



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

### *October 2024 Updates*

- October 2024 Pride Center newsletter - <https://tinyurl.com/smcpcoctober2024newsletter>

### **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.

- **Onsite Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11:30am - 6:30pm**
- Virtually, our programs/services are available **Monday - Friday 10:00am-7:00pm** or as scheduled with your clinician.
- 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.
- 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>

### **Updated Team Page on Pride Center website!**

The Pride Center exists to support and advocate for the diverse LGBTQ+ community of San Mateo County. We are proud that our team's representation reflects the community we serve. The information highlights the wide range of identities, languages spoken, and some fun facts about the team that works so hard to support you. Visit [Our Team](#) to read more about each staff member, our histories, and our skillsets that uniquely qualify us to support the expanding needs of the LGBTQ+ community we serve and belong to!

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

We currently have openings for therapy! (No waitlist at the moment)

The Pride Center provides both **therapy and case management services**. For therapy services we accept Medi-Cal/HPSM and also offer a sliding scale for any self-pay clients. We currently have openings for individual, couples/relationship, and family therapy. If you or someone you know is looking for LGBTQ+ or gender-affirming and inclusive mental health support, please share our information with them and encourage them to connect with us. We are here to help!

Case management services (navigating housing, employment, gender-affirming care, connection to resources, etc.) are provided at no cost. 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-2-2/>

Outlet, our youth program partner agency, also has clinical openings. For more information, please contact Mimi Castro (he/him) at [mimi@acs-teens.org](mailto:mimi@acs-teens.org).

## Community BBQueer Recap

The sun was out for our very first Community BBQueer event on Saturday, September 28th, at San Mateo Central Park, and it was amazing! The day was packed with vibrant community members and tons of activities that made the event truly special. From delicious food to exciting board games, it was incredible to see everyone connecting, laughing, and building community. We can't wait for even more unforgettable moments at future community events!

So much appreciation and gratitude to our Lead Events and Outreach Coordinator, Elana Ron (she/they), who planned the amazing event for the community!

Check out some beautiful photos of the community from the event!



## Can You Support the Pride Center by Volunteering?

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

- 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, Queer Women, and LGBTQ+ Book Club!**)

- Social media support
- Join our [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/>

## **Name and Gender Change Workshop**

If you are looking for support in changing your name on your legal documents, join our free monthly name and gender marker workshops. Part 1 will be on the 2nd Wednesday and Part 2 will be on the 4th Wednesday. Part 1 will cover court order forms, filing instructions, and fee waivers. Part 2 will cover updating social security documents, DMV documents, passports, birth certificates, and other documents.

**Upcoming dates: October 9 and October 23**

RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/name-and-gender-change-rsvp>

Please reach out to [info@sanmateopride.org](mailto:info@sanmateopride.org) or call 650-591-0133 if you have questions

## **FriGay Flicks: Rustin**

### **About the Film:**

Rustin is the critically acclaimed film from director George C. Wolfe, starring Colman Domingo as Bayard Rustin. Architect of 1963's momentous March on Washington, Rustin challenged authority and never apologized for who he was, but was forgotten despite making history. Rustin spotlights the man who, alongside Martin Luther King Jr., dared to imagine a different world and inspired a movement. The film features an all-star cast including Chris Rock, Glynn Turman, Jeffrey Wright and Audra McDonald.

This event is free and open to the public. Light snacks will be provided. Doors open at 5:30 and the movie will start at 6 pm.

To watch a trailer, follow this [link](#). This film is Rated PG-13 and not suitable for audience attendees under 12.

Registration required: <https://tinyurl.com/frigayrustin>

## **Upcoming Programming:**

**Transcending Through Art: An Expressive Arts Drop in Group for Transgender/Nonbinary/Gender Exansive Teens (Ages 13 – 19)**

**This is an 8-week expressive arts therapy group for gender expansive youth, ages 13-19, who identify as Transgender, Nonbinary, Gender Fluid, Gender Non-conforming, Gender Creative and Questioning teens.** All skill levels welcome, no prior experience required. Art supplies will be provided. Additionally, participants are invited to bring their own supplies.

What can I gain from this group?

