



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

May 2025 Updates

- **May 2025 San Mateo County Pride Center Newsletter**
- <https://tinyurl.com/smcpridecentermay2025updates>

If you haven't already signed up to receive our monthly newsletters, please sign up [here](#).

Current Programming:

Becoming Aware of our Assumptions: Conversations to Create More Inclusive Spaces – Tuesday May 27 from 6-8pm on Zoom

The Pride Center is excited to offer this popular training for community members at large, free of charge! As we prepare for June Pride, this pre-SOGIE/LGBTQ+ 101 curriculum fosters a safe space to help bring awareness to our own implicit biases about the LGBTQ+ community. (SOGIE stands for "sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression")

We all move through the world with assumptions and belief systems that impact our attitudes, behaviors, and interactions. The issue is not with our assumptions but whether we are aware of them. *This interactive workshop is designed to help us carefully identify our biases, explore their roots, and determine methods to not let them hinder our interactions with others.*

Register quickly! This training will be capped at a 50-person maximum to foster a safe and grounding experience for all. For any questions regarding the training or registration, please contact Ishani Dugar at ishani.dugar@sanmateopride.org or (650) 554-1234 (text ok)

RSVP: tinyurl.com/BecomingAwareMay2025

Programming for June for Pride Month

Community SOGIE 101 – June 4 from 5:30pm-7:30pm on Zoom

We are proud to offer our Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity/Expression (SOGIE) 101 training to all community members!

Our goal is to work with YOU to understand how to create affirming environments for LGBTQ youth and adults through an engaging and interactive training filled with matching games, videos, and polls. Through the generous support of our sponsors, we are able to offer this training for FREE!

All are welcome! Bring your dinners and an open mind as we break down the latest LGBTQ terminology and work to build your strengths and grow as LGBTQ+ advocates and leaders.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/SOGIE101June2025>

Community SOGIE 201 – June 12 from 6pm-8-pm on Zoom

Continue your Pride Month celebrations with the San Mateo County Pride Center at our **Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity/Expression (SOGIE) 201** training! Through the generous support of our sponsors, we are able to offer this training **FOR FREE!**

(please be aware that you should have attended our SOGIE 101 in the past year to fully engage in this training)

Bring your dinners and an open mind as we break down the latest LGBTQ terminology and work to build your strengths and grow as LGBTQ+ advocates and leaders.

Accessibility: This training will be hosted in English via Zoom. Closed captioning is available

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/SOGIE201June2025>

FriGay Flicks: Bottoms (Rated R) – Friday June 20 doors open at 5:30pm

We hope you can join us at the San Mateo County Pride Center on Friday, June 20 for a screening of “Bottoms”! Can you think of a better way to celebrate Pride Month *and* Graduation season?

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

About the Film:

In this refreshingly unique comedy directed by Emma Seligman (Shiva Baby), two girls, PJ (Rachel Sennott, Saturday Night) and Josie (Ayo Edebiri, TV's The Bear), start a fight club as a way to lose their virginites to cheerleaders. And their bizarre plan works! The fight club gains traction, and soon the most popular girls in school are beating each other up in the name of self-defense. But PJ and Josie find themselves in over their heads and in need of a way out before their plan is exposed.

To watch a trailer, click [this link](#).

This film is Rated R.

Content warnings include:

- Moderate violence
- Severe profanity
- Crude sexual content

Closed Captioning will be utilized for this film.

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/FriGayJune2025>

Pride Queeraoke – Wednesday, June 25 from 5pm-8pm at the San Mateo County Pride Center

Can you think of a better way to show your Pride 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!

Glitter, sequins and feathers oh my! What's pride without a little dazzle? We're hosting Pride Queeraoke and want to see you in your best Pride outfits. Now more than ever, let's party together!

This is a sober, all ages event. All are welcome! Snacks will be provided!

See you on Wednesday, June 25 from 5-8 PM at the San Mateo County Pride Center (1021 S. El Camino Real at 11th and El Camino)

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/SMCPCJuneQueeraoke2025>

Name and Gender Change Workshop

Part 1 of the workshop will continue to take place monthly & Part 2 of the workshop will take place every other month. 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.

