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## Statewide news:

### Scottsdale set to waste thousands on invocation lawsuit.

Scottsdale City Council members recently [voted unanimously to approve \\$130,000 to defend the city against a lawsuit by the Satanic Temple](#), which filed the suit after the group was prohibited from delivering an opening prayer at a city council meeting.



Per the Satanic Temple, the City's pretext for denying the group an invocation was that the Temple has no "substantial ties" to the city, despite the group having performed public service in Scottsdale and having Scottsdale-based members.

Per Satanic Temple Arizona attorney Stu De Haan: "Various faith groups from the state of Arizona can do an opening prayer or invocation before they get started with city council meetings. We requested to do that, we were given a slot, and then afterwards we were told that we weren't allowed to speak. So this is clearly religious discrimination, and for that reason we're going to sue them."

"Our only intent is to not be discriminated against. So if they allow us to speak or if they change the program so that it is inclusive as constitutional required, that's what we're asking for."

**Are you a Scottsdale resident? Email all council members at [citycouncil@ScottsdaleAz.gov](mailto:citycouncil@ScottsdaleAz.gov), Mayor Jim WJ Lane at [jlane@ScottsdaleAz.gov](mailto:jlane@ScottsdaleAz.gov), or give the council a call at 480-312-2550.**

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## **A win against transphobia in the Arizona Court of Appeals.**

The state Court of Appeals made a [precedent-setting ruling last week](#) upholding gender transition as a valid reason for a legal name change.

The case dealt with a transitioning transgender

woman who wished to change her documents to match her gender identity. Yuma County Superior Court Judge Lawrence Kenworthy denied the application without hearing for "failure to show good cause." Kenworthy was also reportedly holding up another name change application for a transgender man based on his failure to show proof of gender reassignment surgery.

The Court of Appeals ruled "the statute does not permit the superior court to deny a person's name-change request only because the person wants the new name to reflect a gender transition."

Read more [here](#).

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## **National news:**

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