



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO LGBTQIA+ COMMISSION

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

Tuesday, August 18, 2026, 6:00 PM – 8:00 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 6:00pm
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 July Meeting Minutes

REGULAR AGENDA

6. Reflection & Discussion: Kindling the Fire (6:15pm) – Dave Crafts
7. Pride Center Report (6:45pm)– Frankie Sapp, SMC Pride Center Director
8. Sub-Committee Updates (7:05pm)
 - SpeakOUT Sub-Committee (Marilyn Hollinger, Chris Sturken Dave Crafts, Vanessa Lemus-Tapia)
 - Training Update and Next Steps
 - Engagement Sub-Committee (Mike Cooper, Fabricio Perez, Dana Johnson, Jade Howard)
 - Meeting Location Discussion for September, October, November
9. County Update (7:35pm) – Christina Falla and Tanya Beat
10. Announcements (7:40pm) – All
11. Adjournment (7:45pm)

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3. Members of the public are limited to one comment per agenda item.
4. The length of the emailed comment should be commensurate with the one minute customarily allowed for verbal comments, which is approximately 150-200 words.
5. If your emailed comment is received by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, it will be provided to the LGBTQIA+ Commission. If emailed comments are received after 12:00p.m. on the day of the meeting, the staff will make every effort to either (i) provide such emailed comments to the LGBTQIA+ Commission, or (ii) read such emails or a summary thereof during the meeting.

***Spoken Comments:** In person Participation:

1. If you wish to speak, please fill out a speaker's slip located on the materials table. If you have anything that you wish distributed to the LGBTQIA+ Commission, please hand it to staff who will distribute the information to the members and staff.

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3. You will be asked to enter an email address and name. We request that you identify yourself by name as this will be visible online and will be used to notify you that it is your turn to speak.
4. When either Chair or staff calls for the item on which you wish to speak, click on "raise hand." Speakers will be notified shortly before they are called to speak.

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COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

LGBTQIA+ COMMISSION

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

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement		
2. Roll Call		Present: Mike Cooper, Dave Crafts, Marilyn Hollinger, Dana Johnson, Jade Howard (on Zoom), Christopher Sturken, Fabricio Perez, Vanessa Lemus-Tapia Non-Commissioners: Tanya Beat, Frankie Sapp Absent: Camille Kennedy
3. Public Comment		Member of the public on Zoom: Jordan Anderson, Erik Lucien Vallone, Brian
4. Action to Set Agenda & Approve Consent	Action	Mike Cooper motions to approve agenda, seconded by Dave Crafts. Approved.
CONSENT AGENDA		
5. Approval of May Minutes	Action	
REGULAR AGENDA		
6. Pride Center Report	Present ation	Frankie Sapp presented the status of the Pride Center. Please see attached Pride Center Report specific to July programming.
7. Pride Month Reflections & Commission Vacancies		Sharing reflections of Pride Month. - There are 2 vacancies. - Deadline to apply is August 28th. - Please personally email and invite your friends and colleagues to apply. - Ideal to have ten applications submitted. Youth, allies, retired folks are all needed for representation.
8. Sub-Committee Work Plan Presentations		Engagement (Jade Howard, Mike Cooper, Fabricio Perez, Dana Johnson) - Jade will now be a member of this sub committee. Mike Cooper will co-lead and seek another co-lead (Fabricio Perez). SpeakOUT (Marilyn Hollinger, Chris Sturken, Dave Crafts, Vanessa Lemus-Tapia) - Preparing for training on July 30 at 7:00pm
9. Director's Report		Co-Chair Elections - Vanessa is self-nominated for Co-chair. Motion to approve her as Co-chair by Dave Crafts. Seconded by Dana Johnson. Vanessa abstains from vote. Approved.

		- Dave Crafts is self-nominated for Co-chair. Motion to approve him as Co-chair by Chris Sturken. Seconded by Dana Johnson. Dave abstains from vote. Approved. Commission Meeting Time Discussion and Action - See Director's Report for goal. Motion to change the LGBTQIA+ Commission meeting times to 6:00-8:00pm by Marilyn Hollinger. Seconded by Dana Johnson. Approved. October is LGBTQ+ History Month - Review invitation in meeting materials.
10. Announcements		LGBTQ Victory Institute is Dec 2-4 in Washington DC
11. Adjournment		



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

August 2026 Updates

- August 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.

