

# City of Holland

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Bryan Ribbens  
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Dear Mr. Ribbens,

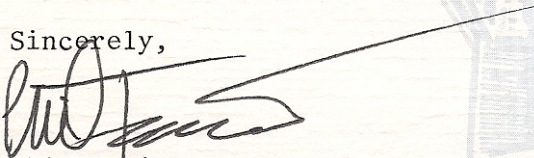
The struggle for civil rights for all had a good beginning in the 1960s. Today, unfortunately, most people seem to think the fight is over, continue to work against equality, or just don't care. None of these attitudes is acceptable.

The fight has only just begun. This sad fact is especially true for members of your organization.

The theme for your rally this year -- "Diversity is our strength, Equality is our birthright" -- is one everyone should embrace and fight for.

Please accept my personal endorsement for your Celebration and for your fight for civil rights.

Sincerely,



Phil Tanis  
Mayor