*Please reach out to us If the dates or times above don't work for you, We can arrange individual appointments or consultations.

Upcoming workshops: June 11 Part 2– June 25

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

Please reach out to info@sanmateopride.org or call 650-591-0133 if you have questions or would like to schedule an individual appointment.

SMC Pride Celebration Saturday - June 14 from 11am-5pm
SMC Pride 2025 theme: Breaking Boundaries, Shaping Futures

Interested in joining an SMC Pride subcommittee?! Organized by the PRIDE Initiative, contact co-chair Dana Johnson at theractivist@gmail.com for more information and Zoom link.

We are actively looking for community members to join SMC Pride Celebration Subcommittee and support with planning an amazing celebration!

Planning committees include:

- Youth Space
- Website
- Older Adult
- Parade
- Booth Vendors
- Food Trucks
- Entertainment

SMC Pride Parade: Downtown San Mateo starting at 10:30am

Please join us for our 3rd Annual San Mateo County Pride Parade! The San Mateo County Pride Celebration is in its 13th year, providing a space for inclusion, belonging, and community. So, it's about time to add a parade to the mix.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Kalimah Salahuddin at kalimahs@gmail.com

Register to march in the parade! Registration closes on June 7

- Pricing to Participate in Parade
 - **Non-Profit / Social / Community Groups - \$50**
 - **Elected Officials - \$150**
 - **Government Agencies - \$200**
 - **Employee Resource Groups - \$250**
 - **Businesses / Corporations - \$350**

All fees go towards covering the operational costs of the parade.

San Mateo County is all season long! Check out other Pride events near you!

City (click for website)	Date and Time	Location
Fierce & Fabulous: A Pride Drag Brunch	Sun. 6/1-12p-4pm	1697 Industrial Rd. San Carlos
CuriOdyssey Rainbows, Rainbows, Rainbows	Fri. 6/6 from 5pm-8pm	1651 Coyote Point Drive, San Mateo
San Carlos Pride in the Park	Sat. 6/1 - 11am-1pm	900 Chestnut St, San Carlos
San Mateo County Pride Parade	Sat. 6/24-10:30am-11am	2 nd and B Street, San Mateo
San Mateo County Pride Celebration	Sat. 6/14 from 11am-5pm	50 E. 5 th Avenue San Mateo
San Mateo County Fair Family Pride Day	Fri. 6/6 from 11am-7pm	1346 Saratoga Dr, San Mateo
Fioli Pride Celebration	Sun. 6/15 -10am-5pm	86 Cañada Rd, Woodside
CoastPride Half Moon Bay Pride	6/22-11am-3:30pm	Mac Dutra Park

Mental Health Services at SMC Pride Center:

There is currently a short waitlist for therapy services.

We provide high quality, LGBTQ+ and gender-affirming mental health services to those living throughout San Mateo County and beyond. Our compassionate team tailors care to meet the unique needs of each client, providing culturally responsive, trauma-informed, and strengths-based support. If you're feeling sad, anxious, alone, or just need someone to talk to, we're here for you.

We accept Medi-Cal with Health Plan of San Mateo and Behavioral Health & Recovery Services. Because no one should be turned away for lack of funds, sliding-scale fees are available to self-pay clients with proof of income. Case Management and Name/Gender Change support are *free*.

- **Therapy** for Individuals, Relationships, Families and Groups
- **Case Management** (Housing, Healthcare, Employment, Resource navigation support)
- **Legal Name and Gender Change Workshop**

If you are interested in receiving therapy and/or case management support, please fill out our [Clinical Services Request Form](#) or visit <https://sanmateopride.org/programs/mental-health-services/>

[Outlet](#), our youth program partner agency, also has clinical openings. For more information, please email outletprogram@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:

- Assisting with fundraising/development goals
- Youth or Older Adult specific programming
- Social media support
- Peer support co-facilitator (LGBTQ+ Book club and Queer Women's Group)

