



# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO LGBTQIA+ COMMISSION

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

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

### MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement, Group Agreements		Our <u>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> Dana Johnson, Marilyn Hollinger, Christopher Sturken, Fabricio Perez, Sha Sun, Vanessa Lemus-Tapia, Jana Rickerson, Bismay Mishra, Mike Cooper <u>Non-Commissioners:</u> Tanya Beat, Christina Falla, Marilyn Fernando <u>Members of the Public:</u> Jade Howard Absent: Aaron Adriano
3. Public Comment		
4. Action to Set Agenda & approve Consent Agenda	<i>Action</i>	Dana Johnson motions to approve the agenda, seconded by Mike Cooper. Approved.
CONSENT AGENDA		
5. Approval of April 15 Meeting Minutes 6. And April 17 Special Meeting Minutes	<i>Action</i>	
REGULAR AGENDA		
7. Jana Rickerson Recognition	<i>Update</i>	Grateful for Jana’s service!
8. Pride Center Report	<i>Update</i>	Marilyn Fernando (on Zoom), SMC Pride Center Outreach Manager, See Written Report  Various trainings and events scheduled in June. Marilyn F. will send any updates to us via email.
9. “San Mateo City Council Presentation”	<i>Update</i>	Dana Johnson - received very well - Dana will be learning/finding a group to display the City’s Proclamation.
10. Communications Discussion	<i>Update</i>	Fabricio Perez  - Priority is recruitment for Inclusion Community Campaign - Newsletter Mock: fantastic format, copy and graphics - Suggestions for June Newsletter: photos of flag-raising and Pride Celebration.

		- Will be asking Commission for feedback on website. Emphasis on Resources.
<b>11. Spotlight</b>	<i>Present ation</i>	Sha Sun
<b>12. Reports</b>		<p>Pride Celebration – Dana Johnson</p> <p>Record-breaking number of sponsors this year. County is the top sponsor. There is still a last push for sponsors.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Parade – Vanessa Lemus-Tapia: meet at the staging area. Everyone should wear their tshirts.</li> <li>b. Tabling – An email will be sent out again. We need help at the table and Aaron will be there all day.</li> </ol> <p>Inclusion Community Campaign – Sha Sun, Chris Sturken</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. May 8<sup>th</sup> Training went well though no one ended up attending. It was good practice. Will be ready for the next training on July 10.</li> </ol> <p>Policy – Christina Falla</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. SB 59 update: letter has been processed and sent. Thank you everyone and we have the record for reference.</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting is July 15. Co-chair Elections at that meeting. Please let Tanya know of your interest in being co-chair!</li> <li>• Applications are all in. The Supervisors have been assigned. The soonest time they can do interviews is in July. We hope the two new commissioners will join us officially in August.</li> </ul>
<b>13. Adjournment</b>		

# Communications Report

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July 2025

## 1. Social Media, Website, and Outreach

- **LGBTQIA+ Resources webpage**

A quick audit revealed a few broken and obsolete links, which may compromise the webpage's utility and trustworthiness. These deficiencies may hinder access to important services

The recommendations outlined in this report provide a simple and actionable roadmap for improvement. Prioritizing the immediate rectification of all identified broken links

- **Resource additions:** It is recommended to reference and add resources that are listed on the [San Mateo County Pride Initiative Resources list](#), as well as the [San Mateo Pride Center resources website](#).
  - Focus on LGBTQIA+ mental health crisis services and providers.
- **Resource removals and updates:** Remove or update the following resources:
  - **REMOVE:** Coastside Rainbow Women: Hasn't updated the page since 2014
  - **UPDATE:** Daly City Youth Health Center: The Current listed website redirects to a potentially risky website. Update it to <https://www.dcyouth.org/>
  - **REMOVE:** LGBTQ Perinatal Wellness Associates: Broken link
  - **REMOVE:** Bay Area Youth Summit: No longer exists & Broken Link

## 2. Email & Internal Communications

- **July Newsletter:**

- The copy has been drafted. Please feel free to suggest content that you would like to see/share.
- Copy can be accessed HERE: [July Newsletter Email \(Copy + Images\)](#)

- Next Steps:

- Finalize the draft and have it delivered between July 17-24

## Supplemental Documentation

### Email newsletter for July

Subject line:

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

Body:



### Reflecting on Pride Month!



We hope you all had a good Pride Month. The San Mateo County LGBTQIA+ Commission would like to remind you that Pride was born out of protest, and the rights we have today are the result of generations who chose to resist, organize, and dream for a better future.

