



# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO LGBTQ COMMISSION

## Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual plus (LGBTQIA+) Commission

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

### MEETING MINUTES

1. Informal Commission Time		
2. Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement, Group Agreements		<u>Our Group Agreements</u> include Share the air; step up, step back; Listen for understanding; Lift as you climb; Be present & engaged; Let the facilitator guide the process; Technology on silent.
3. Roll Call		<p><b>Present:</b> Kevin Babeaux, Rebecca Carabez, Marilyn Hollinger, Jana Rickerson, Christopher Sturken, Craig Wiesner, Evaine Young, Krystle Cansino</p> <p><u>Non-Commissioners:</u> Tanya Beat, Frankie Sapp (on Zoom), Linda Wolin (on Zoom)</p> <p><u>Members of the Public:</u></p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Aaron Adriano, Krystle Cansino, Bismay Mishra</p>
4. Public Comment		
5. Action to Set Agenda & approve Consent Agenda	<i>Action</i>	Jana Rickerson motions to approve the agenda and consent agenda. Evaine Young seconds. Approved.
CONSENT AGENDA		
6. Approval of May Meeting Minutes	<i>Action</i>	
REGULAR AGENDA		
7. PRIDE Overview		<p>General Feedback provided by Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very well organized</li> <li>- Mats covering grass were excellent</li> </ul>
<p>8. REPORTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pride Center (Frankie Sapp or staff member)</li> <li>● Pride Initiative &amp; CoastPride (Dana Johnson)</li> <li>● Director Report (Tanya Beat)</li> </ul> <p>AB3031-Senate Judiciary Coalition Letter</p>	<i>Present ation</i>	<p><i>Pride Center - Frankie Sapp, Pride Center Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Please see written report.</li> <li>● Update on AB1955 Safety Act.</li> <li>● Regular report review.</li> </ul> <p><i>Pride Initiative – Dana Johnson, Co-chair &amp; Lead Pride Organizer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reports are in the meeting packet</li> </ul> <p><i>Director’s Report – Tanya Beat</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motion to recommend to the BOS to support AB 3031 by Chris Sturken; seconded by Marilyn Hollinger. Approved.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stonewall Democrats (Chris Sturken)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>For the next meeting, we can look at the SMC Legislative Program and see if we can add to this document for future action.</i></li> </ul>
<b>9. Elections</b>	<i>Action</i>	<i>No self nominations by anyone present. Craig Wiesner motions to move to the July Meeting, Jana Rickerson seconds. Approved.</i>
<b>10. Visibility Project</b>	<i>Update</i>	<p><i>Agree to email list of volunteers. Krystle will gather all emails together; Marilyn and Craig will compose email.</i></p> <p><i>We will be organizing a movement to get the community out to make comment at city council meetings, school board meetings, BOS meetings.</i></p> <p><i>Marilyn, Craig, &amp; Kevin will create email. Krystle will compile emails.</i></p> <p><i>Project Plan in July.</i></p>
<b>11. Announcements</b>		<i>Pride Bingo at San Mateo Senior Center, Wednesday, June 26 from 2-4pm.</i> <i>Stonewall Democrats meeting Wednesday, June 19 at 6:30pm.</i>
<b>12. Adjournment</b>		



## [San Mateo County Pride Center \(click for website\)](#)

### **July 2024 Updates**

- July 2024 Pride Center newsletter - <https://tinyurl.com/smcpnewsletterjuly2024>

If you would like to **receive the monthly Pride Center newsletters** that include events and special programming, **please sign up [here!](#)**

## **General Information and Announcements:**

### **Pride Center Hours of Operation:**

Come visit us! In addition to information, services, and events, we have a **public computer lab, an LGBTQ+ lending library, a food pantry, and a selection of clothes and gender affirming garments.** We are here for YOU.

