



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO LGBTQIA+ COMMISSION

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual + Commission MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, July 21, 2026, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

IN-PERSON MEETING: rm 101, 455 County Center, Redwood City

Members of the Public: For Video Conference: <https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/87693502344>

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1. Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement 6:30pm – Co-chairs will co-facilitate
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on any topic that is not on the agenda during this videoconference meeting. If your subject is not on the agenda, the Chair will recognize you at this time. Speakers are customarily limited to two minutes.
4. Action to Set Agenda and Approve Consent Agenda Items

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approval of May Meeting Minutes

REGULAR AGENDA

6. Pride Center Report (6:40pm)– Frankie Sapp, SMC Pride Center Director
7. Pride Month Reflections & Commission Vacancies (7:00pm) – Tanya Beat
8. Sub-Committee Updates (7:20pm)
 - Engagement Sub-Committee (Mike Cooper, Fabricio Perez, Dana Johnson, Jade Howard)
 - SpeakOUT Sub-Committee (Marilyn Hollinger, Chris Sturken Dave Crafts, Vanessa Lemus-Tapia)
9. Director's Report
 - Commission Co-Chair Election (7:40pm) – Tanya Beat
 - Commission Meeting Time Discussion and Action (7:50pm) – Tanya Beat
 - October, LGBTQ+ History Month – visibility invitation (8:05pm) – Tanya Beat
10. Announcements (8:20pm) – All
11. Adjournment (8:25pm)

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COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

LGBTQIA+ COMMISSION

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

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

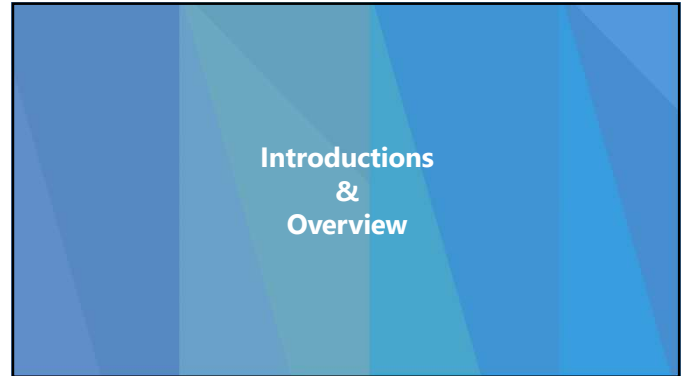
MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement		
2. Roll Call		Present: Mike Cooper, Marilyn Hollinger, Dana Johnson, Bismay Mishra, Christopher Sturken, Dave Crafts, Fabricio Perez, Vanessa Lemus-Tapia Non-Commissioners: Tanya Beat, Christina Falla, Absent: Jade Howard, Sha Sun, Camille Kennedy
3. Public Comment		Member of the public on Zoom: Jordan Anderson
4. Action to Set Agenda & Approve Consent	Action	Marilyn Hollinger motions to approve agenda, seconded by Bismay Mishra. Approved.
CONSENT AGENDA		
5. Approval of April Minutes	Action	
REGULAR AGENDA		
6. Thank you and Celebration of Bismay Mishra and Sha Sun		
7. Pride Center Report	Present ation	Frankie Sapp presented the financial status of the Pride Center. Please see attached Pride Center Report specific to May & June programming. - Context of the situation since summer of 2025; the closing of StarVista; the delay of contract from BHRS - Budget Breakdown - Contractor Support – Feasibility Study which will be complete June 2026: it will help with donor engagement, fundraisers and internal revenue generating systems - What is Needed Now - What the Commission can do? Volunteer, Donate, connect Center with granters, sponsors and/or philanthropists who can look at supporting programs
8. Gender Affirming HealthCare Resolution		Christina Falla has drafted a resolution which has been reviewed by lead health director; Christina will then be meeting with Deputy County Attorney for next review. Commission approves the language of “making healthcare in the County accessible by all.”