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

Out to Eat

Speak OUT

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

Upcoming Programming

Outlet Thrift

Tuesday, 8/18 from 4:30pm-6:30pm at Adolescent Counseling Center
SMCPC clinical staff will be available for drop-in Case Management during this time.

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 attempt 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 6 tickets still 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

Mindful Walk in Memorial Park

Saturday, September 19th from 1-3:30pm

Join San Mateo County Parks Foundation, CORA, and the San Mateo County Pride Center for a mindful walk in Memorial Park. This hike will take place Saturday, September 19th from 1-3:30pm and will be led by a certified Forest Therapy guide.

Memorial Park is a unique and magical park surrounded by old-growth redwoods. It offers picnic areas, a nature center, a camp store, campfire programs, and the beautiful Pescadero Creek that winds through the park. Known for its family-friendly camping areas, Memorial Park is also home to the scenic Tan Oak and Mt. Ellen Nature Trails, making it an ideal location for a restorative Forest Therapy experience.

Forest Therapy is a guided practice of slow, mindful walking in nature designed to reduce stress, improve mood, and foster a deeper connection with yourself and the natural world. Rooted in the Japanese practice of Shinrin-yoku ("forest bathing"), it invites participants to slow down, engage their senses, and reconnect with nature. No hiking experience or special level of physical fitness is required.

What a Session Looks Like?

A certified Forest Therapy guide leads the group through gentle, easy-paced invitations, simple prompts that encourage participants to notice the sounds, sights, textures, and sensations of the forest. Sessions typically last about two hours, and no special gear is needed beyond comfortable clothing and closed-toe shoes.

The pace is relaxed and non-competitive. This is not a workout or a hike with a destination, but an opportunity to be present, restore your mind and body, and experience nature in a meaningful way.

Memorial Park:

9500 Pescadero Creek Road, Loma Mar, CA 94021

Please let us know if transportation support is needed. For any questions or concerns regarding the event, please contact Cristina P. Vila Ruiz at cristina@supportparks.org and Elana Ron at elana.ron@sanmateopride.org. For more information about San Mateo County's various parks, visit: <https://supportparks.org>.

Meeting Spot Address: 9500 Pescadero Creek Rd, Loma Mar, CA 94021

For more information about Memorial Park and its history, visit:

[Memorial Park | County of San Mateo CA](#)

Spaces are LIMITED, RSVP ASAP at <https://tinyurl.com/SMCPCFallHike26>

Sound Healing to Embody Inner Peace

Join San Mateo County Pride Center and Banyan Tree Women's Collective for this healing event in honor of Suicide Prevention Month.

Collective care in challenging times is the most important action you can take to protect your mental health.

In honor of Suicide Prevention month the Banyan Wellness Team invites you to join us for 90 minutes of sound healing, breathwork, meditation and journaling. Come as you are with an open mind to embrace stillness and rest while being witnessed by your community.

Please bring a yoga mat, blanket, and pillow as you will be lying down for most of the experience. You can improve your experience by preparing in the following ways:

- Come with a digested stomach
- Bring your thermal mug for tea
- Water bottle
- Journal and Pen
- Optional eye mask

If you require special assistance or have questions about the session please reach out to Info@banyanWomen.org for support.

Spaces are LIMITED, RSVP ASAP at <https://tinyurl.com/SPMSoundBath26>

See you on Wednesday, September 23rd at 6pm in the Taube Room at The Belmont Public Library (1110 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont, 94002).

Accessibility information about The Belmont Public Library:

- The Belmont Public Library is located at 1110 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont, 94002
- There is a designated parking lot as well as street parking available.
- The Belmont Public Library is close to the SamTrans 295 stop at Alameda de las Pulgas & Belmont Library.
- The Taube Room will open at 6pm and activities will start at 6:15pm.
- There are gendered restroom spaces with ADA accessible stalls..
- This Pride Center event at the Belmont Public Library is a weapon and substance free Sober space.

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

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, September 30th

We Belong Here: Mindfulness, Connection, and Community Interactive Workshop

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)

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

- o 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
- o 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
- o 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
- o **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: 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: 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: 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/2627SMPCOutreachRequestForm) (<https://tinyurl.com/2627SMPCOutreachRequestForm>).

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/>