- **We are open on-site: Tuesday - Thursday, 11:30am-6:30pm.** (Except Tuesdays we are temporarily closed between 1:00-3:00pm for our team meeting.)
  - Anyone who needs to drop by the center outside of these hours, please connect with us directly as we strive our best to remain accessible.
- Virtually, our programs and services are available **Monday - Friday 11:00am-7:00pm** or as scheduled with your clinician.
- We are located at 1021 S. El Camino Real San Mateo, 94402 (corner of 11<sup>th</sup> and El Camino). Accessibility information: <https://sanmateopride.org/accessibility>

### **Pride Center shifts to “mask friendly” policy - Face masks no longer required!**

Did you know it's been over one year since Pride Center re-opened for on-site visits? Up until now, we required face masks while on-site. Now that time has passed, as a team we've intentionally decided to revise our on-site mask policy.

Effective now, Pride Center is adopting a “*mask friendly*” approach. **Face masks are no longer required on-site!** We will continue provide masks for those who wish to wear them. Additionally, we will continue taking other precautions to protect the health and wellbeing of our community, including:

- Providing masks for those who request them
- Utilizing air purifiers and windows for air flow and circulation
- Sanitizing desks and surfaces at the start and end of the day

It is our goal to support and welcome you in ways that feel safe and affirming to you. We proudly invite you to our space and encourage you to drop by to check out all of the amazing things we have to offer in person!

- Gender Affirming Closet stocked with chest binders, tucking briefs, trans tape, etc.
- Computer lab with free Wi-Fi, printer
- LGBTQ+ Library with many genres to explore
- Gender neutral restrooms
- Food Pantry, Clothes, and Toiletries
- Connections to local resources, handouts, and information
- Cool (and free) Pride Center swag just for you (totes, fans, keychains, and more)
- Safe, LGBTQ+ Affirming, Judgement-free space
- Plus our amazing and wonderful team! (Look at those faces!)

### **Opening for Mental Health Services at the Pride Center:**

**\*\*As of July 1- There is currently a waitlist to receive services. Community members are still encouraged to complete the intake form, but may experience some delays in services.**

- The Pride Center provides both therapy and case management services. For therapy services we accept Medi-Cal/HPSM and self-pay clients (sliding scale available). Case management services are provided free of charge.
- Services are available to clients located in California. Priority is given to LGBTQ+ community members based in San Mateo County. If you are interested in receiving mental health services, please fill out our online Clinical Services Request Form at <https://sanmateopride.org/mental-health-services-2>
  - Outlet also has clinical openings, for more information, please contact Brett at [brett@acs-teens.org](mailto:brett@acs-teens.org)

### **Can You Support the Pride Center by Volunteering?**

***Virtual and onsite*** volunteer roles with the Pride Center include, but are not limited to:

- Supporting with community events
- Assisting with fundraising/development goals
- Youth or Older Adult specific programming
- Become a peer group facilitator (We are currently seeking volunteer co-facilitators for our monthly **Gay Men's and Trans\*** peer support groups!)

- Social media support
- Join or [Community Advisory Board](#)

To learn more, or if you have other ideas of how you can support by volunteering, please **contact Low (she/they) at [Lowellyn.Sunga@sanmateopride.org](mailto:Lowellyn.Sunga@sanmateopride.org)** (preferred) or 650-591-0133 who can help you figure out the best match for a mutually rewarding experience.

You can also **complete our Volunteer Interest Form:** <https://sanmateopride.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

### Upcoming Programming in July:

#### Outlet and the San Mateo County Pride Center are hosting Youth Summer Drop-In Hours onsite at ACS in Redwood City (Adolescent Counseling Services)

- Free space for youth age 10-24 to connect with other community members, chat with Outlet staff and/or engage in activities such as games, button making, arts and crafts, etc. No prior sign-up required; **simply, drop in!**
- **When?** Weekly on Wednesdays from 3pm-6pm; July 10th through August 28<sup>th</sup>
- **Where?** Adolescent Counseling Services (1779 Woodside Rd, Suite 200, Redwood City)
- **Please note** - Outlet's weekly Peer Support Groups are on hold through September
- Outlet's weekly peer groups are – Monday Youth Group, Tuesday QTBIPOC Group & Thursday Trans\* Group

If you have any questions, please email us at [outletprogram@acs-teens.org](mailto:outletprogram@acs-teens.org).