9. Sub-Committee Work Plan Presentations		Engagement (Jade Howard, Mike Cooper, Fabricio Perez, Dana Johnson) - Collecting as many sign ups as possible. - Focus on youth feedback SpeakOUT (Marilyn Hollinger, Sha Sun, Bismay Mishra, Chris Sturken) - The old ICC webpage is ready to be updated to the SpeakOUT info - Focus is to get people to sign up for the campaign
10. Pride Visibility		Flag Raisings & Proclamations - Many commissioners are confirmed for city proclamations and flag-raising, thank you! - June 1st County flag raising is at 4pm. Speakers are Sup Corzo, Frankie Sapp and hopefully youth from ACS Outlet Tabling during Pride Month - County Fair June 6th, tabling 12-4pm - Pride Celebration June 13th, tabling 11am-5pm - Mike and Tanya have a collection of items for give-aways that include: pride lapel pins, pride buttons, pride flags, rainbow hard candy; - Free items will be available via the “Spin Wheel” – Dave will write up instructions for that - Mike has donated High end items for a raffle done at the SpeakOUT trainings. Sign up to be eligible to win. Must attend training to win. - One QR code for all sign ups; Marilyn will create a couple of signs - Tanya will have electronic business cards ready for commissioners who want one; Tanya is also recruiting for 2 vacancies
11. Announcements		Next Commission meeting is Tuesday, July 21
12. Adjournment		



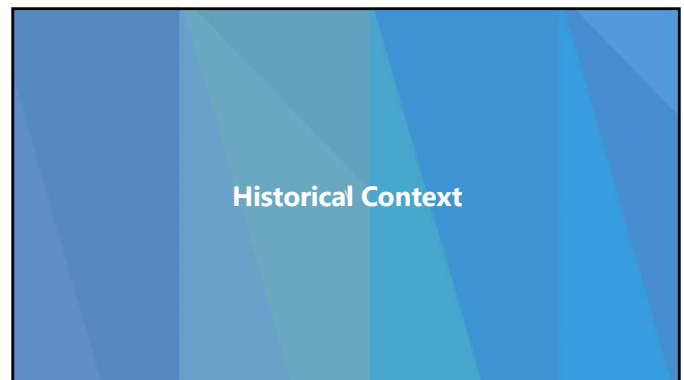
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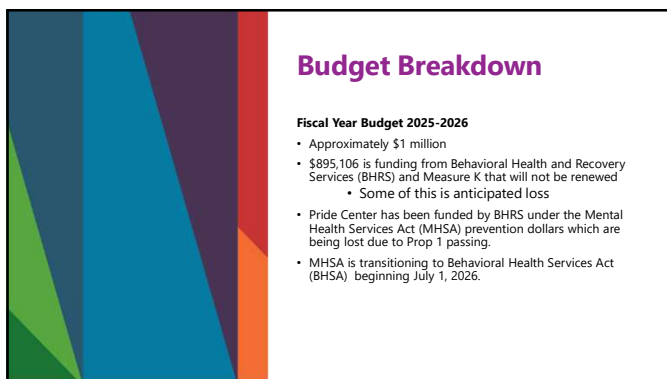
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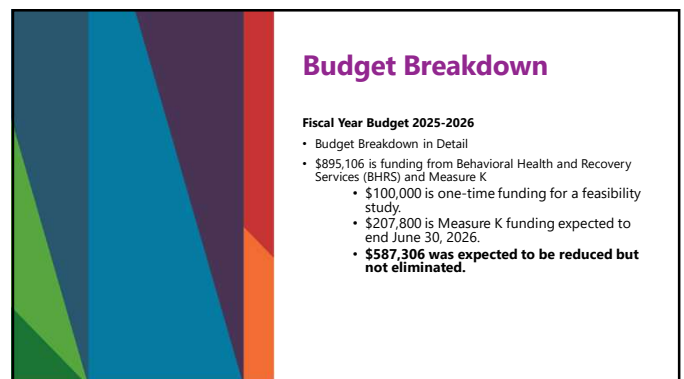
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Contractor Support

Libertiva, LLC. has been conducting a feasibility study with the Pride Center since March 2025 to

- Assess and improve our programs and services delivery model
- Improve our internal generating revenue streams
- Help the Pride Center achieve 501c3 status

The ultimate goals are long-term program and financial sustainability.

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Contractor Support

Libertiva, LLC. was hired to help the Pride Center develop a robust development portfolio, including

- Establishing a donor engagement program
- Creating reoccurring fundraisers
- Improving internal revenue generating systems

Grants Contractor was also hired to help diversify the Center's revenue sources.