- Nurturing Joy & Euphoria through: Creative exploration of identity and self-expression
- Processing emotions outside the body
- Developing strategies towards self-regulation & co-regulation
- Creating identity-affirming community

**This group is FREE.**

**This is a drop-in group and runs from September 10 - October 29 onsite at the San Mateo County Pride Center (1021 S. El Camino Real).** For accessibility and parking information, please use this link: <https://sanmateopride.org/accessibility/>

Questions? Connect with Jazz Slavin (they/them), MFT Trainee at [jazz.slavin@sanmateopride.org](mailto:jazz.slavin@sanmateopride.org)

## **Trainings**

Save the date for Pronouns 101: A FREE SMC Pride Center Training for Community! **Tuesday November 12 from 6-7:30 PM on Zoom.**

Are you seeking more guidance on how to ask for, use, and practice pronouns? Want to perfect your pronoun practice techniques?

This training is for you!

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/Nov2024Pronouns101>

## **Peer Support Groups**

We are currently **seeking volunteer co-facilitators for our Gay Men's, Queer Women's Group & LGBTQ+ Book 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 1st Tuesday from 7:30-8:30pm PST
  - **\*Dates for September-December of 2024 have been changed! This group will meet on 10/23.**
  - Please stay tuned and check our Instagram (@sanmateopride) for November and December dates!
  - Registration is required: <https://tinyurl.com/smcpc-parentsgroup>
- LGBTQ Book Club (18+) - Monthly on the 1st 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!
- Upcoming books
  - November 6: Never Name the Dead by D.M. Rowell
- Registration is required: [tinyurl.com/smcpc-bookclub](https://tinyurl.com/smcpc-bookclub)
- Polyamory Peer Power (18+)- Monthly on the 1st Wednesday from 7- 8:30pm PST
  - Upcoming dates: November 6
  - Registration is required: <https://tinyurl.com/smcpc-polyampower>
- Trans\* Group (18+)- Monthly on the 1st Thursday from 6-7:30pm PST
  - Registration is required: <http://tinyurl.com/smcpc-transgroup1>
  - Upcoming meeting dates: November 7
- Gay Men’s Group (18+)- Monthly on the 4th Tuesday from 6-7pm PST
  - Upcoming dates: September 24, October 22
  - Registration is required: <https://tinyurl.com/SMCPC-gaymensgroup>
- Queer Women’s Social Group (18+)- Monthly on the 4th Friday from 6-7:30pm PST
  - Upcoming dates: October 25, November 22
  - Registration is required: [tinyurl.com/smcpc-queerwomensgroup](https://tinyurl.com/smcpc-queerwomensgroup)

## Reminders & Resources:

### SMC Pride Center FY 23-24 Annual Report

We could not be more proud to share with you our most recent **Pride Center FY23-24 Annual Report!**

This year marked the first full fiscal year that Pride Center has returned to in-person (now hybrid) services. We've reached an even greater number of people than ever before, now that we're back on-site and out in the community, in addition to offering our full range of online and virtual programs and services.

Throughout each of our programs and services for FY23-24 (Clinical, Peer Groups, Trainings, Outreach, Events, etc.) we reached a staggering **12,287 individuals!** This is almost 30% more than we reached last year!

### 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/>

**To: LGBTQIA+ Commission**

**From: Co-chairs Bismay Mishra and Aaron Adriano**

**Re: Allowing for Remote Participation and Adhering to the Brown Act**

**Proposal:** A agreed upon procedure for remote participation of commissioners when they are unable to attend in person due to reasons other than qualifying emergencies or other just cause, such as exposure to a contagious illness

**Procedural Criteria for Remote Participation:**

1. Commissioners will inform the co-chairs and Tanya at the earliest possible time, and no later than 7 calendar days before the commission meeting.
2. Commissioner requests will be considered on a first come first serve basis as long as in-person quorum is still anticipated to be met. Quorum is a majority of the Commission that meets in-person. For the LGBTQIA+ Commission, that would be six (6) people in-person.
3. Commissioners need to abide by the requirements of the Brown Act which includes providing a location address that is open to the public and is ADA compliant. If you are attending remotely due to emergency circumstances or other just cause, different rules will apply. Please abide by the Brown Act simplified document included.
4. Remote participation will be limited to two meetings per year irrespective of the reasons for the remote participation, including sickness, exposure (or other reason) and will not count towards the unexcused absences (2 unexcused absences during a 6-month period shall be grounds for a request that the Board remove the Member). Please see "Section 4.4 Attendance and Participation" in the LGBTQIA+ Commission Procedural Rules.
5. A request from staff for those who participate remotely is to have your video on.