### FriGay Flicks

#### FILM: Fire Island (Rated R)

In honor of summer, we're watching the queer rom-com *Fire Island* (2022)!

Join us at the Pride Center for this free community event! This event is open to the public. Light snacks will be provided. Doors open at 5:30 and the movie will start at 6:00pm.

To register, read a description of the film, see content warnings, see a trailer and learn more about the accessibility of the Pride Center, please use this link -

<https://tinyurl.com/FriGayflicksJuly2024>

### Additional Programming:

#### Transcending Through Art: An Expressive Arts Therapy Group for Transgender/Nonbinary/Gender Expansive Teens (Ages 13 – 19)

UPDATE! Postponed until September! More information coming soon!

## **The County of San Mateo Commission on the Status of Women:**

**Many women lost several years of income and savings due to the pandemic.** It is important to us to be inclusive and include the specific issues of trans women, in particular trans women business owners. The County of San Mateo Commission on the Status of Women seeks **to connect with trans women or organizations that support and/or work with trans women**, to gather input on the below question.

To share any responses and/or schedule time to meet, please **reach out to Susan Takalo (she/her) at [swillstakalo@gmail.com](mailto:swillstakalo@gmail.com)**

As a start, here are some sample questions:

- What do you think is the primary driver for these gaps and do you have any data regarding women in SMC that sheds light on this?
- Are there some specific drivers that are different for trans women?
- There are more women-owned businesses in CA than any other state in the US. Do you have any data on SMC trans women business owners' challenges to build wealth?
- Do trans women-owned businesses have retirement plans? If not, why not? Are they aware of and signed up with CalSavers?
- Do trans women say they need more financial education or financial coaching?
- Are trans women more afraid or cautious about investing than men or non-trans women?
- Who else would you suggest that we talk to for this information?

## **Queeraoke on August 8!**

Hosted by Elana Ron (she/they) Lead Events and Outreach Coordinator, and Yossi Zavala Lopez (she/ella) Outlet's Social Program Lead: **Join the San Mateo County Pride Center and Outlet for Queeraoke on Thursday, August 8th from 3-6 PM.**

Can you think of a better way to say goodbye to summer than getting together with your besties and singing along to your favorite songs? Whether you're a karaoke regular, someone who is curious about karaoke or someone who'd like to try singing a new song, this is a space for you!

Join the San Mateo County Pride Center and Outlet for this fun and fabulous space! This is a sober, all ages event. Snacks will be provided. All are welcome!

## Peer Support Groups:

We are currently **seeking volunteer co-facilitators for our Gay Men's Group & Trans\* Group**. These are all virtual opportunities for community members 18+. For more information, contact Ishani Dugar (xe/them) or 650-554-1234 (text ok)

- Please note: Most groups are meeting on Zoom, stay tuned for updates.

### Peer Support Groups- Upcoming meeting dates

- LGBTQ Parent Group- Monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday from 7:30-8:30 PM PST
  - Pre-registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/smcpc-parentsgroup>
  - Upcoming dates: August 6, September 3
- LGBTQ Book Club (18+) - Monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday from 4:30- 6pm PST
  - This group is hybrid- community members have the option of meeting onsite at the pride center or on Zoom!
  - To access a list of books we're reading click [this link](#).
  - Upcoming book:
    - August 7 – *Blackouts: A Novel* by Justine Torres
  - Registration is required: [tinyurl.com/smcpc-bookclub](https://tinyurl.com/smcpc-bookclub)
- Polyamory Peer Power (18+)- Monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday from 7- 8:30pm PST
  - Registration is required: <https://tinyurl.com/smcpc-polyampower>
  - Upcoming dates: July 3, August 7
- Trans\* Group (18+)- Monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday from 6-7:30pm PST
  - Registration is required: <http://tinyurl.com/smcpc-transgroup1>
  - Upcoming meeting dates: (special date) July 11, August 1
- Gay Men's Group (18+)- Monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday from 6-7pm PST
  - Registration is required: <https://tinyurl.com/SMCPC-gaymensgroup>
  - Upcoming dates: July 23, August 27
- Queer Women's Social Group (18+)- Monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday from 6-7:30pm PST
  - Registration is required: <https://tinyurl.com/smcpc-queerwomensgroup>
  - Upcoming dates: July 26, August 23