Pride Month takes place each June to commemorate the Stonewall Riots of June 28, 1969, when LGBTQIA+ community members in New York City rose against injustice and unfair treatment. But long before Stonewall, the San Francisco Bay Area was already a site of LGBTQIA+ activism and resistance. At that time, routine police raids commonly targeted LGBTQIA+ spaces, queer life and love were outlawed, and being out meant potential

discrimination.

The community was fed up and began organizing. By 1970, Christopher Street West was founded in Los Angeles to advocate for gay rights and public demonstrations of pride.

One of their first events was the *Christopher Street Liberation Day* march in L.A., a political protest and a march for justice. That same day, people in San Francisco took to the streets and gathered for a “gay-in” at Golden Gate Park.

We honor that legacy and encourage you to keep building a world where everyone in the LGBTQIA+ community can live freely, safely, and fully.

## Legislative Updates: Pride Month Proclamations

Throughout June, cities and counties across the Bay Area raised their flags high and reaffirmed their commitment to recognizing LGBTQIA+ rights by issuing official proclamations in support of Pride Month. These proclamations are more than symbolic, as they serve as public commitments to equity, inclusion, and belonging.

These proclamations also reflect a growing movement across local governments to not only celebrate Pride but also stand in solidarity with the LGBTQIA+ community.

Thank you to the leaders, advocates, and community members who showed up, spoke out, and made these proclamations possible.



[Check out the San Mateo County Pride Month Proclamation](#)

## San Mateo County Pride Celebration



On June 14th, the 13th Annual San Mateo County Pride Celebration took place in San Mateo Central Park. From the colorful and lively Parade that kicked off the celebration to the live performances, food trucks, resource booths, and family-friendly activities, the park was full of joy and community spirit.

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated, marched, volunteered, shared resources, or simply showed up as their full, authentic selves. Events like this are only possible because of the community that continues to show up for one another.

## Spotlight: ICC Campaign

The Inclusion Community Campaign (ICC) is a grassroots initiative to make San Mateo County a safer, more welcoming place for LGBTQIA+ individuals year-round. With the growing challenges that our community faces, now is the time to show up, speak up, and take action.

We're calling on community members across San Mateo County to join us in advocating for inclusion at city councils, school boards, libraries, workplaces, and beyond.

Want to help but not sure where to start? We got you covered! We offer bimonthly trainings to support new and seasoned advocates alike. You'll learn how to:

- Connect with local leaders and institutions
- Craft effective messages that resonate
- Follow up to drive meaningful change

Our first training was held on May 8, and we're just getting started. Whether you're passionate about policy, education, or simply showing up for your community, there's a place for you in this campaign.



[Join the Inclusion Community Campaign \(ICC\)](#)

## Get Involved

- [Learn more about the ICC](#)
- [Attend one of our Commission meetings](#)
- [Contact Us](#)

**In solidarity,**

The LGBTQIA+ Commission of San Mateo County

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## LGBTQAI+ Resources webpage

Link: <https://www.smcgov.org/lgbtq/lgbtqia-resources>

### 1. Link Functionality Check

**Table 1: Identified Broken/Inaccessible Links**

Original URL	Status	Section on Page	Verified Current URL (if found)	Notes
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/CoastsideRainbowWomen">https://www.facebook.com/CoastsideRainbowWomen</a>	Outdated	Community Organizations, Social Clubs, & Family Support Networks	N/A	The organization's current status is unclear.  <b>REMOVE</b>
<a href="http://www.dalcyityouth.org/">http://www.dalcyityouth.org/</a>	Misleading Link	Medical Services/Clinics	<a href="https://www.dcyouth.org/">https://www.dcyouth.org/</a>	Website has moved to HTTPS.  <b>UPDATE</b>
<a href="http://www.lgbtqperinatalassociates.com/">http://www.lgbtqperinatalassociates.com/</a>	Broken Link	Medical Services/Clinics	N/A	Original organization's domain defunct.  <b>REMOVE</b>
<a href="http://www.bayareayouthsummit.org/">http://www.bayareayouthsummit.org/</a>	Inaccessible	Youth/Transitional Age Youth	N/A	Original domain defunct.  <b>REMOVE</b>

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## 2. 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://www.gladlaw.org/>
- **Lambda Legal** - <https://www.lambdalegal.org>

### 3. Health & Behavioral Services

- **Taken from the PRIDE initiative webpage:**

#### **Crisis Support**

\*\*If you are experiencing a mental health emergency, CALL 9-1-1 or go to your nearest hospital emergency room if you can safely get there.