## Basics for Remote Participation by Commissioners

*By default, the Brown Act allows for remote participation at meetings if the commissioner follows certain strict rules. Under this default rule, if Commissioners want to participate remotely, they must provide their remote location which will be posted on the meeting Agenda, they must post the agenda at their location, and they must ensure that their location is ADA compliant and open to the public.*

*The Brown Act also allows for remote participation by commissioners under emergency circumstances or for “just cause.” The rules for appearing remotely under these circumstances are less arduous, but there is still a clear process that must be followed.*

*Requirements for participating remotely under emergency circumstances or for just cause are as follows, as summarized by commission staff with advice from the County Attorney’s Office.*

### New legislation on status of teleconference meetings (AB 2449)

Starting January 1, 2023, AB 2449 will allow a member of a Brown Act body to participate remotely under the streamlined teleconference procedures in either of the following two circumstances:

1. The member unilaterally notifies the legislative body at the earliest opportunity possible, including at the start of a regular meeting, of the member’s need to participate remotely for **“just cause,”** including a general description of the circumstances relating to their need to appear remotely at the given meeting.

**“Just cause”** means any of the following: (a.) A childcare or caregiving need of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner that requires them to participate remotely; (b.) A contagious illness that prevents a member from attending in person; (c.) A need related to a physical or mental disability not otherwise accommodated; (d.) Travel while on official business of the legislative body or another state or local agency. This method may not be used by any member of the legislative body for more than **two meetings per calendar year.**

2. The member requests the legislative body to allow them to participate in a particular meeting remotely due to **“emergency circumstances”** and the legislative body takes action to approve the request.

**“Emergency circumstances”** means a physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person. The legislative body shall request a 20-word general description of the circumstances relating to their need to appear remotely at the given meeting. The request can be made and acted upon at the beginning of the meeting to which the request applies. The prohibition on taking action on items not appearing on the timely-posted agenda is suspended for purposes of approving a request.

If the commissioner wants to appear via Zoom due to “Just Cause” or “Emergency circumstances,” and doesn’t want to post the agenda publicly and include their address, the following criteria must be met:

1. a quorum of the Commission is physically present at location on agenda;
2. public must be able to participate remotely via Zoom (or other A/V function) and the means of public participation must be on agenda;
3. If remote means stop working, no further action can be taken at the meeting (and the meeting ends)
4. There must be time for public comment at the meeting.
5. The remote member’s participation must be added to the beginning of the agenda for commission approval before meeting gets under way and commission must approve of remote appearance by majority vote. The agenda should list a general reason for the request without disclosing medical diagnosis or disability or personal medical information. Example for agenda: “Approval of remote participation of [Name of Member] due to emergency circumstances: Recovering from surgery” would suffice but suggest confirming with member that they are comfortable with statement.
6. The remote member must disclose at the beginning of the meeting anyone present in room with them over the age of 18 and their relationship to that person(s).
7. The remote member must have audio and video on.

All Members of the Public, staff, guests and presenters will have virtual access to Brown Act bodies’ meetings and are invited to attend in-person as well. Commissioners who are not able to comply with the above requirements may also attend virtually but only as members of the public. They are not able to take action and are only able to make public comment at the end of an agenda item. A Brown Act body must have an in-person quorum to conduct their meeting.



**PROCEDURAL RULES OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY LGBTQ COMMISSION**  
**(revised 2/3/15)**

***Rule 1 Authority and Purpose.***

These Procedural Rules of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) Commission (hereafter the “LGBTQ Commission”) are adopted pursuant to San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Resolution Nos. 65019 and 69276, which set forth the Standing Rules for County Boards, Commissions, and Advisory Committees. These Rules of Procedure shall be submitted to County Counsel for review and approval, and thereafter filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

***Rule 2 Members.***

**Section 2.1 General.**

The LGBTQ Commission was created by the Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 073198 adopted on June 3, 2014 and amended by Resolution No. 073363, adopted on September 9, 2014. The members, the members’ terms, and the members’ duties are as set forth in Board of Supervisors resolution(s), and in the event of an inconsistency, the Board Resolution will take precedence over these Rules.

**Section 2.2 Number.**

The LGBTQ Commission shall consist of 11 (eleven) voting members.

**Section 2.3 Appointment.**

All members other than those serving by virtue of their official capacity shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County, hereinafter the “Board” and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

**Section 2.4 Length and limitation of terms.**

Initial terms shall be staggered to ensure the continuity of the Commission. For the initial

appointment of members, six (6) members shall be appointed to serve three (3) year terms and five (5) members shall be appointed to serve two (2) year terms. Thereafter, members shall serve terms of office of three (3) years. At the conclusion of a term, a member may be reappointed to another term. No member appointed by the Board may serve on the Commission for more than a total of twelve (12) years of full terms. This limitation does not include partial terms at the beginning or conclusion of a member' s service.

**Section 2.5. Dates of Terms.**

Terms are for a fixed period. They shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30, three years thereafter. The fact that a member may be appointed or begin his or her service in the middle of a term does not affect the starting or ending dates of the term.

**Section 2.6 Resignation.**

Any member may resign effective upon giving written notice to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, unless the notice specifies a later time for his or her resignation to become effective. The acceptance of a resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. As a courtesy, the Commission Chairperson and the Commission Director should be notified.

**Section 2.7 Removal.**

Any member appointed by the Board may be removed from office at any time for any reason or without any reason by the Board.

**Section 2.8 Vacancies.**

Any vacancy on the LGBTQ Commission, however created, shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Board. Each vacancy shall be filled by an individual having the qualifications of his or her predecessor.

**Section 2.9 Action by the Board.**

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the qualifications, term and other conditions of LGBTQ Commission

membership shall be as determined from time to time by action of the Board.

**Section 2.10 No Individual Authority.**

Individual Commissioners may not present themselves as representing the Commission, unless approved, in advance, by the Commission. At no time should Commissioners approach (as a representative of the Commission) any elected official or County Department Head or County Division Director prior to receiving approval by the Commission.

***Rule 3           Officers.***

Officers shall be two Co- Chairpersons, who shall take turns presiding at meetings of the full LGBTQ Commission, and a Vice-Chairperson who in the Co-Chairpersons' absence or inability to act shall preside at the meetings. If both the Co-Chairpersons and Vice-Chairperson are absent or unable to act, the members present shall select one of the members present to act as chairperson *pro tempore*, who, while so acting, shall have all of the authority of the Chairperson. The officers shall be elected annually at the General Meeting in June or at an adjournment of that meeting. The officers shall serve for a one (1) year term, but for no more than two (2) consecutive years.

***Rule 4 Meetings.***

**Sec. 4.1           Regular and Special Meetings.**

The LGBTQ Commission shall hold regular meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM at a regular location. The LGBTQ Commission shall hold at least 6 regular meetings each calendar year. Special meetings shall be held at any time and place at the call of the Chairperson or a majority of the authorized number of members.

**Sec. 4.2           Open and Public.**

Meetings shall be open and public and all persons shall be permitted to attend, except for closed sessions, all as required and permitted by applicable law.

**Sec. 4.3      Notice.**

Notice of meetings shall be as specified in the Government Code §54950 et seq (the “Brown Act”).

**Sec. 4.4      Attendance and Participation.**

Members must attend the regular meetings of the LGBTQ Commission and of committees to which they are appointed and shall contribute their time and special abilities as may be required for the benefit of the LGBTQ Commission. If a Member is unable to attend a meeting, he or she shall so inform the Commission Director giving the reason therefore. Failure to attend a meeting without first notifying the Commission Director, shall, except in cases of emergency or extreme hardship, be treated as an unexcused absence. Two (2) unexcused absences during a six-month period shall be grounds for a request that the Board remove the Member.

**Sec. 4.5      Quorum.**

A majority of the seated voting members of the LGBTQ Commission present in person shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting of the LGBTQ Commission or any committee.

**Sec. 4.6      Meeting Agendas.**

The Commission Director in consultation with the Executive Committee (Co-Chairs and Vice-Chair) shall prepare an agenda for every meeting, which shall set forth a brief general description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed at the meeting and the time and location of the meeting. Commissioners may request agenda items by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month prior to the meeting by sending an email request to the Commission Director or Co-Chairs. Each agenda for a regular meeting shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the LGBTQ Commission directly on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the LGBTQ Commission. At least 72 hours before a regular meeting, the agenda shall be posted in the Hall of Justice and Records, at a location designated by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. No action shall be taken at a regular meeting on any item not appearing on the posted agenda; provided,

however, that the Members may take action on items of business not appearing on the posted agenda if: (1) the LGBTQ Commission determines by a majority vote that an emergency situation exists under California Government Code section 54956.5; (2) the LGBTQ Commission determines by a two-thirds vote of the Members, or, if less than two-thirds of the Members are present, by a unanimous vote of those Members present, that the need to take the action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda; or (3) the item was included in the posted agenda for a meeting of the LGBTQ Commission occurring not more than five calendar days prior to the date action is taken on the item, and at the prior meeting the item was continued to the meeting at which action is being taken. At least 24 hours before a special meeting, the Commission Director shall cause the agenda for the meeting to be posted with the call and notice of the meeting at the Hall of Justice and Records. No business not set forth in the posted agenda shall be considered by the LGBTQ Commission at such special meeting.

**Sec. 4.7        Conduct of Business.**

The items on the agenda shall be considered in order unless the Co-Chairperson shall announce a change in the order of consideration. Unless an agenda item identifies a particular source for a report, the Chair, Committee Chairperson or Commission Director shall present the item, after which members may comment, and then the topic shall then be open to public comment upon recognition of the speaker by the Chairperson.

**Sec. 4.8        Resolutions.**

All official acts of the LGBTQ Commission shall be taken and authorized by resolution, adopted on motion, duly made, seconded and adopted by vote of the Members.

**Sec. 4.9        Voting.**

All resolutions to the LGBTQ Commission shall be adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Members, constituting a quorum, present and voting except as otherwise provided by law or these bylaws.

**Sec. 4.10      Disqualification from Voting.**

A Member shall be disqualified from voting on any resolution relating to a transaction in which he or she has a financial interest, as required by law and the Conflict of Interest Policy of the LGBTQ Commission. Except as required by law and the Conflicts of Interest Policy of the LGBTQ Commission, no Member shall be disqualified from serving as a Member or taking part in any proceedings of the LGBTQ Commission because of any financial interest of a Member.

**Sec. 4.11      Minutes.**

The Commission Director shall prepare the minutes of each General and Special meeting of the LGBTQ Commission. The minutes shall be an accurate summary of the LGBTQ Commission's consideration of each item on the agenda and an accurate record of each action of the LGBTQ Commission. At a subsequent meeting, the minutes shall be submitted for approval by a majority vote of Members in attendance at the meeting covered by the minutes. When approved, the minutes shall be kept with the record of proceedings of the LGBTQ Commission. Each committee Chairperson shall be responsible for preparing minutes of their respective Committee. Committee minutes will be forwarded to the Commission Director one week prior to the regular meeting of the Commission for inclusion with the General Meeting materials.

**Sec. 4.12      Closed Sessions.**

The LGBTQ Commission shall meet in closed session only as a permitted by applicable law. The LGBTQ Commission shall report the actions taken at a closed session to the public as required by applicable law. A closed session minutebook shall be established and maintained for minutes of all closed sessions which shall reflect only on the topics of discussion and decisions made at the session. The closed session minutebook shall be kept confidential and not be a public record and shall be available only to the Members, except as otherwise required by applicable law.

**Sec. 4.13      Public Records.**

All documents and records of the LGBTQ Commission, not exempt from disclosure by applicable law, shall be public records under the California Public Records Act (California Government Code Section 6250 et seq).

***Rule 5 Committees.***

Committee Chairs will provide a committee meeting agenda and any materials to be presented at committee meetings to the Commission Director within 5 (five) business days of the meeting so that the agenda can be posted in accordance with the Brown Act.

**Sec. 5.1      Appointment.**

The LGBTQ Commission may by resolution, from time to time, create and appoint the members of such committees and subcommittees as it deems necessary to carry out its purposes.

**Sec. 5.2      Standing Committees.**

The standing committees shall be determined by the LGBTQ Commission and included in this section of the Procedural Rules.