## Reminders & Resources:

### The Pride Center's Year In Review!

To read our Year in Review for Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 its entirety, click [here](#)

### General Pride Center information:

- Resources: <https://sanmateopride.org/resources/>
- Events: <https://sanmateopride.org/events/>
- Peer Support groups: <https://sanmateopride.org/programs/peer-groups/>
- Youth Resources: <https://www.acs-teens.org/what-we-do/outlet/>



### **San Mateo County PRIDE Initiative Report**

***From: Dana Johnson (they/ them/ theirs)- PRIDE Initiative co-chair  
LGBTQIA+ Commission Meeting- Tuesday, July 16, 2024***

- ❖ **About the PRIDE Initiative:** The PRIDE Initiative is committed to creating welcoming and inclusive environments grounded in equality and parity for LGBTQ+ community members living and working in San Mateo County. By adopting an interdisciplinary and inclusive approach to collaborating, the PRIDE Initiative looks to partner with individuals, organizations, and providers that work to ensure that services are sensitive and respectful of LGBTQ+ issues.
  - **Join us at the next Pride Initiative meetings (via virtually) on  
\*\*\*Wednesday, August 14, 2024 from 4:30-6pm**
    - PRIDE Initiative and local LGBTQIA+ updates
    - Photos of the Celebration & Parade are being uploaded into Google folder. I will share the folder as soon as everything has been uploaded

➤ **Join the PRIDE Initiative Zoom Meeting on 8-14-24 at 4:30pm. Join using the link below**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81510844451>

**Meeting ID:** 815 1084 4451

**Passcode:** PRIDEBHRS (**PLEASE NOTE: Password is now required to join**)





## **CoastPride Report**

**LGBTQIA+ Commission Meeting-** Tuesday, July 16, 2024

**From CoastPride Board Member:** Dana “TherActivist” Johnson (they/ them/ he), MSW

### ❖ **Our Vision**

A welcoming and safe Coastsides where all LGBTQ and gender-expansive individuals, their families, and allies thrive.

### ❖ **Our Mission**

Creating a Coastsides that supports and celebrates people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

- CoastPride Events/ Trainings:
- *For events and to learn about what’s going on at CoastPride see the CoastPride newsletter.*
- **Center Hours:**
  - Drop-in—all are welcome
  - Mondays, 10am–2pm (ring the black doorbell when you arrive. (\*\*Closed on federal holidays)
  - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2–6 pm
  - 1st Saturdays, 12 noon–2pm
- **CoastPride Groups**
  - More details regarding the groups please reach out to CoastPride Operations Director, Cameron Zeller [cameron@coastpride.org](mailto:cameron@coastpride.org)

### ❖ **Upcoming Events/ Announcements**

- **Alcove** Half Moon Bay planning is currently underway
- For more details regarding LGBTQIA+ events on the Coast, please reach out to CoastPride board member Dana “TherActivist” Johnson (they/ he) [dana@coastpride.org](mailto:dana@coastpride.org) or CoastPride Operations Director, Cameron Zeller (they/ them) [cameron@coastpride.org](mailto:cameron@coastpride.org)

**To: LGBTQ Commission of San Mateo County**  
**From: Tanya Beat, Director**  
**Date: July 16, 2024**  
**Subject: Director's Report**

### ***2024 San Mateo County Legislative Session Program***

Please review the [County's Legislative Program](#) for LGBTQIA+ topics. We will discuss and learn how to move forward with requests for the 2025 Legislative Program.

### ***LGBTQIA+ Commission Experience with the County's Legislative Program***

In spring of 2022, Commissioner Craig Wiesner brought Senate Bill 107 regarding Gender-affirming health care (Representative Scott Wiener) to our attention. He requested to be on the Commission Agenda, created a proposal with content for the Commission to study and then discuss.

We voted to provide our recommendation to the County's Chief Legislative Officer (following the process document called "Legislative Engagement Policy.").

