



# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO LGBTQIA+ COMMISSION

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

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

### MEETING MINUTES

1. 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.
2. Roll Call		<b>Present:</b> Aaron Adriano, Dana Johnson, Marilyn Hollinger, Christopher Sturken, Fabricio Perez, Sha Sun, Vanessa Lemus-Tapia Arrived after Agenda/Minutes vote: Jana Rickerson, Bismay Mishra, Mike Cooper <u>Non-Commissioners:</u> Tanya Beat, Frankie Sapp, Christina Falla, Claire Cunningham <u>Members of the Public:</u> Jade
3. Public Comment		
4. Action to Set Agenda & approve Consent Agenda	<i>Action</i>	Marilyn Hollinger motions to approve the agenda, seconded by Chris Sturken. Approved.
CONSENT AGENDA		
5. Approval of March Meeting Minutes	<i>Action</i>	
REGULAR AGENDA		
6. Human Services Agency Overview	<i>Present ation</i>	Claire Cunningham, Director of San Mateo County Human Services Agency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation included with Meeting Minutes</li> </ul>
7. Pride Center Report	<i>Update</i>	Frankie Sapp (on Zoom), SMC Pride Center Director, See Written Report Pride Center has had to let go of two staff. They are still managing through financial changes.
8. Spotlights	<i>Present ations</i>	Vanessa Lemus-Tapia, Marilyn Hollinger
9. Reports	<i>Update</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Update on SB 59 – Christina Falla <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Will share the draft letter for feedback and then approval process will start.</li> </ul> </li> <li>ii. Sanctuary County of San Mateo – Christina Falla <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. SMC issued resolution in January and it being a safe and inclusive county. Tanya will resend it to Commission.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>b) Pride Celebration</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Big thank you to Vanessa Lemus-Tapia for supporting her employer to sponsor.</li> <li>b. Parade: Meet up at staging area at 9:30am; everyone is to wear their Commission Tshirts.</li> <li>c. Booth: Aaron is coordinating schedule</li> </ul>
<b>10. Inclusion Community Campaign</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Special Meeting Meet-Up Program &amp; Expectation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Aaron &amp; Bismay will facilitate first half</li> <li>b. Dana Johnson will share about ICC</li> <li>c. Meet at 6pm; program start at 6:45pm</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) Educate Committee – presentation review (for May San Mateo City Council Meeting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Feedback provided during meeting. Committee will add it online and ask for everyone feedback for revisions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>11. Adjournment</b>		



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## **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, April 17, 2025**

**6:45-7:15 PM Meeting**

**1. Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement**

**2. Roll Call/Introductions**

- **Present:** Aaron Adriano, Marilyn Hollinger, Christopher Sturken, Vanessa Lemus-Tapia, Sha Sun, Mike Cooper
- **Absent:** Bismay Mishra, Dana Johnson, Fabricio Perez, Jana Rickerson  
Non-Commissioners: Tanya Beat, Ishani Dugar, Elana Ron, Lowellyn Sunga
- **Members of the Public:** Kurt Eggimann, Arthur Garcia, Marissa Garcia, Maude Engstrom, Erik Lucien Vallone

**3. Public Comment** is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on any topic that is not on the agenda. If your subject is not on the agenda, the Chair will recognize you at this time.

**4. San Mateo County LGBTQIA+ Commission - *Co-Chair Aaron Adriano***

- History of the LGBTQIA+ Commission
  - i.* Started in 2024 and first of its kind in the state of CA
  - ii.* Visibility with proclamations and flag raisings across San Mateo County
- Visibility is Crucial
  - i.* It's time to offer a way for the community to help us be visible.

**5. Inclusion Community Campaign - *Marilyn Hollinger***

- The Idea of Grassroots Organizing
  - i.* We need people to help us with visibility
- Goals of the Campaign
  - i.* Public Comment at city council, school board, or Board of Supervisors meetings
  - ii.* Training is offered for talking points
  - iii.* Future gatherings to learn more about what is working and what we need to focus on
- How to Get Involved
  - i.* Ask people to Sign up to volunteer
  - ii.* First virtual training will be May 8

**6. Adjournment**



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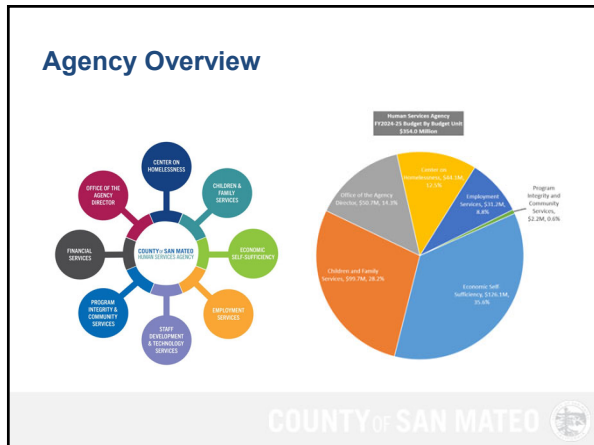
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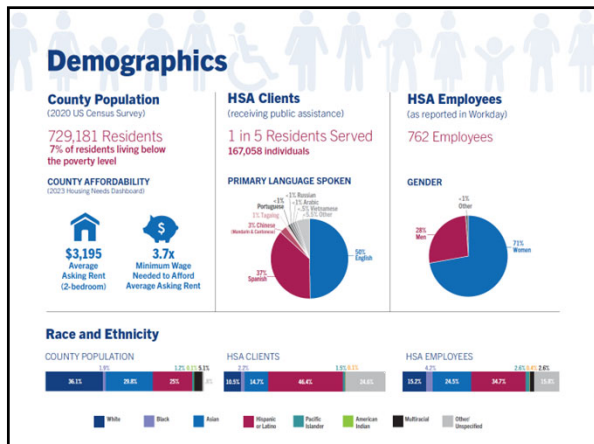
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### County Veterans Services Office (CVSO)

The San Mateo County Veterans Services Office (CVSO) assists military veterans and their families in accessing veterans' benefits, and provide advocacy to veterans, their dependents and survivors in obtaining benefits.

**Services Offered**

- Comprehensive Benefits Counseling
- Claim Advocacy and Appeals Support
- Network with public agencies
- Information and Referral Services




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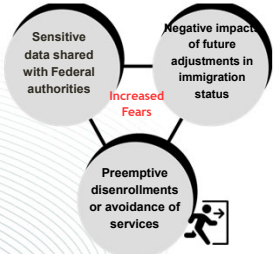
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### Preparing for Federal changes and impacts



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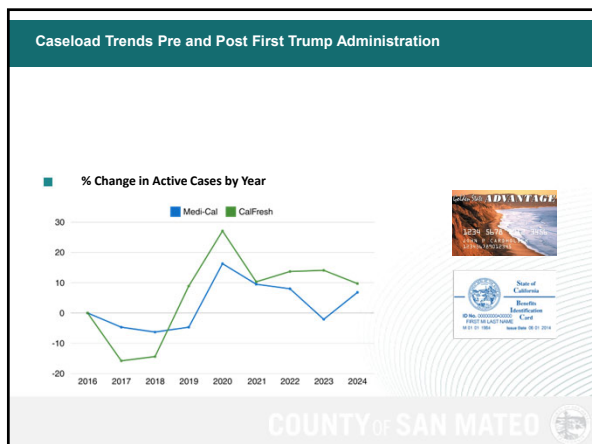
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