

SERVING ANYWAY

The Risk, the Cost, & the Courage to Keep Going

Amanda Veasy

One Love Longview

&

Ryan Ralston

YOU ARE THE POWER

LOCAL NEWS

One Love Longview, area activists call for solutions with city for zoning issues impeding nonprofit

—
One Love Longview leaders seek community support after city orders eviction from their new location.



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Is the city trying to shutter nonprofit One Love Longview? Official says claim isn't true

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FOUNDER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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TEXAS STATE ORGANIZER
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- » 10+ YEARS OF DIRECT SERVICE EXPERIENCE IN OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY
- » LEADS GRASSROOTS OUTREACH, DEVELOPS INNOVATIVE SERVICE MODELS, AND CREATES UNIQUE STRATEGIES TO ENSURE VITAL SERVICES DESPITE POLITICAL AND LEGAL PRESSURES
- » BRINGS LIVED EXPERIENCE OF POVERTY AND HOUSING INSECURITY TO SYSTEMIC REFORM WORK
- » ADVOCATES FOR DIGNITY, COMPASSIONATE CARE, CHANGES IN HOW COMMUNITIES RESPOND TO HOMELESSNESS, AND LONG-TERM, EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS



RYAN RALSTON

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER DIRECTOR
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- » MILITARY VETERAN, 20+ YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN INVESTIGATIVE WORK, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON COMPLEX CASES.
- » VOLUNTEER PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR YOU ARE THE POWER. A MEMBERSHIP-BASED GRASSROOTS NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT OPERATES IN ALL FIFTY STATES, WHOSE MISSION IS TO SPREAD AND ACT ON THE PRINCIPLE OF HUMAN RESPECT.
- » ADVOCATES FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF HUMAN RESPECT AND EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT-RELATED ISSUES.



WHERE WE STARTED



2015

CITY PARKS &
ENCAMPMENTS



2020

UTILITY CLOSET



SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

8,500 SQ. FT.
COMMERCIAL SPACE





TIMELINE OF EVENTS

November 2022	Received our first call from a neighbor expressing discontent.
June 2023	City of Longview Renew Downtown Corridor Meeting at local church, Casa De Oracion
June 2023 – May 2024	One Love under constant attack through coordinated efforts by neighbors, a hired security guard, city council, and pressure from nearly every city department.
May 23, 2024	New mayor sworn in. New ordinance passes.
July 31, 2024	Cited for camping ordinance



AUGUST 30, 2024

CITED FOR OUTDOOR EVENT ORDINANCE WITH NO PERMIT

SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

HEALTH PERMIT SUSPENDED.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGER FORCED TO RESIGN.

DECEMBER 5, 2024

YOUR ARE THE POWER TAKES OUR CASE.

State of Texas
City of Longview
In the Municipal Court of Record

Date: 7-31-24

Vs Name - Last First Initial Suffix
Wesley Vessy Wesley ON

Current Address
1016 McCann Rd Longview TX 75601

Phone #
902-261-4000

Sex ☒ M ☐ F DOB 05/24/1984 Race/Ethnicity Black Height 5'8" Weight 175 Lbs Hair Color Black Eye Color Brown Marital Status M

Violation Address Location
1016 McCann Rd

☒ Offense Occurred in a School Zone ☐ Construction Zone With Workers

Speeding _____ MPH Zone _____ Radar _____

☐ Failure to Control Speed ☐ Following Too Closely ☐ Unsafe Stop

☐ Failure to Yield Right of Way ☐ Turning Left ☐ Right on Red ☐

☐ Displaying Traffic Control Device (specify) _____

On _____ @ _____

☐ No Driver's License ☐ Expired DL (Date) _____

☐ Violate DL Restrictions ☐ A-Corrective Lenses ☐ B-IOPS ☐ Other _____

☐ Expired MH Insurance (Date) _____

☐ Display Only 2 Lane Plate ☐ Display Wrong License Plate ☐

☐ Illegal Window Tint % _____ ☐ Defective Equipment _____

☐ Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility ☐ Financial Responsibility _____

☐ Prior Conviction ☐ 2 or More Prior Convictions

☐ Greater Seat Belt Violation ☐ Passenger 15 or Over w/o Seat Belt

☐ Driver Seat Belts & Child Safety Seats w/o Seat Belt ☐ Child Safety Seat 0-Two Yrs <
No. 55-162

Signature _____

Officer Signature & Badge
med. y.s.
see no officer on 07/31/24 at 5:00 pm
enforce as per traffic rules. This is a non-interference du obligacion.