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 (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/>

Peer Support Groups

These are all virtual opportunities for community members 18+. For more information, contact Ishani.Dugar@sanmateopride.org or 650-554-1234 (text ok)

Peer Support Groups- Upcoming meeting dates

- LGBTQ Parent Group- Monthly on the 3rd Wednesday from 7:30-8:30pm PST on Zoom
 - Upcoming meeting dates: May 21, June 18
 - 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 will meet onsite at the Pride Center or on Zoom.
 - Upcoming books:
 - June 4: *The Lesbiana's Guide to Catholic School* by Sonora Reyes
 - FREE copies of this are available at the Pride Center!
 - July 2: *Moonbound* by Robin Sloan
 - Registration is required: tinyurl.com/smcpc-bookclub
- Polyamory Peer Power (18+)- Monthly on the 1st Wednesday from 7- 8:30pm on Zoom
 - Upcoming dates: June 4, July 2
 - Registration is required: tinyurl.com/smcpc-polyampower
- Trans* Group (18+)- Monthly on the 1st Thursday from 6-7:30pm
We're excited to announce that the Trans* Group is now HYBRID! Attendees have the option of joining this group onsite at San Mateo County Pride Center or through Zoom!

- Upcoming meeting dates: June 5, July 3
- Registration is required: tinyurl.com/smcpcc-transgroup1
- Gay Men’s Group (18+)- Monthly on the 4th Friday from 6- 7:40pm on Zoom
 - Upcoming meeting dates: May 27, June 24
 - Registration is required: tinyurl.com/smcpcc-gaymensgroup
- Queer Women’s Social Group (18+)- Monthly on the 4th Friday from 6-7:30pm on Zoom
 - Upcoming dates: May 23, June 27
 - Registration is required: tinyurl.com/smcpcc-queerwomensgroup

Reminders & Resources:

Mask friendly Announcement

The Pride Center has switched from being a “mask required” to a “**mask friendly**” site. This means that community members have the option of wearing a mask when visiting the Pride Center. This decision was made in response to the feedback received from our community, clients, surveys, and in comparison, to other community centers.

The Pride Center is always deeply committed to the health and safety of our community and team. We will continue to keep our space as ventilated as possible, which includes utilizing multiple air purifying machines throughout the center. Additionally, we will remain diligent about regularly sanitizing high volume spaces and providing masks at the entrance of the center for those who choose to wear them.

To be mindful of others, if you are feeling unwell, please reach out to reschedule your visit when you are feeling better or consider changing it to a virtual appointment.

Resource Guide - Post Election FAQ – Updated!

The San Mateo County Pride Center and CoastPride have received many questions about what is in store for the LGBTQ+ community since the 2024 election. In response, we’ve created this list of commonly asked questions and answers, along with a linktree of related resources: <https://linktr.ee/smclgbtq>.

We are now on Bluesky!

Meta’s content moderation guidelines allowing hate speech have made their platforms harmful and unsafe for the LGBTQ+ Community and other marginalized groups. We decided to open a Bluesky account to expand our ability to share information in a space where our community members are safe and respected. While we will continue to use Instagram, Facebook and Threads to promote, we will begin to lean on Bluesky more.

Follow us! <https://bsky.app/profile/sanmateopride.bsky.social>

Donate to the San Mateo County Pride Center

If you want to support us this Pride season and **BEYOND**, consider becoming a monthly or one-time donor! Your generosity makes a tremendous difference in helping us better serve our clients and community.

[Donate today by clicking this link.](#)

General Pride Center Information:

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 11th and El Camino). Accessibility information: <https://sanmateopride.org/accessibility>

Quick Links:

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/>

Communications Report

May 2025

1. Social Media, Website, and Outreach

- Website: Updates to Resources links and Pride Resources Links
 - Collecting Feedback from the group

2. Email & Internal Communications

- We will start testing monthly newsletters. We hope that these will serve as good ways to engage and nurture the community.
- The May Newsletter has been drafted. Ideally, the email would go out on May 22nd. The date and time will still need to be figured out.
 - Date: No set date on when the email will go out.

