

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, plus

LGBTQIA+ Commission

Providing Background for Retreat

Summary

- Overview of Accomplishments
- Mission & Purpose; Advisory Role
- Three Goals





COUNTY OF SAN MATEO LGBTQIA+ COMMISSION

Founded in 2014 and was the first of its kind in California. The LGBTQIA+ Commission is an **advisory body** to the Board of Supervisors whose mission is to cultivate San Mateo County as a welcoming and safe environment where it's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community members can thrive.



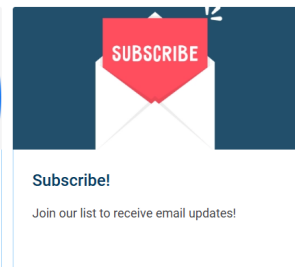
Current Commissioners include:

- Fabricio Perez
- Michael Cooper
- Chris Sturken
- Jade Howard
- Dave Crafts
- Vanessa Lemus-Tapia
- Dana Johnson
- Marilyn Hollinger
- Bismay Mishra
- Sha Sun
- Camille Kennedy

Meeting Day & Time

3rd Tuesday of each month from **6:30 - 8:30 PM** unless otherwise noted

Website: <https://www.smcgov.org/lgbtqia>





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Recommendations to Board of Supervisors

- SB 59, Protection of privacy
- SB 107, Gender-affirming healthcare
- Gender-Inclusive Language Resolution
- Colorado Amicus Brief in 2018
- Mental Health Services Act support
- Catalyst for the start of Coast Pride
- Catalyst for SMC Transgender Policy for employees
- County-wide Survey on LGBTQ+ Wellness in 2017



Key Initiatives

- Inclusion Community Campaign
- Pride Visibility Project
- Transgender Day of Remembrance & of Visibility
- Collaboration & Partnerships with other County Commissions, the Pride Center, Pride Initiative, Coast Pride
- Uplift inclusion by changing to **LGBTQIA+** Commission



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Mission

Cultivating San Mateo County as a welcoming, affirming, and safe environment where its lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual and gender expansive community members can thrive.

Vision

The LGBTQIA+ Commission envisions San Mateo County leading in addressing its community's diverse needs.

- Dignity and Respect: *Our community is treated fairly, with dignity and respect, in all settings.*
- Culturally Competent Services: *Our community has access to, can fully avail themselves of, and are fully participating in services such as career, educational, financial, gainful employment, healthcare, housing, and other wellness services.*
- Welcoming, Respectful and Responsive: *Services and settings are welcoming, respectful, and responsive to the needs of the LGBTQIA+ community.*

Purpose

- Provide important perspective to County government
- Gather and analyze public input and recommend options
- Further the overall public benefit

Duties of Membership

- Learn the function of your board
- Prepare for and attend meetings regularly
- Comply with applicable laws
- Respect fellow commissioners and the public
- Engage in board function to improve the community

Three Goals Identified

- Inclusion Community Campaign Revision
- Sanctuary County Project
- Engagement



Questions?