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Additional Challenges

Summer of 2025

- Former Fiscal Sponsor Closure
- StarVista faced a financial crisis beginning March 2025 then folded during the summer of 2025.
- The Pride Center had approximately 2 weeks to vacate our physical location and find a new fiscal sponsor – San Francisco Public Health Foundation (SFPHF).
 - Thank you to Supervisor Corzo, County officials, community partners, and community members who helped make this possible!

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Additional Challenges

Summer of 2025

- Former Fiscal Sponsor Closure
- Our BHRS contract with Measure K funds needed to be renewed with SFPHF as our new fiscal sponsor but wasn't approved until December 2025.
- Impact of the delay meant sparse operational funding for our programs and services.
- The delay also postponed the development and grant contract hires from their original intent in July 2025, then the Fall of 2025, to February 2026.

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Why This Matters

Extenuating Circumstances

- The Pride Center has been known for the quality of our programs and services, and our documents and reports are offered as models for other programs to follow.
- We have taken strategic steps to assess our services, diversify our financial portfolio, and work to achieve short- and long-term sustainability.
- The challenges we face are not due to our own lack of skills or incompetence, but a series of unfortunate events that have negatively impacted us in a concentrated amount of time.
- Time is needed to implement the changes we identified to improve our operational model and services to achieve program and financial sustainability.

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Over the Last Four Fiscal Years

Served nearly 42,000 people across our programs

- Provided therapy or case management to 600 individuals
- Trained over 5,500 people
- Reached more than 6,000 youth with our partner organizations
- Engaged more than 3,400 peer group participants
- Connected with over 17,000 individuals across our outreach events

Key Populations Served

- More than half our clinical clients identify as trans, nonbinary, or gender diverse
- Nearly one-third of the people we serve live with a disability
- 44% of the community members who use our services identify as Black, Indigenous, and People of Color

We served 15,544 individuals during fiscal year 25-26!

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Our Pivotal Moment & Pathways for Participation

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Our Pressing Needs

- **Lost Majority of Our Secured Funding – 90% - but it's our core operational funds that we didn't anticipate.**
- **Need Emergency Gap Funding**
 - \$200k for first quarter 26-27 is ideal
 - Allows us more time to raise more revenue
- **Office Space for free or at a reduced cost**
 - Physical location is required to resume some of our services like Medi-Cal therapy, and our volunteer program

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Multiprong Strategy

- **Government support & resources**
- **Grants & foundations**
- **Donations & ongoing donors**
- **Internal revenue**
- **Fundraisers**

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Grants & Foundations

- **Our work**
 - We've been awarded 3 grants so far
 - Submitted 3 applications pending status
 - Have multiple applications in progress, including a BHSA proposal
 - Eligible funding under BHSA is more limited than MHSA funding
 - Extensive outreach to grants and foundation over the next couple of weeks

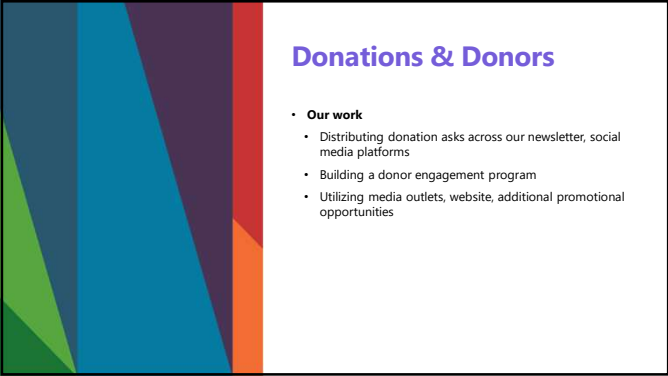
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Grants & Foundations

- **Opportunities for support**
 - Do you have connections with grants and foundations?
 - Funding is needed for our clinical services, training and education, community events, and general operating!

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Donations & Donors

- **Our work**
 - Distributing donation asks across our newsletter, social media platforms
 - Building a donor engagement program
 - Utilizing media outlets, website, additional promotional opportunities

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Donations & Donors

- **Opportunities for support**
 - Donate and/or share our message – casting a wide net matters!
 - Monthly donors are needed
 - \$5/month+

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Internal Revenue

- **Our work**
 - Resuming our clinical therapy services
 - Medi-Cal recertification
 - Exploring fee-for-service clinician contract model
 - Revamping training delivery model
 - Offer certificates of completion
 - Make trainings available for both organizations and individual
 - Day-long symposiums for LGBTQ+ competency trainings

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Internal Revenue

- **Opportunities for support**
 - Promote our services!
 - Share our messaging when our clinical services resume
 - Hire us or recommend our trainings to service providers and organizations
 - Be a spokesperson for the Pride Center's programs and services!

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Fundraisers

- **Our work**
 - Coordinating external fundraisers
 - Local business fundraisers during Pride month can yield a few thousand each
 - Ex. Backhaus Bakery's cold brew special for the month of June has raised over \$3,000 for the Pride Center every year
 - Additional spontaneous fundraisers
 - Ex., Caltrain ERG, Yoga class
 - Fierce & Fabulous Drag Show, Saturday, June 20
 - Domenico Winery, 8 pm – 9:30 pm
 - Pre-show, Show, and after party!

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Fundraisers

- **Our work continued**
 - Establishing recurring Pride Center fundraisers
 - Sacred Solidarity Network
 - Religious and spiritual institutions solicit donations from their membership
 - Past donations have yielded \$1,000+ per institution
 - Rooted in Resilience
 - Fee-based meditation and music workshop
 - Sunday, June 14, 10:30 am – 12 pm
 - Huddart Park, Redwood City

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Fundraisers

- **Our work continued**
 - Dining with Pride
 - Participating restaurants across San Mateo County will donate a portion of their proceeds to the Pride Center.
 - A host volunteer will invite people to dine in or take out, adding to the proceeds for the restaurant and the Pride Center!

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Fundraisers

- **Our work continued**
 - Dining with Pride
 - Pros for restaurants:
 - Evening selected is typically a slow night of the week.
 - Free promotion during campaign and on our website.
 - Benefits overall:
 - Supports local businesses.
 - Only requires people to enjoy dinner with their friends!

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Fundraisers

- **Opportunities for support**
 - Do you have connections to
 - Religious/spiritual institutions?
 - Businesses who would support the Pride Center?
 - Are you able to host a restaurant for Dining with Pride?
 - All people need to do is eat!
 - Are you interested in hosting a fundraiser for the Pride Center?
 - Car wash, bake sale, garage sale, or something else? Connect with me. We have resources to support you supporting us!

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Government Support

- Grants & foundations

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Government Support

- Grants & foundations

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Additional Opportunities for Support

- Do you have connections to an office space?
 - We are currently working with the County on a potential physical location, but if you have connections, please connect with me.
- Volunteer
 - We lost 50% of our team. We need help!
 - Skills needed for graphic design
 - Website maintenance (WordPress)
 - Event support
 - Safety and security volunteers
 - Other skills needed too!

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Questions & answers

Contact me:
 Frankie Sapp (he/him)
Francisco.sapp@sanmateopride.org
 650-579-5441

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

July 2026 Updates

- July 2026 Pride Center newsletter – if interested in signing up for the newsletter, please visit <https://sanmateopride.org/newsletters/>

Pride Center Important Updates:

As of August 1, 2025, our physical location of 1021 S El Camino Real, San Mateo, has been closed. **Our services are still available virtually from 10am-7pm Monday-Friday** until we find our new home.

We're excited to announce that the Pride Center is now a partner project of the [San Francisco Public Health Foundation](#)! Thank you to our new fiscal sponsor for helping us continue providing our invaluable services to the LGBTQ+ community across San Mateo County.

DONATE TO THE PRIDE CENTER

URGENT: The San Mateo County Pride Center — *the only LGBTQ+-focused provider serving the entire county*—is in danger of closing on **July 1, 2026**.

For many LGBTQ+ residents – especially Transgender and Nonbinary individuals, and community members who are People of Color – we are the only safe and affirming place to turn.

Last year alone, we served 15,544 individuals across our county.

Without the Pride Center, who we risk losing:

- Mental health counseling
- Gender-affirming services
- Service provider education and training
- Emergency food and housing support
- Community connection and peer support

We are urgently seeking:

- **Emergency Financial Support.** Bridge funding and direct contributions to help sustain immediate operations and protect continuity of care. Our goal is \$180k! All donations are important and impactful.
- **Foundation and Institutional Partnerships.** Early investment to help stabilize services and catalyze broader long-term support.
- **Government Partnership.** Collaboration in identifying sustainable funding pathways and preserving essential community infrastructure.
- **Community Connections.** Introductions to philanthropic partners, sponsors, and aligned networks.
- **Physical Space.** Access to low- or no-cost office, clinical, and community programming space.

Other ways that you can support the Pride Center include:

- **Hosting a fundraiser for us!** Please, contact us. We'd love to support you, supporting us!
- **Sharing this message!** Help us reach a wider audience. A simple forward can make a big impact!

DONATE HERE - <https://sanmateopride.org/donations/>

Questions? Please email info@sanmateopride.org or 650-591-0133

Clinical Services:

The Pride Center is excited to announce that we are now offering therapy services again! Please note that availability is limited and we can only accept out-of-pocket payments at this time.

We know that it can be difficult to find an affirming therapist, and the last thing we want is for finances to be a barrier to your care. To ensure our services are accessible as possible, we offer a **sliding scale, pay-what-you-can model**. Please reach out to clinical@sanmateopride.org to learn more about how we can help.

While we are currently not set up to accept Medi-Cal or private insurance, this is something we are working towards, so please don't hesitate to contact us. Whether you need support with mental health or healthcare, navigating housing or employment resources, emergency food/shelter, resource referrals, or more, we are here for you.

Even if therapy with the Pride Center is not an option for you right now, we can still offer referral services for:

- LGBTQ+ affirming providers vetted by the Pride Center who have therapy openings
- Providers who can write a letter of support/WPATH letter

- Organizations that provide workshops or 1-1 support with name and gender marker change

Together, we can help you fulfill your goals and work towards health, happiness, and joy!

To get started:

- Email us at info@sanmateopride.org or clinical@sanmateopride.org
- Call us at 650-591-0133

Upcoming Programming

Gayme Night

Wednesday, July 14 from 6-8PM at Outlet in Redwood City

Join San Mateo County Pride Center and Outlet for Gayme Night on July 14th. This community event will take place at Outlet in Redwood City. We'll have snacks available! Feel free to bring your own game or play some of the games that we'll have here.

No registration required. Just come by!

Outlet is located at 1779 Woodside Road, Suite 200 Redwood City (94061). For accessibility information, visit [this link](#).

Questions? Contact outletprogram@acs-teens.org

Conversation Cafe: The Current Complexity of Coming Out

Wednesday July 22, 12:30-2:30pm at Sports Basement in Redwood City

Focused on providing space for youth 13-18 and the adults who support them!

The expectation to come out is ever present for LGBTQ+ youth, but being open about LGBTQ+ identity continues to feel scarier; with increasing political and cultural hostility, voices outside the community speaking over us, and endless laws passed to keep us quiet.

During this event, we will provide space for youth participants to talk about how to safely but proudly communicate about their identities and experiences, with friends, teachers, family, and more! Adult supporters will have space to collaborate on how to protect and uplift youth in their lives, in the face of confusing and frightening rules about disclosure and outing.

We will hold focused and in-depth conversations about:

- concerns we may have about being Out safely
- how to Come Out without having to educate
- how to code-switch depending on the audience

With time to dive deep with different small groups, we will provide a forum to explore opportunities for collaborative solution building and strategizing, with the goal of feeling safer as out and proud members of the LGBTQ+ community.

Wednesday July 22, 12:30-2:30pm at Redwood City Sports Basement (202 Walnut St, Redwood City, CA 94063)

Please note -

*Transit support provided if needed

Light lunch and refreshments will be provided

Questions? Email ishani.dugar@sanmateopride.org or text/call 650-554-1234

Register here - <https://tinyurl.com/ConvoCafeJuly>

Community Zine Workshop

Fri, 7/24 from 3-5pm at CORA (2211 Palm Ave, San Mateo)

A free space where community members are invited to create Zines! We will have crafts, supplies, snacks and a community zine that anyone may contribute to! No registration required. This is an all ages event.

Join us on Friday, 7/24 from 3-5pm at CORA (2211 Palm Ave, San Mateo 94403)

For accessibility information, visit [this link](#)

Questions? Contact ErikV@corasupport.org or call 650-713-1902

Outlet Thrift

Tuesday, 8/18 from 4:30pm-6:30pm

FriGay Flicks – Kinky Boots (co-hosted with CORA)

Friday, 8/21, door at CORA (Carelle Room), doors at 6pm, movie at 630pm

We hope you can join the San Mateo County Pride Center and CORA on Friday, August 21 for a screening of “Kinky Boots”! Let’s close out the summer with this fun classic.

