

Mr. Wayne Brock and Mr. Wayne Perry  
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Cc: Mike Faber, Bree Bowman, Ryan DiBernardo, Rick Pickering, Kenneth Mehlhorn  
of the SF Bay Area Council

March 20, 2013

Dear Mr. Perry and Mr. Brook,

Cub Scout Pack 274 in Oakland, CA nearly folded last summer. Sixty percent of our membership quit after the BSA reaffirmed its policy excluding gay people.

The 15 families who are left remain involved only because the Pack now has strong leadership in favor of inclusiveness. We are united in our commitment to work for change from within. The day we give up hope is the day that our pack finally will, most likely, dissolve.

When we parents were children, Scouting was looked up to. It's not so easy for our kids. Some of our neighbors withhold, under protest, donations to Scouting for Food. Instead of admiring our sons in their snazzy uniforms, they see our Scouts and ask how our families can be part of an organization that is intolerant of neighbors, family and friends – of the very community that Scouting is supposed to serve.

We tell them it's because Scouting is making our children better people: stronger, more thoughtful and more responsible. Our kids are learning to think of others, to be respectful of nature, and use their common sense to make good decisions.

We believe in Scouting and we believe that the good people of the BSA will move Scouting forward by making the kind, respectful and sensible decision to open its doors to everyone. The LGBT community is first and foremost in our thoughts today, but Pack 274 encourages the BSA to adopt a national policy that welcomes people of every race, creed, religion, gender and sexual orientation to the BSA.

You can get more insight into why each of our families supports inclusiveness at <http://inclusivescouting.tumblr.com>

We wish you well and appreciate your consideration.

The Concerned Parents of Pack 274, Oakland, CA

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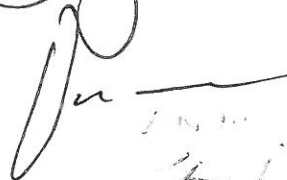
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