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Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT LICENSING AND REGULATION

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

Barber & Cosmetology (3.1) The Barber title & the Cosmetology title is an honor to obtain. We should keep that prestige growing. Little kids dream of becoming a Professional Barber like their parents or Grandparents. Lets continue to award them that chance. Same applies to a Professional Cosmetologist, little kids all over dream of becoming a Professional Cosmetologist to apply make up, style hair, curl hair, etc. Even though alot of the art is very similar in curriculums. The meanings are very different to people that want to achieve these careers.

I oppose the removal of a very historic and meaningful symbol the Barber Pole. The Barber Pole has so much meaning that removing dilutes the integrity of the profession. We have to uphold certain standards to keep driving our industries in the right direction. The public identifies with establishments by certain symbols and the Barber pole is a major symbol of recognition.

(Historical)

We also must keep some form of Instructor certification, not everyone can instruct and not everyone is qualified to instruct. So we must come up with a plan to keep our standards at a very high level. Sanitation & infectious disease is one of the most important chapters in our curriculums. Our license indicates that we have been trained by a licensed institution to perform services to the public. As so many educators have stressed in their comments we must protect the public, and keep everyone safe.

Also lets get back to having industry people inspect our establishments.

More boots on the ground to police our industry.

Look forward to having more discussions on these very important topics.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: We understand that barber & cosmetology have subject matters that can be taught by the same educator. Whether a licensed Cosmo instructor or a licensed Barber instructor. However the experience of each gives them more ability to give the student a better training in certain subjects. Our students receive the best of both worlds when we are able to allow a Cosmetology Instructor teach certain subjects and also a Barber instructor teach certain subjects.

Combining can dilute the profession. Currently I see chain salons hire licensed Barbers to come in and train their staff the Art of Barbering, which tells me that the two are separate. Lets continue to give our students choices to become a Professional Barber, Cosmetologist, Esthetician, Nail artist, etc. Just like in other industries you have a choice of what type of Doctor, Lawyer, Professor, Realtor, etc. We must not eliminate the freedom of choice to our youth. Let's continue to strive to improve our industries and grow our numbers as one of the leading industries in the World.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree