



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

***From: Dana Johnson (they/ them/ theirs)- PRIDE Initiative co-chair  
LGBTQ Commission Meeting- Tuesday, December 5, 2023***

❖ **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 meeting (via virtual) on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 from 4:30-6pm.
  - PRIDE Initiative and local LGBTQIA+ updates
  - SAVE THE DATE! SMC Pride Celebration Saturday June 8, 2024 from 11am-5pm at San Mateo Central Park
  - SMC Pride 2024 Theme: ***“Love at our Core, Pride in 2024”***

**Join Pride Initiative Zoom Meeting on 12/13/23 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**

**LGBTQ Commission Meeting-** Tuesday, December 5, 2023

**From CoastPride Board Member:**

Dana “TherActivist” Johnson (they/ them)

- **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 & 3rd Saturdays, 12–2pm

### **Upcoming Event**

- CoastPride is supporting with SMC Pride Prom in February 23, 2024
- For more details regarding events on the Coast, please reach out to Dana “TherActivist” Johnson.

**To:** LGBTQ Commission of San Mateo County  
**From:** Tanya Beat, Director  
**Date:** December 5, 2023  
**Subject:** Director's Report

***Vacancies:***

- 1 vacancy open. Deadline December 8. There are 3 applications submitted. The application is online and you can easily go to each section to read the fields ahead of time.  
<https://www.smcgov.org/bnc/vacancies>

***Feedback Survey***

- 60 responses (total of 187). (New survey only) demographics: 67% are part of the LGBTQIA+ community; 30% are 50-64 and 28% are 65+; 13% are 36-49; 20% are 14-17; overall 42% are under 49 years of age.
- 42 out of 60 have he/his pronouns; 35 out of 60 have she/hers pronouns; 7 out of 60 have all pronouns and/or they/them pronouns; 6 out of 60 did not provide pronouns
- Great comments in the survey. The links to the survey comments will be sent directly to commissioners for study.

***Commission Name Change Resolution - Review***

- Name is officially LGBTQIA+ Commission (approved at the Nov 14 BOS meeting)

***Transgender Awareness Week***

- Nov 14 TDOR Proclamation, Board Meeting; thank you Aaron for accepting and for Dana for zooming in!
- Nov 15 Flag Ceremony, County Center Courtyard, 4:00pm; Thanks to Dana for speaking and for Craig for attending!
- Nov 20 Transgender Day of Remembrance, San Mateo Public Library. Speakers: Dana Johnson, Kai Stowers. Very successful, great turnout! Thanks to commissioners who joined us (Jana, Rebecca, others?)

***2024 LGBTQIA+ Commission Meeting Calendar***

- January 16 Meeting at Pride Center, time needs confirmed
- Calendar will be voted on at the January meeting if you're not able to vote on it now.

***Supervisor Pine's last year***

- Planning, Support, Annual Report Update at May 2024 BOS Meeting
- Co-Chair Elections at June Meeting

# NEWS

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October 11, 2023 (Updated November 3, 2023)

**For Immediate Release - Notice of Vacancy****Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Commission**

President of the Board of Supervisors Dave Pine announced that applications for appointment to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) 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 LGBTQ individuals; Demonstrate knowledge of LGBTQ issues affecting under-represented communities including youth, communities of color, non-English speakers, older LGBTQ adults, immigrants, physically and mentally disabled individuals and economically disadvantaged LGBTQ residents of San Mateo County; Demonstrated ability to effectively provide outreach to underserved and at-risk LGBTQ populations; Demonstrated experience promoting programs that foster the well-being and civic participation of LGBTQ individuals in San Mateo County; Knowledge of a broad spectrum of LGBTQ 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 LGBTQ 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 first 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, December 8, 2023 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 by email at [sgolestan@smcgov.org](mailto:sgolestan@smcgov.org), or by mail at 400 County Center, Redwood City, (650) 363-4609.

For information about the LGBTQ Commission, contact Tanya Beat at 650-363-4467, [tbeat@smcgov.org](mailto:tbeat@smcgov.org) or read the commission website: <http://smcgov.org/lgbtq>. For information about this release, contact Sherry Golestan, Deputy Clerk of the Board, at (650) 363-4609 or [sgolestan@smcgov.org](mailto:sgolestan@smcgov.org)





## COUNTY OF SAN MATEO LGBTQ COMMISSION

### 2024 Meeting Schedule

1. Meetings of the LGBTQ Commission are held on the third Tuesday of each month.
2. Meeting time 6:30-8:30 PM (reasons for proposed time change discussed)
3. San Mateo County Pride Center in San Mateo

January 16 (let's confirm quorum now)

February 20

March 19

April 16

May 21

June 18

July 16

August 20

September 17

October 15

November 19 (also my CSW mtg date)

December 17