Join us at CORA San Mateo in the Carelle Room on Friday, August 21st! This event is free and open to the public. Snacks will be provided. Doors open at 6pm and the movie will start at 6:30 pm.

About the Film:

Charles Price may have grown up with his father in the family shoe business in Northampton, central England, but he never thought that he would take his father's place. Charles has a chance encounter with the flamboyant drag queen cabaret singer Lola and everything changes.

To watch a trailer, click [this link](#). This film is Rated PG-13. Closed Captioning will be utilized for this film.

Content warnings include:

- Mild violence
- Mild profanity

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/FriGayAugust2026>

CORA San Mateo is located at 2205 Palm Ave in San Mateo.

Accessibility information about CORA:

- CORA is mask-friendly but masks are not currently required in the office.
- Our offices are located off Palm Ave between 24th and 25th. Building 2205 is where the event will be held, 2211 is the main lobby where folks can sign in.
- There is a shared parking lot with Horizons Services. Please consider carpooling. The parking lot is located behind the building with an entrance between buildings 2205 and 2211. Additional street parking is also available.
- Both buildings are wheelchair accessible.
- The event space has a single stall gender neutral restroom, and single stall women's restroom. Additional restrooms are available in the main lobby as well.
- This is currently not a scent-free/fragrance-free space.
- This San Mateo County Pride Center and CORA event is a weapon and substance free Sober space.

Questions? Please contact info@sanmateopride.org or call 650-591-0133

Out & About: The Compton's Cafeteria Riot

Friday, August 28th at 7pm

Join the San Mateo County Pride Center as we explore our local history.

This month, we will celebrate Trans History Month by going to *The Compton's Cafeteria Riot* at the Tenderloin Museum. Come experience this performance with us, and the best part is that this is on us- no cost to our community members! It is recommended that guests arrive by 6:45pm, as the doors open at 7pm.

The Tenderloin Museum is proud to present *The Compton's Cafeteria Riot*, an original, interactive theater piece directly inspired by the historic riot for Transgender rights. *The Compton's Cafeteria Riot* is an integral piece of the Tenderloin's identity, and this play offers a singular opportunity for audiences to celebrate the individuals whose tenacious spirit spawned a movement against the long history of discrimination and violence. Attendees will convene for a late night breakfast at our Larkin Street Cafe (a surrogate for the long-gone Compton's on Turk and Taylor), where a 12 person cast will recreate the neighborhood's seminal act of resistance and immerse the audience in the tribulations of a marginalized community striving for survival and recognition.

In the summer of 1966, a trans woman and patron of the Tenderloin's Compton's Cafeteria threw her cup of hot coffee in the face of a police officer as he made an unwarranted attempted to arrest her. The riot that followed would come to be known as the United States' first recorded act of militant queer resistance to social oppression and police harassment. Three years before the famous gay riot at New York's Stonewall Inn, the neighborhood's trans women and allies banded together to fight back against their ongoing discrimination, beating the cops with their high heels and throwing furniture through the cafeteria windows.

While the Compton's Cafeteria Riot has immense significance for the LGBTQ+ community at large, it was also a defining moment for the Tenderloin. As such, Compton's figures prominently in the Tenderloin Museum's permanent exhibition.

All attendees will be served breakfast food for dinner during the production. Vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free options are available.

CONTENT WARNING: The dialogue and subject matter of the play strives for historical realism, even when that reality is objectionable by today's standards. This includes: genital-based transphobia and transmisogyny; transphobic and transmisogynistic micro-aggressions; images of bruised/battered faces; racist language; explicit description of sexual

assault(s); off-stage trans bashing; on-stage police officer(s) bullying queers; on-stage choking of a trans woman by a police officer; outing of trans people; and disparaging language toward sex work.

Registration is required - only 17 tickets available

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

See you on Friday, August 28th at 7pm at *The Compton's Cafeteria Riot* (835 Larkin St, San Francisco, 94109).

Accessibility information about *The Compton's Cafeteria Riot*:

- ***The Compton's Cafeteria Riot*** is located at the Larkin Street Cafe 835 Larkin St, San Francisco, 94109
- Please allow additional time for parking. There is not a designated lot.
- The Larkin Street Cafe is about a 15-minute walk from the Powell BART station
- Doors open at 7pm. After 7:15pm, late seating cannot be accommodated.
- This Pride Center event at *The Compton's Cafeteria Riot* is a weapon and substance free Sober space.