Signature _____

Municipal Court is located at 382 W. Cotton Street, Longview, Texas
Meeting Address P.O. Box 1952, Longview, TX 75606 Phone: 903-257-1000
Fax: 903-257-1000 Email: info@cityoflongview.com

CITY OF LONGVIEW
Real East Texas

September 25, 2024

One Love Longview
Attn: Amanda Vessey
1016 McCann Rd
Longview, TX 75601

Re: Notice of Hearing for Health Permit Suspension

Dear Mr. Vessey:

This letter is a follow up to our meeting on September 18th and the letter that was dated September 2, 2024 notifying you that your Health Permit for Limited Food Service at One Love Longview, 1016 McCann Rd, was IMMEDIATELY SUSPENDED. Per Chapter 48 of the City of Longview Code of Ordinances, a food establishment that is issued a permit must comply with the requirements in order to receive and retain such permit. Based on the inspection performed on September 5, 2024 it was noted that compliance with the plan review comments dated June 24th had not been met (see attached).

Chapter 48 of City Code states that the Environmental Health Department may, without warning, advise notice of hearing, or hearing, upon failure to operate a food establishment if the operation of the food establishment constitutes an imminent hazard to public health. Suspension is effective immediately upon service of the notice and food operations shall terminate immediately.

As per Chapter 48 you shall be afforded an opportunity for a hearing with the Environmental Health Department within 20 days of receipt of your written request dated September 17, 2024. The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday October 3, 2024 at 3 p.m. at Development Services located at 410 S. High.

If compliance with the June 24th plan review comments has been met and you would like to have a new inspection for proof of compliance, then please notify me to schedule that inspection prior to the October hearing date.

Sincerely,
Michael Sharkey, APCP
Director of Development Services
City of Longview

