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## **We the People Organize Condemns Ken Paxton’s Pride Month Lawsuit Against Denton**

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**HOUSTON, TX** — We the People Organize strongly condemns Attorney General Ken Paxton’s lawsuit against the City of Denton over a private Pride swim event at a public pool.

According to reporting from *The Texas Tribune*, PRIDENTON and OUTreach Denton said Paxton’s lawsuit was unnecessary because the groups had already changed their plans and removed mention of gender-neutral changing rooms from posts about their June 7 event. The City of Denton also told the Tribune it intends to reaffirm to the Texas Attorney General’s Office that appropriate steps have been taken to ensure the Civic Center Pool changing rooms comply with state law.

**“Ken Paxton opened Pride Month by using the power of the state to target a local community event,”** said Hai Bui, Founder of We the People Organize. **“Now we learn that the organizers and the city say steps had already been taken toward compliance. This is not leadership. It is political theater at taxpayer expense.”**

The Texas Tribune also reported that the event is private and not sponsored by the City of Denton, and that city staff had informed PRIDENTON about compliance with Senate Bill 8 before Paxton’s office filed suit.

**“Texans deserve leaders who solve real problems — not politicians who bully our neighbors for headlines,”** Bui said. **“If the goal was compliance, the city and organizers say that process was already underway. If the goal was political spectacle, then Ken Paxton got exactly what he wanted.”**

LGBTQ Texans are not political props. They are our neighbors, our family members, our friends, and our fellow Texans. They deserve dignity, safety, and respect.

We the People Organize believes Texans can protect privacy **without cruelty**, protect children **without scapegoating** LGBTQ people, and enforce laws **without humiliating communities for political gain**.

**“We reject the politics of humiliation and fear,” Bui added. “Texas is strongest when we defend the dignity and humanity of every person. Our leaders should be protecting people, not targeting them.”**

We the People Organize urges Texans of goodwill to reject cruelty as a political strategy and stand for accountability, dignity, and equal humanity for all.

<https://www.texastribune.org/2026/06/01/texas-ken-paxton-denton-pride-pool-party-sb-8-lawsuit/>

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