The Chief Legislative Officer created an analysis that was provided to the Board of Supervisors for a learning and discussion. July 12, 2022: The BOS voted and approved Resolution \_\_\_ to support SB107 and to issue a letter in support of the measure.

### ***Pathways to Build Stronger Local Legislation in support of LGBTQIA+ Residents***

- Follow local bills to support
- Follow state bills to support
- Research what other states or communities may be doing for protections of the LGBTQIA+ community
- What else?

**To: San Mateo County LGBTQ Commission**  
**From: Craig Wiesner**  
**Date: May 3, 2022**  
**Subject: Refuge for Trans Kids & their Parents; SB107**

### **Context**

Met with Senator Scott Wiener's Legislative Aide Alan Moore about SB 107. Senator Wiener believes that support from the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors would be very helpful in getting this legislation passed and on the governor's desk. Here is a link to the text of the legislation that was released last evening (note that this is a rewrite of a previous SB107 that had to do with CalFresh so please excuse all the deleted text):

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202120220SB107](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB107)

Based on my discussion and research on this legislation, **I would like to recommend to the commission that we encourage the Board of Supervisors to pass a resolution supporting SB 107., a bill to protect transgender children and their families traveling from other states. The bill would also protect California citizens, medical providers, and others from criminal and civil penalties for providing services, that are legal in California, to and supporting those children and families within the state of California.**

Today's Agenda allows for full discussion on all aspects of SB107 and the pros and cons this bill by the LGBTQ Commission.

**Background:** (This background is written by Craig, more comprehensive background information will be forthcoming from the state Senate). Legislation is being considered and passed in states across the country that would criminalize, or provide civil litigation powers to citizens, to take action against anyone providing or supporting the provision of gender-affirming care to children. Some forms of that legislation include allowing criminal or civil actions to be taken against individuals in other states, like California, where gender-affirming care is legal. For example, if a family residing in Texas leaves the state to come to California for their child's gender-affirming care, Texas law might allow any Texas citizen to sue any Californian for aiding in the provision of that care. Another state's law might cause a California citizen to be indicted with criminal charges for supporting a family from that other state getting gender-affirming care in California.

SB 107 would provide protection to families and children traveling to California, AND to California citizens against criminal charges and civil lawsuits. Specifically:

*The United States Constitution generally requires a state to give full faith and credit to the public acts, records, and judicial proceedings of every other state. Existing law sets forth procedures by which a person may enforce a judgment for the payment of money issued by the court of a state other than California. Existing law authorizes a California court or attorney to issue a subpoena if a foreign subpoena has been sought in this state. Existing law generally prohibits a provider of health care, a health care service plan, or a contractor from disclosing medical information regarding a patient,*

*enrollee, or subscriber without first obtaining an authorization, unless a specified exception applies, including that the disclosure is in response to a subpoena.*

*This bill would declare another state's law authorizing a civil or criminal action against a person or entity that allows a child to receive gender-affirming health care to be contrary to the public policy of this state. The bill would prohibit the application of that law to a controversy in state court, and would prohibit the enforcement or satisfaction of a civil judgment received under that law. The bill would prohibit a provider of health care, a health care service plan, or a contractor from releasing medical information related to a person or entity allowing a child to receive gender-affirming care in response to a criminal or civil action, including a foreign subpoena, based on another state's law that authorizes a person to bring a civil or criminal action against a person or entity that allows a child to receive gender-affirming health care. The bill additionally would prohibit law enforcement agencies from making, or intentionally participating in, the arrest of an individual pursuant to an out-of-state arrest warrant based on another state's law against receiving or allowing a child to receive gender-affirming health care. The bill would declare its provisions to be severable.*

The Senate Judiciary Committee has reviewed this legislation and has had a constitutional scholar review it and all feel that they are on sound legal ground vis-a-vis the Full Faith and Credit clause of the US Constitution.