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THE RISK

THE LEGAL RISK
DISCUSSION LED BY RYAN RALSTON

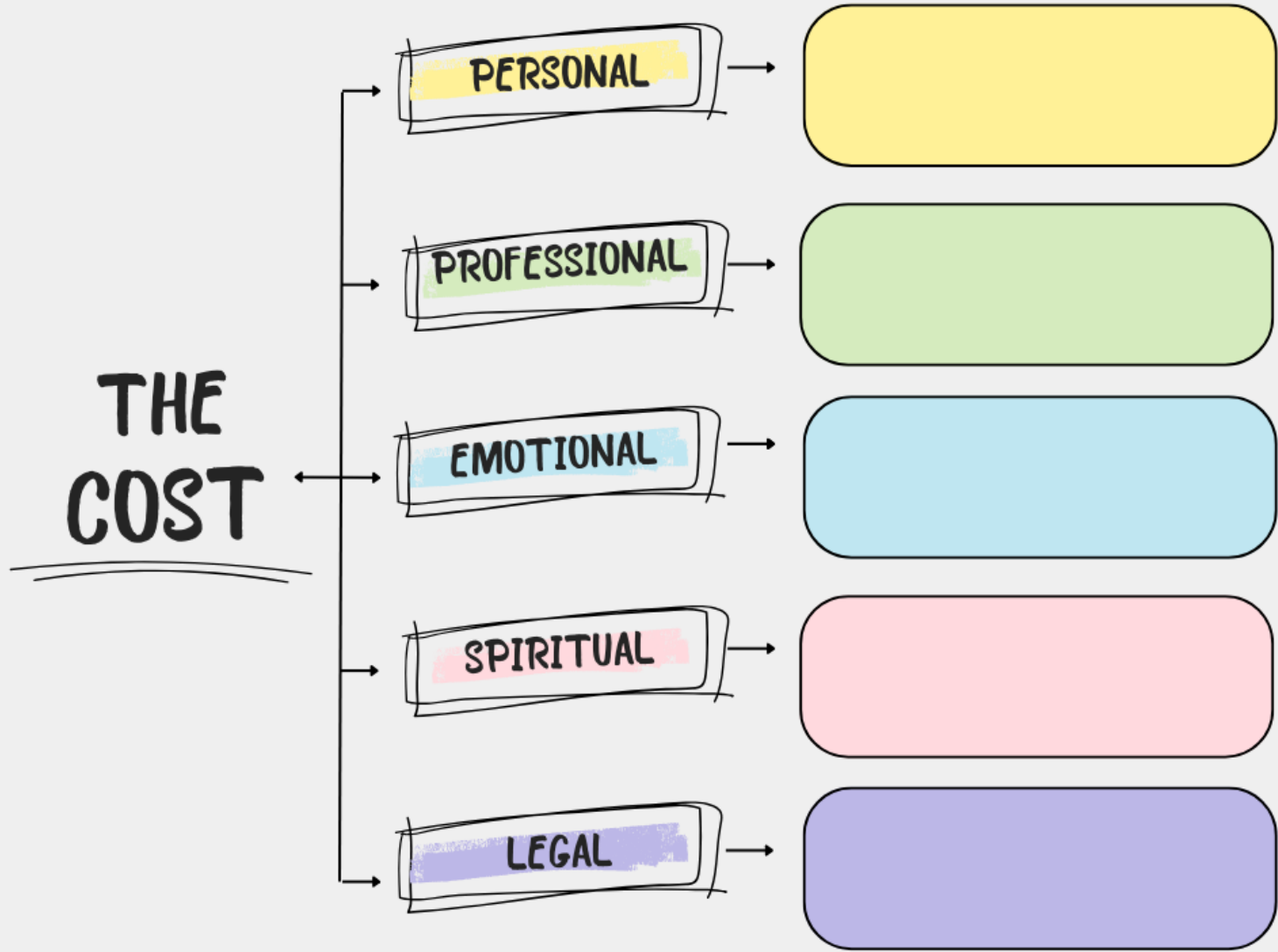


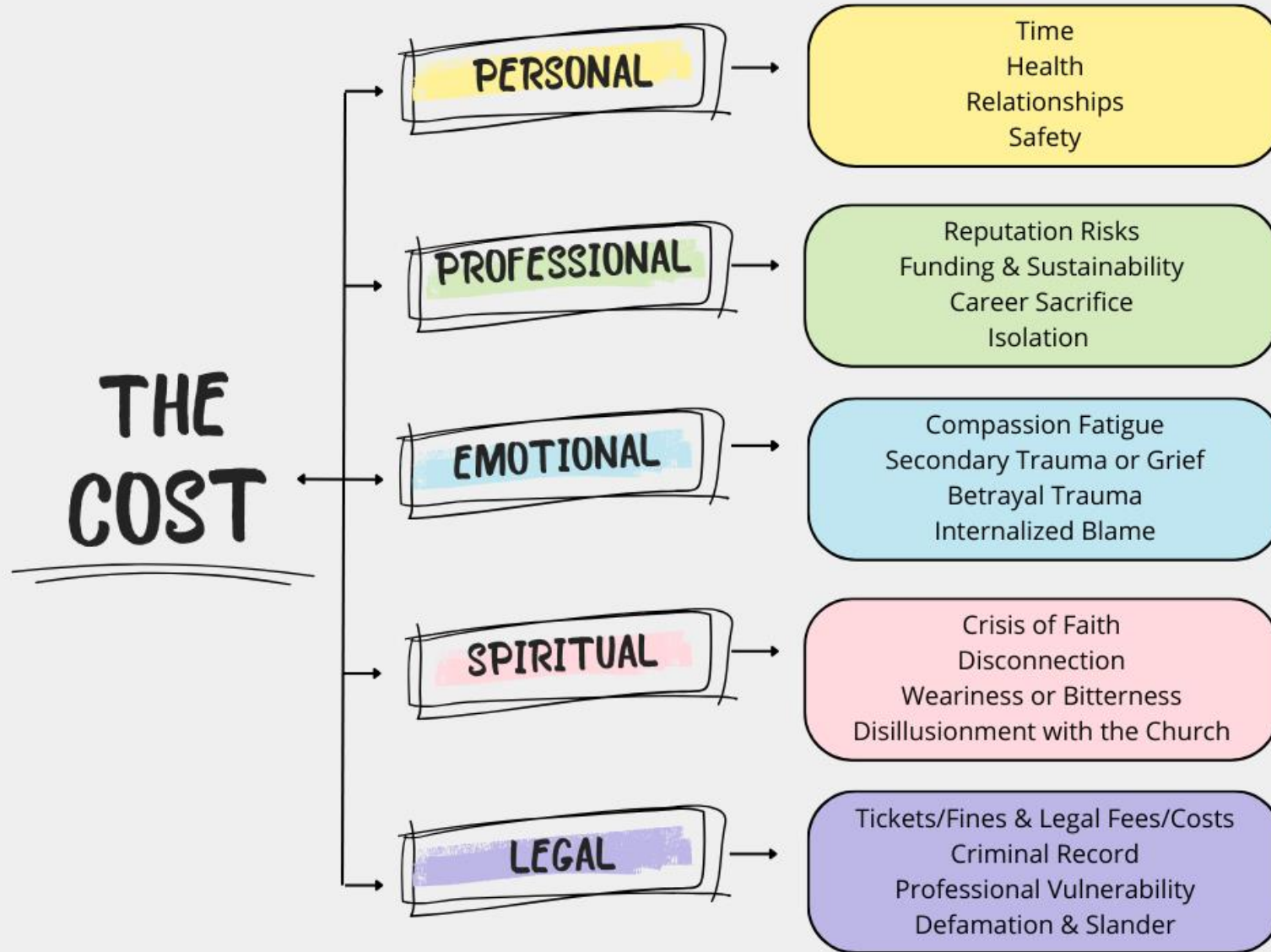
THE COST

THE PERSONAL COST

DISCUSSION LED BY AMANDA VEASY AND RYAN RALSTON







THE COURAGE

TOOLS TO RISE AGAIN
AMANDA VEASY AND RYAN RALSTON



BUILD AN ATYPICAL NETWORK

Adapt

Think Outside
the Box

Serve
Relentlessly

Build Unlikely
Alliances

Community
Organizing



BRING IN REINFORCEMENTS



Credibility & Protection



Fresh Energy & Perspective



Specialized Skill Sets



Shared Risk & Visibility

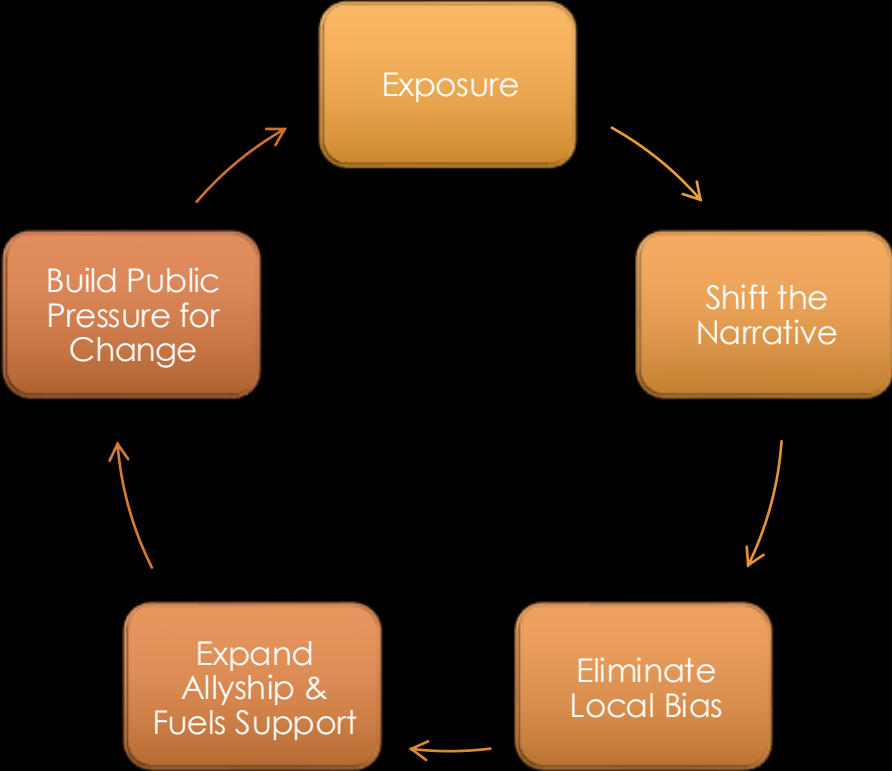


Catalyst For Growth





ELEVATE AWARENESS



CONVERT FORMER CRITICS

found it to be a source of encouragement.

Whether it was people who supported you 1%, 100% or somewhere in-between, no one should doubt that you've put your heart into your work and taken the hits.

You've found your gift and your purpose. You're highly-knowledgeable on these issues and still growing. Keep rising.

3w **Care** Reply Hide 5   



One-On-One Conversations & Engagement



Lead With Listening



Respond With Grace



Research. Strategize. Deliver.



Be Genuine



CORE VALUES AS STRATEGY



IDENTIFY THE HILLS WORTH DYING ON

CLARIFY AREAS OF FLEXIBILITY

DEFINE THE END GAME

IMMEDIATE VS. LONG-TERM TRADEOFFS

STRATEGIC INTEGRITY



THE HUMAN RESPECT PLEDGE

I believe in the Principle of
Human Respect:

- When we respect one another
as individual human beings, we
are more prosperous, more
harmonious, and happier.
- When we disrespect one
another by using threats, theft or
offensive violence, we are less
prosperous, less harmonious,
and less happy.

By making this pledge, I affirm
my dedication to spreading, and
acting upon, this Principle.

Together, we seek to create a
future of harmony, prosperity,
and the celebration of our
individual humanity.

ROOTED & RISING

HUMAN RESPECT





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HOPE



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