3. Next Steps

- Update our resources and Pride Resources website before Pride Month starts
- Draft email newsletter for June

Supplemental Documentation

Email newsletter for May

Subject line:

- **May Newsletter | San Mateo County LGBTQIA+ Commission**

Body:



Mental Health Awareness Month

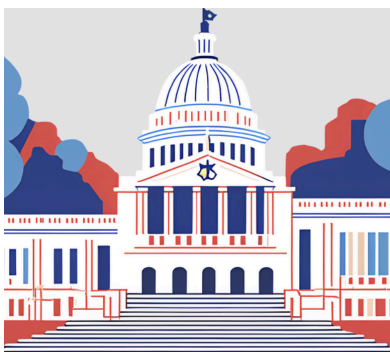
May is Mental Health Awareness Month. The LGBTQIA+ community often faces higher rates of mental health challenges due to stigma and discrimination.

This month, we honor the resilience that carries us through hard times and encourage everyone to practice self-care, reach out when you need support, and lift each other up. Lastly, we want to remind everyone of the resources available to the community.



[Learn more about the Pride Initiative](#)

Legislative Spotlight: SB-59



This month, the San Mateo LGBTQIA+ Commission joined forces with the County Supervisors to send a letter to California Senator Umberg, urging him to support SB-59. Senate Bill 59, authored by Senator Scott Wiener, would keep all petitions and court records for changing a

person's gender, sex identifier, or name confidential, helping protect the privacy and safety of transgender and non-binary Californians and safeguarding their rights. We're proud to stand behind this vital legislation.

[Learn more about SB-59](#)

San Mateo County Pride Celebration

San Mateo County's 13th Annual Pride Celebration champions inclusion and wellness for LGBTQIA+ folks and allies in our county. The celebration will include live entertainment, a live DJ, resource and vendor booths, food trucks, family-friendly activities, and more.

Save the date: Saturday, June 14, 2025, at San Mateo Central Park from 11 am-5 pm. The Pride Parade starts at 10:30 am and ends at Central Park. Free Entry and Sober Event.

[Learn more and get involved](#)



April Meetup Recap



On April 17th, we had our first meetup at The Yard in Redwood City! Community members showed up and learned about who we are, what we do, and how they can get involved. Keep an eye out for photos and highlights on our social channels!

[Read about this event](#)

Get Involved

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- [Become a Volunteer](#)
- [Attend one of our Commission meetings](#)
- [Contact Us](#)

In solidarity,

The LGBTQIA+ Commission of San Mateo County



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
LGBTQIA+ COMMISSION

MAY NEWSLETTER

AN OVERVIEW OF THE MONTH

Mental Health Awareness Month



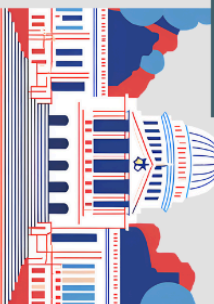
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[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PRIDE INITIATIVE](#)

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<https://www.smgov.org/lgbtqia>

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<https://www.smgov.org/lgbtqia>

Updates to the *Pride Month Resources* webpage.

The Pride Month Resources webpage was created many years ago and is/was supposed to be utilized by counties interested in formally recognizing/celebrating Pride Month.

- **Do you think there are any resources that we missed?**
- **Do you think there are some ways to improve or update the content?**
- **Can we identify opportunities to improve and expand the resources?**

Brainstorming updates:

1. Expanded Historical Context
 - a. Adding more historical details.
 - b. Include milestones beyond marriage equality, such as the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" or protections for LGBTQIA+ employees under federal law.
2. More Resources for Local Governments
 - a. Provide examples of policies or initiatives other cities/counties have adopted to support LGBTQIA+ residents beyond just recognizing Pride Month.
 - b. Include resources or training materials for city employees on inclusivity and support for LGBTQIA+ communities.
 - c. List organizations beyond San Mateo County that provide support, advocacy, or educational materials for LGBTQIA+ rights nationwide.
 - d. Guide local governments on how to engage with LGBTQIA+ residents year-round, not just in June.

