

## **CONTACTING MAYOR BARKER**



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OR GO TO SCHOOL IN, IT COUNTS!**

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As a happy resident of this City, I want to see Hattiesburg continue to grow and experience new and exciting things. I believe we will not be able to do this as a City and a community if we do not make it clear that we welcome and value everyone. An Ordinance addressing discrimination is an easy way to do that.

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As someone studying in Hattiesburg, it's important to me that I and my fellow students, who often come from diverse backgrounds and even other countries, feel safe leaving campus to seek services, go shopping, or find a job.

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