to ensure a best possible outcome for systems and community.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director