This legislation has garnered significant press coverage including:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-03-17/california-democrats-propose-protections-transgender-kids-other-states>

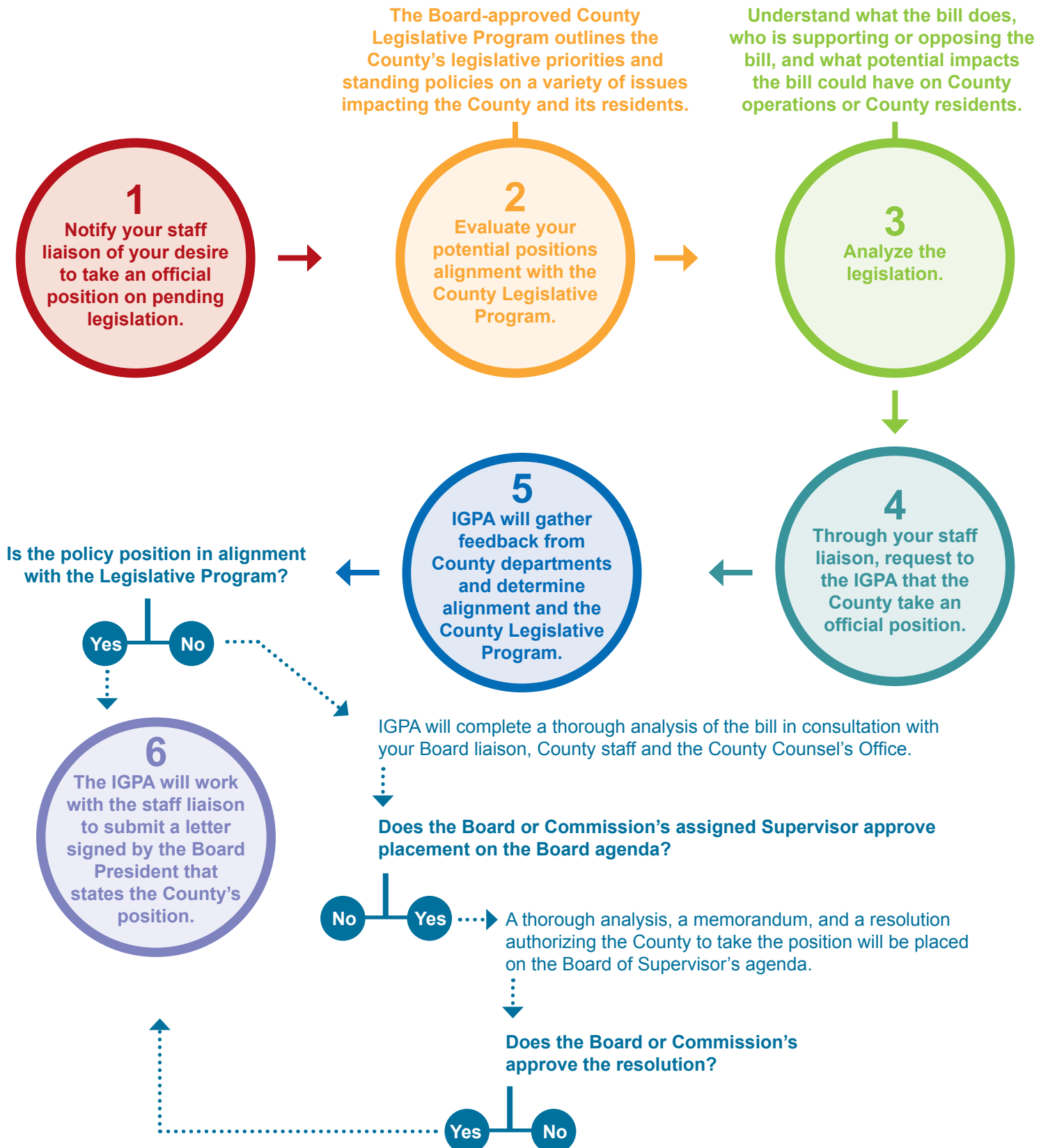
<https://www.nbcnews.com/nbc-out/out-news/bill-promotes-california-us-refuge-transgender-youth-rcna20598>

<https://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/598770-california-bill-seeks-to-make-state-a-refuge-for-transgender-children/>

<https://www.usnews.com/news/us/articles/2022-03-17/bill-promotes-california-as-us-refuge-for-transgender-youth>

The legislation is on a fairly fast track, with hopes to have it on the floor in August. Support for the bill by June would be very helpful.