Pride Month Resources

Background:

COVID-19 has created an environment of fear, social isolation, and an unexpected impact on our mental health, even more so for the vulnerable members of the community.

In 2020, the **LGBTQIA+ Commission of San Mateo County** started inviting all cities and towns in San Mateo County to support the LGBTQIA+ community by recognizing Pride Month (June). In 2021, all 20 cities issued a Proclamation and raised the flag in the month of June.

We invite all cities to participate annually and encourage local businesses, schools, school districts, non-profits, libraries, parks and residents to fly their Progress Pride Flag during the month of June.

On this page, there are additional simple suggestions that intended to bring visibility and inclusion to your area and for residents of all backgrounds. This visibility and inclusion allows LGBTQIA+ residents to know that they are seen and they belong. During this time of increased book bans and anti-LGBTQIA+ and anti-Trans legislation action, we need these simple acts of visibility create a deeper sense of connection and inclusion for everyone in the community.

Options to Increase Pride Month Visibility

Raise the LGBTQIA+ Progress Pride Flag for the month of June

The LGBTQIA+ Pride Flag has been part of the LGBTQIA+ movement since 1978, designed by Gilbert Baker at the request of Harvey Milk (the first openly gay man to be elected to public office in the United States).

The **LGBTQIA+ Progress Pride Flag** is what we are now raising at County Center. The Progress Pride Flag was designed in 2018 by artist Daniel Quasar, adding a 5-colored chevron to the LGBTQ+ Rainbow Flag to place a greater emphasis on inclusion and progression. The newer intersex-inclusive Progress Pride Flag shares the same design as the Progress Pride Flag with an added triangle containing the intersex Pride Flag design.

The LGBTQIA+ community and allies use the Rainbow Flag as an outward symbol of their identity or support. **Including the LGBTQIA+ Progress Pride Flag highlights that your city is a leader in the fight for equal rights, and that you will continue to protect and expand the rights of everyone in your area.**



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What do all the colors and shapes mean? The black and brown stripes represent marginalized LGBTQ+ communities of color; community members lost to HIV/AIDS, and those currently living with HIV/AIDS. The white, pink, and blue stripes represent the transgender community. The yellow with purple circle represents the intersex community. The chevron represents a need for forward movement. The redesigned flag aims to draw attention to the need to center and support black and brown queer and trans people, as well as those living with HIV/AIDS.

Pride Month Proclamation

Another key step your city can take to support LGBTQIA+ residents is to issue a proclamation declaring June as Pride Month. Members of the LGBTQIA+ Commission, Pride Initiative and Pride Center would make themselves available to accept your proclamation.

[Pride Month Proclamation Template](#) →

Annual San Mateo County Pride Celebration

We invite you to join us for the Annual San Mateo County Pride Celebration and the new Pride Parade! Please view our News & Events page for information about the next Pride Celebration.

LGBTQIA+ symbols on your website

[LGBTQIA+ Flag options, updated 2024](#)

A Short History of Pride posted on your website

Please feel welcome to use the content in quotations or use the downloadable image (History of Pride) that we have created already for you.

History of Pride

"The month of June was chosen for LGBTQIA+ Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall Riots, which occurred on June 28, 1969. In San Francisco a similar riot had taken place two years before at the Black Cat Tavern, and years before at the Compton Cafeteria (SF). In 1966, Same-Sex Intimacy was illegal, there were routine raids in gay bars and arbitrary arrests. It was common for people to lose their jobs if outed. The community was getting fed up. Rev. Elder Troy Perry, Morris Knight and Bob Humphries founded Christopher Street West in Los Angeles, CA to advocate for gay rights. One of their first events was a march in L.A. declared "Christopher Street Liberation Day." It was a march for justice, a political protest. That same day people marched in San Francisco and held a gay ir in Golden Gate Park. There was no going back, and people worked tirelessly for years to gain equal protections and rights. In 2015 Same-sex marriage was finally recognized across the United States. Today there is a growing celebration of the LGBTQIA+ people who live and work in our communities."