Questions? Please contact info@sanmateopride.org or call 650-591-0133

Trainings:

Hire Us to Train Your Organization

Does your organization or group want to better support LGBTQ+ individuals?

The San Mateo County Pride Center is excited to offer a variety of trainings and educational opportunities!

Trainings that the Pride Center provides include

- Pronouns 101
- Becoming Aware of Our Assumptions
- SOGIE 101
- SOGIE 201
- Trans* 101

- Putting Allyship Into Action

Please note: we do charge a fee for our trainings! To learn more, visit our [training page](#). If you are interested in receiving a training, please use [this link](#).

If you have questions about trainings, reach out to Ishani Dugar (they/xe) at ishani.dugar@sanmateopride.org or 650-554-1234 (text ok)

Community Events:

Ongoing Pride Center Programs and Services:

Peer Support Groups:

All Peer Support Groups are currently only meeting over Zoom. All peer support groups are 18+

Peer Support Groups- Upcoming meeting dates

- LGBTQ Book Club - Monthly on the 1st Wednesday from 4:30- 6pm PST
 - This group is now only meeting over Zoom!
 - Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/smpcbookclub>
 - To access a list of books we're reading click [this link](#).
 - Upcoming books/dates:
 - August 5: *That's What Friends Are For* by Wade Rouse
 - September 2: *The Lilac People* by Milo Todd
 - October 7: *All Friends Are Necessary* by Tomas Moniz
 - November 4: *Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid
- Polyamory Peer Power - Monthly on the 1st Wednesday from 7- 8:30pm PST
 - Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/smpcpolypeerpower>
 - Upcoming dates: August 5th, September 2nd, October 7th, November 4th, December 2nd
- Trans* Group - Monthly on the 1st Thursday from 6-7:30pm PST
 - Registration is required: <https://tinyurl.com/smpctransgroup>

- Upcoming meeting dates: August 6th, September 3rd, October 1st, November 5th, December 3rd
- **New Group!** QTBIPOC Group – Monthly on the 2nd Thursday from 6-7:30pm PST
 - Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/smpcqtbi poc>
 - Upcoming Dates: August 13th, September 10th, October 8th, November 12th, December 10th
- **New Space!** Crafting In Community – Monthly on the 3rd Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm PST
 - Join Link: <https://tinyurl.com/smpccic>
 - Upcoming Dates: August 19th, September 16th, October 21st, November 18th, December 16th
- LGBTQ Parent Group- Monthly on the 3rd Wednesday from 7:30-8:30pm PST
 - Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/smpcparentgroup>
 - Upcoming dates: August 19th, September 16th, October 21st, November 18th, December 16th
- Gay Men's Group - Monthly on the 4th Tuesday from 6-7:30pm PST
 - Registration is required: <https://tinyurl.com/smpcgaymengroup>
 - Upcoming dates: July 28th, August 25th, September 22nd, October 27th, November/December: TBD
- **New Group!** Queer Peers – Monthly on the 4th Wednesday from 6-7:30pm PST
 - Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/smpcqueerpeers>
 - Upcoming dates: July 22nd, August 26th, September 23rd, October 28th, November/December: TBD
- Queer Women's Social Group - Monthly on the 4th Friday from 6-7:30pm PST
 - Registration is required: <https://tinyurl.com/smpcqueerwomengroup>
 - Upcoming dates: July 24th, August 28th, September 25th, October 23rd, November/December: TBD

Outreach

If your organization, business, group, church, or school is interested in having the Pride Center participate in your programming, we ask that you submit your request [via this form](https://tinyurl.com/2627SMCPCOutreachRequestForm) (<https://tinyurl.com/2627SMCPCOutreachRequestForm>).

Examples of how we can support or collaborate with you include, but aren't limited to:

- Tabling at your resource fair or event
- Co-hosting/ partnering an event with the Pride Center
- Speaking at your event

Please note:

Submitting a request is not a guarantee that we can participate

Free services include – collaborating or co-hosting events, tabling, and giving a speech at your event

General Pride Center information:

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/>

To: LGBTQIA+ Commission of San Mateo County
From: Tanya Beat, Commission Manager
Date: July 21, 2026
Subject: Director's Report

Commission Co-Chair Election

- Vanessa Lemus Tapia has self-nominated as a co-chair
- Dave Crafts has self-nominated as a co-chair
- Co-chairs facilitate the monthly commission meetings and help determine the agenda for each meeting.