Psychiatric Emergency Services are available at:

#### **San Mateo Medical Center**

222 West 39th Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94403  
Phone: (650) 573-2662

#### **Mills-Peninsula Medical Center**

1501 Trousdale Drive, Burlingame, CA 94010  
Phone: (650) 696-5915

## **Suicide**

**GLBT National Help Center** - <http://www.glnh.org>

Contact Information: Phone: 1(888) 843-4564

National Youth Talkline: 1(800) 246-7743

Providing free and confidential telephone and email peer counseling. Information and local resources for LGBTQ callers throughout the US.

**The Trevor Project:** 24/7 Suicide Prevention Lifeline

<http://www.thetrevorproject.org/>

Contact Information: 1(866) 488-7386

## **Crisis intervention and suicide prevention services for LGBTQ youth.**

### **StarVista Crisis Hotline**

Contact Information: (650) 579-0350

Our Suicide Hotline is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week for crisis intervention. Trained volunteers and staff treat callers with empathy and compassion and provide referrals for community resources and services.

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** (Nationwide) -

<http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org>

Contact Information: 1(800) 273-TALK (8255)

**The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** is a 24-hour, toll-free, confidential suicide prevention hotline available to anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress. By dialing 1-800-273-TALK (8255), the call is routed to the nearest crisis center in our national network of more than 150 crisis centers. The Lifeline's national network of local crisis centers provide crisis counseling and mental health referrals day and night.

**Crisis Text Line** (Nationwide)

<http://www.crisistextline.org>

Contact Information: Text START to 741-741

## **4. Youth & Education**

- **GLSEN** - <https://www.glsen.org>
- **YOUTH Resources** - [https://youth.smcgov.org/directory-youth\\_servic](https://youth.smcgov.org/directory-youth_servic)





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**To:** LGBTQIA+ Commission of San Mateo County  
**From:** Tanya Beat  
**Date:** July 15, 2025  
**Subject:** Director's Report

***Health & Wellness of the LGBTQ+ Population in San Mateo County*** Presentation by Karen Pfister, Epidemiologist, San Mateo County Public Health, Policy & Planning.  
Please review the [SMC All Together Better data portal](#) for data specific to LGBTQ+ residents.

***Inclusion Community Campaign*** – please continue to meet in your subcommittee meetings. The updates you provide moves this group forward with goals such as: how many volunteers do we have? Have they received training? Have they made public comment?

We need to understand how effective this campaign is with all committees participating. For example: if Supervisor Corzo asked you in December how impactful you have been, what would you be able to share?

### ***Spotlights Calendar***

- July: Christina Falla
- August: Bismay Mishra
- September: Chris Sturken
- October: Mike Cooper
- November: Dana Johnson

### ***Vacancy Recruitment***

Interviews are scheduled for Tuesday, July 15 and we hope to know who the final candidates are that week.

***Indivisible in San Mateo County:*** San Mateo, Coastside

### ***Transgender Day of Remembrance***

- Thursday, November 20
- Reading of Names & Speaker(s)



## CoastPride Report

**LGBTQIA+ Commission Meeting-** Tuesday, July , 15, 2025

**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 Operation Director, Cameron Zeller [cameron@coastpride.org](mailto:cameron@coastpride.org)
- ***CoastPride is very close to HIRING an Executive Director- we are finalizing the hiring process between (2) candidates***
- ***Allcove on the Coast is Hiring for Clinical Director “VISIT CoastPride website for more details” <https://coastpride.org/about/employment>***

### ❖ Upcoming Events/ Announcements

- **Join us for a Send Off Party for Cam in Tuesday July 22nd from 4-6pm at San Benito House. (For more details see the attached flyer)**
- 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 Operation Director, Cameron Zeller (they/ them) [cameron@coastpride.org](mailto:cameron@coastpride.org)