Content provided by Rev. Terri Echelbarger, Unitarian Universalists of San Mateo and formerly of Many Journeys MCC and the LGBTQ Commission of San Mateo County

Links to County LGBTQIA+ organizations on your website

- Behavioral Health & Recovery Services: <https://www.sanhealth.org/dhrs>
- Office of Diversity & Equity: <https://www.sanhealth.org/office/diversity-equity>
- Coaspride: <https://coaspride.org/>
- Pride Initiative: <https://www.sanhealth.org/pride-initiative>
- San Mateo County Pride Center: <https://sanmateoprde.org/>
- Outlet, Adolescent Counseling Services: <https://www.aces.teens.org/what-cwe-do/outlet/>
- LGBTQIA+ Commission: <https://smcgov.org/gbqba>

As part of supporting the local LGBTQIA+ community in San Mateo County, we are happy to support your city's efforts and ask that you contact us with any questions or if you need help with these recommendations. The LGBTQIA+ Commission meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8:30PM at the San Mateo County Pride Center. Access information, agenda and contact information on the LGBTQIA+ Commission Website (<http://smcgov.org/gbqba>) –we welcome your attendance and look forward to your partnership in supporting the LGBTQIA+ residents of San Mateo County!

Related Documents

[DOCX](#) LGBTQIA+ Flag options updated 2024

348,17 KB

[DOCX](#) PRIDE MONTH SAMPLE PROCLAMATION FOR MUNICIPALITIES 2024.docx

13.76 KB

LGBTQAI+ Resources webpage

1. Link Functionality Check

[TBA]

2. Brainstorming Content Needing Updates

- **Most content that includes stats and has been** published before 2022 (~2.8 years ago). Any statistics or program details before that time are likely outdated and should be reviewed for current relevance
 - **Substance Abuse Statistics:** The introductory text (“Substance use disorders have a greater effect on LGBTQ+ people...”) may rely on older research; verify against the latest CDC or SAMHSA data
 - **Travel Legislation Map:** “Interactive world map featuring LGBTI related legislation” may need updates to reflect legal changes in other countries
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3. Suggestions for Additions

To round out the resource guide, consider adding:

1. Adding National Crisis Lines

- **The Trevor Project** – 1-866-488-7386 (24/7 LGBTQ youth crisis) – <https://www.thetrevorproject.org>
- **Trans Lifeline** – 1-877-565-8860 (peer-run hotline for trans callers) – <https://translifeline.org>

2. Legal Advocacy

- **GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders (GLAD)** - <https://glad.org>
- **Lambda Legal** - <https://www.lambdalegal.org>

3. Health & Behavioral Services

- **San Mateo County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (LGBTQ Program)**
- **SF LGBT Center Health Services** - <https://www.sfcenter.org>

4. Youth & Education

- **GLSEN** - <https://www.glsen.org>
 - **YOUTH Resources** - https://youth.smcgov.org/directory-youth_servic
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San Mateo County PRIDE Initiative Report

***From: Dana Johnson (they/ them/ theirs)- PRIDE Initiative co-chair
LGBTQIA+ Commission Meeting- Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 6:30pm***

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, June 11th from 4:30-6pm**
 - Pride Planning meeting from 5-6pm
 - PRIDE Initiative and local LGBTQIA+ updates
 - Special Presentations regarding LGBTQIA+ resources in the County
- ❖ **Join us for SMC Pride 2025 Planning Meetings**
 - **We are in need for LGBTQIA+ Commissioners support and advocacy for SMC Pride 2025**

➤ **Join the PRIDE Initiative Zoom Meeting on 6-11-25 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)**

SMC PRIDE 2025 Report- 13th Annual Pride in the Peninsula

Event Theme: *“Breaking Boundaries, Shaping Futures”*

LGBTQIA+ Commission Meeting, Tuesday May 20th at 6:30pm

Greetings LGBTQIA+ Commissioners,

Please see the topics below for us to discuss:

- Share SMC Pride 2025 official flyer with networks
- Update on Commission marching in the Parade
- Update on Commission resource booth at SMC Pride
- SMC Pride Planning meetings
- ***Pride Planning Meeting Schedule***
 - **Next Meetings- 5-23-25 from 12-1pm**
 - **Next Meeting- 6-6-25 from 12-1pm**
 - **Next Meeting- 6-11-25 from 5-6pm**
 - **Next Meeting- 6-13-25 from 12-1pm (FINAL MEETING)**
 - **Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86067944846>

Please join us as we continue to shape and organize this exciting event!