Commission Meeting Time Change Proposal

- Goal: We want to meet at different locations around San Mateo County.
- Challenge: the time of the meeting ends at 8:30pm and most open and free venues close at 8:00pm or earlier.
- Important Notes:
 - Most public libraries close at 8pm on Tuesdays. Libraries are wonderful and are mostly free of cost which makes them ideal locations to meet.
 - With the Brown Act changes, commissioners who may be late, can zoom in until they arrive at the venue.
- Motion to move the Commission meeting time to 6:00-8:00pm.

Pride Visibility Activity

October is LGBTQ+ History Month

Most schools close their school year by the end of May, before the start of Pride Month in June. In order to increase visibility at schools, perhaps we can invite all schools to raise the Progress Pride Flag in October to recognize LGBTQ+ History month. The San Mateo County Office of Education is also launching an Anti-Bullying Campaign in October which compliments this initiative.

- **SMCOE Contacts:** Valerie Arbizu and Stacy Russell (SMCOE GSA main contact)
- They are offered to send our email invitation to their school lists.
- They need the invitation by early August so that it is included.
- LGBTQIA+ Commission is offering to provide Progress Pride Flags to schools who request them.

Pride Visibility Activity - *October is LGBTQ+ History Month (continued)*

Letter Draft:

Dear [Administrator or GSA Advisor],

The LGBTQIA+ Commission of San Mateo County is uplifting LGBTQIA+ visibility by inviting all San Mateo County schools to fly the Progress Pride Flag during the month of October for LGBTQ+ History Month. When youth see the rainbow flag, it communicates safety, being welcomed, and pride in being different.

Small acts of inclusion can have a lasting impact. Join in by flying the Progress Pride Flag and let us know if you need one! We will provide one for you to keep at no cost. Please read below for more information about LGBTQ+ History Month and tips to be inclusive and respectful of each other.

In solidarity,

The LGBTQIA+ Commission of San Mateo County

Tanya Beat, Commission Manager, tbeat@smcgov.org

Celebrating LGBTQ+ History Month

Learning about different identities and lived experience helps us build stronger, more inclusive communities. During the month of October, we recognize LGBTQ+ History Month, a time to celebrate the history, achievements, and resilience of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and other LGBTQ+ individuals who have shaped our communities and our world.

October also includes National Coming Out Day (October 11) which provides the opportunity to learn from stories shared by community members and celebrates authenticity, courage, and self-expression.

All of us with the LGBTQIA+ Commission believe that every young person deserves to feel safe, respected, and valued for who they are. Recognizing LGBTQ+ History Month reminds us of the importance of creating spaces where everyone can thrive, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Be Respectful!

One of the simplest ways to support LGBTQ+ individuals is by using respectful and inclusive language. Address people by the names and pronouns they ask you to use, avoid making assumptions about someone's identity, and be open to learning from others' experiences.

Respecting someone's identity is a meaningful way to show that they belong and are valued within our community.

Celebrate Diversity!

There are many ways to recognize LGBTQ+ History Month:

- Fly the Progress Pride Flag at your school and district office.
- Learn about historical milestones in the LGBTQ+ rights movement.
- Attend local educational or community events.
- Support LGBTQ+-owned businesses and organizations.
- Read books or watch documentaries highlighting LGBTQ+ history and voices.
- Create welcoming environments where everyone feels comfortable being themselves.

Small acts of inclusion can have a lasting impact.

Stand Up Against Bullying!

October is also recognized as National Bullying Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness about the effects of bullying and encourage kindness, respect, and inclusion in our schools, workplaces, and communities.

Bullying can take many forms, including verbal, physical, social, and online (cyberbullying). Everyone deserves to feel safe, accepted, and valued for who they are. If you witness bullying, don't stay silent. Offer support to those who may be affected, speak up when it's safe to do so, and report harmful behavior when appropriate.

Join us in our commitment to foster an environment where every individual feels respected and empowered. By choosing kindness, standing up for others, and celebrating our differences, we can help create a community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Whether you're celebrating LGBTQ+ History Month, learning how to be a stronger ally, or taking a stand against bullying, every act of kindness and inclusion helps create a community where everyone belongs. Together, we can make a positive difference—this month and every month.

