

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

ANTHONY HINRICHS, *et al.*,)
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Plaintiffs,)
)
v.) No. 1:05-CV-00813 DFH/TAB
)
BRIAN BOSMA, in his official capacity)
as Speaker of the House of Representatives)
of the Indiana General Assembly,)
)
Defendant.)

AFFIDAVIT OF JONATHAN ADLAND

Comes now Jonathan Adland, being duly sworn upon his oath, and says that:

1. I am the Senior Rabbi at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation that is the largest Jewish Congregation in Indiana.
2. I am a 1976 graduate of Washington University in St. Louis and I was ordained as a Rabbi in 1982 after graduating from the Hebrew University College – Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio.
3. From 1982-1986 I served as the Associate Rabbi at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. From 1986-2003 I served as Rabbi at Temple Adath Israel in Lexington, Kentucky. I have been Senior Rabbi at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation since 2003.
4. I served as Adjunct Professor at the Lexington Theological Seminary from 1988-2003.

5. I have reviewed the document entitled “House of Representatives Prayer Log for 2005 Session of the General Assembly.”
6. Given that Jews do not believe that Jesus Christ was the Son of God or the Messiah, any reference in the prayers to “Jesus”, “Christ”, the “Son of God”, or the Savior, are certainly not non-sectarian.
7. I note that a number of the prayers mention God’s grace. This is a Christian concept and these prayers are not non-sectarian.
8. Moreover, I note that the Invocation on February 21, 2005, refers to God by his Hebrew name, the Tetragrammaton, which is never said aloud by Jews.
9. If a prayer is to be given in this type of public setting, it should be inclusive of all those praying and sectarian prayer is not.
10. It is therefore clear that the majority of the Invocations are Christian in orientation.
11. The Invocations, inasmuch as they are so Christian in orientation, send a strong message of non-inclusion to those who are not Christian.

VERIFICATION

I verify, under the penalties of perjury, that the foregoing representations are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed on: _____

Jonathan Adland

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