**Sec. 5.3      Meetings.**

Regular meetings of committees and subcommittees shall be held at such times and places as are determined by the LGBTQ Commission. Special meetings may be held at any time and place as may be designated by the Chairperson or Commission Director, or a majority of the members of the committee or subcommittee. A majority of the authorized number of members of the committee or subcommittee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**Sec. 5.4      Open and Public.**

Meetings of committees and subcommittees will be open and public.

***Rule 6           Conflicts of Interest Policy.***

A member of the LGBTQ Commission shall not make, participate in making or in any way attempt to use the member's position to influence a decision in which the member knows or has reason to know the member has a financial interest.

***Rule 7           Annual Work Plan.***

The LGBTQ Commission will develop an annual work plan, and submit an annual report to the Board of Supervisors.

***Rule 8           Oath of Office.***

Before beginning service, each member will take an oath of office, to be personally administered by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or a deputy of said Clerk.

***Rule 9           Amendment of Procedural Rules***

These Rules may be amended only by a resolution of the LGBTQ Commission at any meeting of the LGBTQ Commission.





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

***From: Dana Johnson (they/ them/ theirs)- PRIDE Initiative co-chair  
LGBTQIA+ Commission Meeting- Tuesday, October 15, 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, October 9, 2024 from 4:30-6pm**
    - PRIDE Initiative and local LGBTQIA+ updates
    - During the meeting we will say our thank you and goodbyes to Scott Gruendl who is transitioning from the role of PRIDE Initiative co-chair
    - Join us for Theme selection and Save the Date “SMC Pride Celebration 2025”
- ❖ Join Dana for the PRIDE & Purpose Party on October 19, 2024 at 12-3pm at Avenidas in Palo Alto!
  - Be a part of history this LGBTQIA+ History Month! There will be opportunities to connect, have fun, and contribute to The PRIDE Study and LGBTQIA+ health research that is created for us and by us.
  - **Register for FREE at:** <https://pridenet.org/purpose>
  - Designated spaces to complete health surveys for ages 18+
  - Free lunch by Chef Julien - served by drag queens!
  - Hosted by activist, author, & filmmaker, Dana TherActivist(<https://www.theractivist.com/>)
  - Stand-up comedy & rainbow stretching by Yudy(<https://www.instagram.com/lionyudy/>)

- Other entertainment
- Resource fair
- The event is all ages and family friendly, with coloring stations and crafts for kids!

➤ **Join the PRIDE Initiative Zoom Meeting on 10-9-24 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, October 15, 2024

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

### ❖ Our Vision

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

### ❖ Our Mission

Creating a Coastside 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 Interim Executive Director, Cameron Zeller [cameron@coastpride.org](mailto:cameron@coastpride.org)
- **CoastPride is HIRING for an Executive Director “SEE THE LINK BELOW”**
  - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cMYyiJ9sXLRwBhfbMrE1RZyDj6xTXw3fx3A0WW-LKYM/edit?usp=sharing>

### ❖ Upcoming Events/ Announcements

- **Alcove** Half Moon Bay planning is currently underway
- CoastPride 5 Year Appreciation Event- Sunday October 13th from 11:30am-2:30pm
- 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 Interim Executive Director, Cameron Zeller (they/ them) [cameron@coastpride.org](mailto:cameron@coastpride.org)

**To: LGBTQIA+ Commission of San Mateo County**  
**From: Linda Wolin, staff liaison**  
**Date: October 15, 2024**  
**Subject: Director's Report**

***Appointment Process***

- Applicants have been recommended for appointment
- Waitlist created

***Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR)***

- Nationally recognized on November 20
- Proclamation scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 9am – please come in person or virtually through Zoom.
- Cochairs Aaron Adriano and Bismay Mishra are invited to accept the Proclamation.
- TDOR Flag-raising is Wednesday, November 13 at 9am at County Center.

***Voting Resources***

- League of Women Voters: [Educating Voters | League of Women Voters \(lwv.org\)](https://www.lwv.org)
- Thrive Alliance Election Education Toolkit:
  - [Election Education Toolkit — Thrive, The Alliance of Nonprofits for San Mateo County \(thrivealliance.org\)](https://thrivealliance.org)
- Vote411: [VOTE411](https://www.vote411.org)
- SMC Elections Division: [November 5, 2024 | San Mateo County Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder & Elections - ACRE \(smcacre.gov\)](https://www.smcacre.gov)