# How to Take a Position on Pending Legislation



# San Mateo County Boards and Commissions Legislative Engagement Policy

In order to facilitate consistent and coordinated legislative advocacy on behalf of the County of San Mateo, all County Board and Commission members are expected to follow the Legislative Coordination and Advocacy Policy.



## Key Points to Remember

Do not take any action that would imply the County's support or opposition to any pending legislation, budget proposal, or other policy unless it is consistent with Board-approved positions.

All legislative engagement must be coordinated through the Intergovernmental and Public Affairs Unit (IGPA) in the County Executive's Office. Your staff liaison can facilitate conversation with this Unit.

If you appear before a legislative body to express a personal opinion, you must state for the record that you are speaking as a private citizen, and not on behalf of the County or your Board or Commission.

## Resources

**The Intergovernmental and Public Affairs Unit**  
<https://www.smcgov.org/ceo/intergovernmental-and-public-affairs>

**California Legislative Information**  
<https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>

**The California State Senate**  
<https://www.senate.ca.gov/>

**The California State Assembly**  
<https://www.assembly.ca.gov/>

**The California Legislative Analyst's Office**  
<https://lao.ca.gov/>

**United States' Senate**  
<https://www.senate.gov/>

**United States' House of Representatives**  
<https://www.house.gov/>



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# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
**DISTRICT 1**  
**File #:** 22-533

Board Meeting Date: 7/12/2022

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**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Supervisor Dave Pine, District 1  
Supervisor Carole Groom, District 2

**Subject:** Adopt a resolution in support of SB 107 (Wiener) Gender-affirming health care.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution in support of Senate Bill 107 (Wiener), a bill regarding gender-affirming health care.

**BACKGROUND:**

In response to a recent proliferation of laws and executive actions around the country that restrict the ability of transgender youth to obtain gender-affirming medical treatment, California State Senator Scott Wiener introduced Senate Bill (SB) 107. This bill establishes California as a refuge for transgender and gender-diverse youth and their families to secure care without facing criminal or civil penalties.

Specifically, the bill would prohibit health care providers and service plans, law enforcement agencies, and legal entities across the state from providing sensitive medical information, participating in arrests, and issuing subpoenas in proceedings that relate to another state's law that interferes with a person's right to allow a child to receive gender-affirming health care.

**DISCUSSION:**

SB 107, the gender-affirming health care bill, would offer opportunities for individuals who identify as Transgender or gender-diverse to seek health care in California without fear of legal repercussions even from states that have criminalized such care.

The County of San Mateo has a long history of supporting the LGBTQ+ community and the Transgender community. The County of San Mateo has sustained an active LGBTQ+ Commission, which is the first of its kind in the state, and supports the development of the County's Pride Center, now in its fifth year. In addition, this Board and the County have established a Transgender Policy and Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE) training for employees. This is

honored via proclamation of an annual Transgender Day of Remembrance that includes raising the Transgender Flag and offering transgender-oriented health care for County clients.

The LGBTQ+ Commission has requested the Board of Supervisors to adopt a resolution in support of this legislation.

A complete analysis of the proposed legislation can be found in the attached form.

The County Attorney's Office has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.



**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 107 (WIENER), A BILL REGARDING  
GENDER-AFFIRMING HEALTH CARE**

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, California has long fostered a welcoming environment for members of the LGBTQ+ community; and

**WHEREAS**, multiple states and other jurisdictions around the country have proposed or passed legislation or executive actions that restrict the ability of transgender and gender-diverse youth to obtain gender-affirming medical treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics, failing to provide evidence-based information to assist transgender and gender-diverse youth and families in medical decision-making can prolong or exacerbate gender dysphoria and contribute to abuse and stigmatization, and recommends that “youth who identify as transgender have access to comprehensive, gender-affirming, and developmentally appropriate health care provided in a safe and inclusive clinical space;” and

