

Tolerance, civility win the day as Sterling stands up for Chick-fil-A



Former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin and her husband Todd were just two of the millions of Americans who stood up for tolerance, civility and freedom of speech by visiting a Chick-fil-A restaurant on Aug. 1. Hundreds of Sterling residents made their love of tolerance known by visiting the Dulles Crossing Chick-fil-A location.

Sterling Supervisor Eugene Delgaudio encouraged Sterling residents to visit the Crossroads Plaza Chick-fil-A on August 1 and support a local business that has provided jobs for local residents and thousands of dollars of gift certificates for local students.

“The Sterling Chick-fil-A has always been a good neighbor and good citizen of Sterling. It’s important we stand by good friends and neighbors who keep Sterling such a wonderful place to live,” said Delgaudio.

The national movement started when Chick-fil-A CEO Dan Cathy sat down for an interview with the Baptist Press to discuss his company’s decision to no longer provide funds

to groups involved in the public debate over gay marriage.

In the interview Cathy stated it was his personal belief marriage is an institution between one man and one woman, but the Chick-fil-A corporation serves all customers and would not be involved in any political activities on the issue.

Nevertheless, many liberal activists vowed to inflict financial harm on the company by boycotting the business.

Even worse, the Democrat mayors of Chicago, Boston and San Francisco openly stated they would use government force to stop the opening of businesses owned by people with whom they politically disagree.

Angered by this assault on free thought and speech, millions of Americans reacted by patronizing Chick-fil-A on August 1.

Even many gay and lesbian activists opposed the liberal attack on Chick-fil-A. Members of GO-Proud, a group of conservative gays, took part in the support movement and filmed a video mocking those who boycotted the business.

“Chick-fil-A, like Sterling, is open to everyone and we want to keep it that way,” said Delgaudio, “The liberal mantra of hate, division and forcing people out of a city based on their beliefs is no match for our message of tolerance and civility.”

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