SMC Pride 2025 Details

- **Saturday, June 14, 2025**
- **Parade- June 14th, 10:30-11:30am (Parade) {Downtown San Mateo, Ending at San Mateo Central Park}**
- **SMC Pride Celebration- 11am-5pm (San Mateo Central Park)**

Your presence and input are crucial to making this event a meaningful and impactful celebration for the community. I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meetings and working together to make SMC Pride 2025 a huge success!

San Mateo County 13th Annual Pride Celebration 2025

Saturday, June 14th



Parade:
Downtown San Mateo
10:30AM



2nd and B Street
San Mateo, CA



Parade concludes at
PRIDE celebration!

Celebration:
Central Park
11AM-5PM



50 E. 5th Avenue
San Mateo CA

Free and Sober Family Event
Resource & Vendor Booths • Entertainment • Food Trucks
Live DJ • Pet friendly areas • Youth & Older Adult areas
& More

Scan for more info
or to donate:



April 28, 2025

The Honorable Anna Caballero
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 412
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Senate Bill 59 (Wiener) – Transgender Privacy Act

Dear Senator Caballero,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and the County's LGBTQIA+ Commission, we write to express our strong support of Senate Bill 59 by Senator Scott Wiener, which would protect the privacy and safety of transgender and non-binary Californians by requiring any petition for a change of gender, sex identifier, and name—and any papers associated with the proceeding—to be kept confidential automatically by the court.

SB 59 extends and retroactively applies the protections of AB 223 (Ward) to persons over the age of 18. The bill also prohibits these records from being posted publicly on the Internet or otherwise by anyone other than the petitioner. Lastly, SB 59 codifies the holding from *In re M.T.* (2024) 106 Cal.App.5th 322, authorizing the complete sealing of a petitioner's application upon meeting existing criteria. These important changes will allow individuals to retain control over when and where they share their private information.

Across the state and country, transgender and non-binary people are increasingly facing an overwhelming amount of discrimination, harassment, and violence. Thirty percent of transgender respondents, according to the 2022 U.S. Transgender Survey, reported that they were verbally harassed in the last 12 months because of their gender identity. In addition, according to the San Mateo County Pride Center LGBTQ+ COVID-19 Impact Survey Data Report, 90 out of 523, or 17 percent of respondents, identified as transgender and nonbinary, and transgender and nonbinary respondents were 2.6x more likely to have experienced violence or harassment than their cisgender counterparts. Being outed and having their sensitive personal information exposed without their knowledge puts transgender and nonbinary individuals at greater risk for harassment, discrimination, and violence.

This hateful environment has been further amplified under the Trump Administration, which is actively threatening LGBTQ+ civil rights. The federal government's attack on this population further highlights California's need to proactively safeguard the rights and privacy of transgender and non-binary people. Allowing transgender individuals to choose when and how they decide to share their personal information is vital in protecting their physical and mental health.

As California's first county to establish a commission focused on the needs of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) community, both the County and Commission have been working hard to meet the community's



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diverse needs and improve the quality of life and well-being of LGBTQ county residents.

For these reasons, San Mateo County and the LGBTQIA+ Commission respectfully ask for your “Aye” vote for SB 59. Should you have any questions about our position, please contact Connie Juarez-Diroll, Chief Legislative Officer, at 650-599-1341 or via email at cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Canepa". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Canepa, President
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

CC: The Honorable Senator Scott Wiener
The Honorable Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee
San Mateo County Delegation Members
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
San Mateo County Executive