**WHEREAS**, the Trevor Project’s 2021 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health found that 52% of LGBTQ youth seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year, and that youth who identify as transgender or gender-diverse experience disproportionately high rates of homelessness, physical violence, substance abuse, and

high-risk sexual behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, California State Senator Scott Wiener introduced Senate Bill 107 to provide protections for transgender and gender-diverse youth and their families to be able to seek appropriate health care in the state of California; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo strives to promote the principles of equality and justice for all people, recognizing that the diversity of our communities is one of our greatest strengths; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo in June 2014 established California's first dedicated LGBTQ Commission to pursue the development of policies and programs to support the LGBTQ+ community and ensure access to services that are welcoming, respectful, and responsive; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo launched the San Mateo County Pride Center, now in its fifth year, which offers a myriad of support services for the Transgender and Gender-Diverse community; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed legislation aligns with the County of San Mateo's long history of supporting the Transgender community, including an annual observation of the Transgender Day of Remembrance and the raising of the Transgender Flag, and the development of a Transgender Policy for County employees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County supports Senate Bill 107 regarding gender-affirming health care and directs the President of the Board to issue a letter in support of the measure.

# NEWS

July 10, 2024

## For Immediate Release - Notice of Vacancy

### Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer Intersex Asexual Plus (LGBTQIA+) Commission

President of the Board of Supervisors Warren Slocum announced that applications for appointment to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, plus (LGBTQIA+) Commission are being accepted ([About the Commission](#)). There is currently one (1) vacancy. To be eligible, applicants must live in San Mateo County. The ideal candidate will possess several of the following attributes:

Have an abiding interest and lived experience that furthers the equality and well-being of LGBTQIA+ individuals; Demonstrate knowledge of LGBTQIA+ issues affecting under-represented communities including youth, communities of color, non-English speakers, older LGBTQIA+ adults, immigrants, physically and mentally disabled individuals and economically disadvantaged LGBTQIA+ residents of San Mateo County; Demonstrated ability to effectively provide outreach to underserved and at-risk LGBTQIA+ populations; Demonstrated experience promoting programs that foster the well-being and civic participation of LGBTQIA+ individuals in San Mateo County; Knowledge of a broad spectrum of LGBTQIA+ community resources and the ability to leverage community contacts; Ability and willingness to work collaboratively with members of the Commission to achieve Commission goals; and Ability and willingness to devote sufficient time and resources to carry out the responsibilities of the Commission.

The Commission encourages candidates to attend a LGBTQIA+ Commission meeting to help the candidate understand member roles, learn how meetings are conducted and meet current commissioners. The Commission consists of eleven (11) voting members appointed by the Board of Supervisors and meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30 – 8:30 PM at the San Mateo County Pride Center, 1021 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo.

**The deadline for applications is Friday, August 9, 2024 by 5:00 PM** and can be submitted through the online application at the County website: <https://www.smcgov.org/bnc/application-boards-commissions-and-committees>. Applications can also be obtained from Sherry Golestan, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at [sgolestan@smcgov.org](mailto:sgolestan@smcgov.org).

For information about the LGBTQIA+ Commission, contact Tanya Beat at 650-363-4467, [tbeat@smcgov.org](mailto:tbeat@smcgov.org) or the commission website: <https://www.smcgov.org/lgbtqia> For information about this release, contact Sherry Golestan, Deputy Clerk of the Board at [sgolestan@smcgov.org](mailto:sgolestan@smcgov.org).

# LGBTQ+ 101 Training

IN PERSON ONLY



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### ABOUT OUR TRAINING

This training is exclusive to San Mateo County commissioners and was intentionally scheduled over a weekend to accommodate those of you who work full time. This is a first-come, first-served training for those in public service and for those who want to add to their personal development in equity.

In this SOGIE (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity/Expression) 101 training, we cover the basic terminology for sex, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation through engaging videos, matching games, and polls. We also touch on extended topics like gender-neutral language, pronouns, and cultural humility. After every training, we provide extensive resources either highlighted in or similar to the content in our training.