



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO LGBTQIA+ COMMISSION

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

Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 6:00 PM – 7:45 PM

IN-PERSON MEETING: Brisbane Library, 163 Visitacion Avenue, Brisbane, CA 94005

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 September Meeting Minutes

REGULAR AGENDA

6. Ice Breaker (6:15pm) – Vanessa and Dave
7. Pride Center Report (6:22pm) – Tanya Beat
8. County Update (6:52pm)
 - Vacancy update
 - Last meeting of 2026 is November 17
 - Transgender Day of Remembrance
9. Sub-Committee Meeting Time (7:10pm)
 - SpeakOUT Sub-Committee (Marilyn Hollinger, Chris Sturken Dave Crafts, Vanessa Lemus-Tapia)
 - Engagement Sub-Committee (Mike Cooper, Fabricio Perez, Dana Johnson, Jade Howard)
10. Announcements (7:35pm) – All
11. Adjournment (7:45pm)

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1. Your written comment should be emailed to tbeat@smcgov.org by 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting.
2. Your email should include the specific agenda item on which you are commenting or note that your comment concerns an item that is not on the agenda or is on the consent agenda.
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, September 15, 2026

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement		
2. Roll Call		Present: Mike Cooper, Marilyn Hollinger, Jade Howard, Dana Johnson, Fabricio Perez, Vanessa Lemus-Tapia, Chris Sturken Non-Commissioners: Tanya Beat, Christina Falla, Frankie Sapp (on Zoom) Absent: Dave Crafts
3. Public Comment		Member of the public on Zoom: Jordan Anderson, Edian Valenzuela, Vou Aumavae Members of the public In-Person: Tatum King
4. Action to Set Agenda & Approve Consent	Action	Marilyn Hollinger motions to approve agenda, seconded by Mike Cooper. Approved.
CONSENT AGENDA		
5. Approval of August Minutes	Action	
REGULAR AGENDA		
6. Pride Center Report		Frankie Sapp – please see Pride Center report in materials - Update on Dining Out, Sept-Oct Programs & Events - Coming Out Panel on October 20th - Update on Measure K grant from San Mateo County - Volunteers: what type of support are you looking for? Graphic Design; Event planning or support; Peer groups; Advocacy & visibility.
7. County Update & Staff Report		- Supervisor Corzo's Office: update on VLF response from CA; update on Shared Prosperity Study Session from Board of Supervisors Meeting - October LGBTQ+ History Month & National Coming Out Day (see Director's Rpt) - Vacancy update – 10 applications submitted. It may take up to six months for vacancies to be filled. (see Director's Rpt) - Endorsements Policy (see Director's Rpt)
8. Work Plans Review		Retreat Notes (see materials) Committee shared accomplishments such as: - ICC is now SpeakOUT! - SpeakOUT! training was revised and conducted - More connection with participants with Action Alert emails - Engagement: commissioners participated with Pride activities in June

		- Secured Millbrae Library Community Room for Sept meeting
9. Sub-Committee Meeting Time		Each Committee took 30 minutes to discuss what they will commit to between now and December, 2026. They shared their ideas. We will review in January 2027 and then look at actions for Jan-April, 2027. <u>SpeakOUT! Committee:</u> - Create a Google Group email list for Action Alerts - Trainings scheduled for October 8 & January 14 - Action Alerts can include upcoming Pride Center events to attend (will send 3 action alerts from now to end of year) - “How to create an Op-Ed” can be part of a future training <u>Engagement Committee:</u> - Keep this as a meeting place for October if we can. Then encourage people to attend our meetings. (Potential encourage everyone to engage with Pride visibility activities with cities (Proclamations, flag-raising))
10. Announcements		Rooted Together Gala on Sept 18 at San Mateo Event Center. Contact Kalimah Salahuddin for tickets. Dana Johnson is running for SMC Board of Education, Area 2 Chris Sturken is re-running for City Council, Redwood City.
11. Adjournment		



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

October 2026 Updates

- October 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

Speak OUT

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

Upcoming Programming

Pop-Up Outlet Thrift (Clothing Swap)

Tuesday, October 6th from 4:30-6:30pm

Join Outlet for this opportunity to participate in the clothing swap. San Mateo County Pride Center staff will also be there for Case Management drop-in hours.

- At this moment, while we will still accept donations, we are encouraging folks to take more clothes!

Adolescent Counseling Services is located at 1779 Woodside Rd Suite 200, Redwood City, CA 94061.

National Coming Out Day 2026 Panel and Allyship Workshop

Tuesday, October 20th from 6-7:30 PM

Join us for a community panel about Coming and Being out in 2026! The panel will be followed with a workshop space focused on supporting people coming out, and case management services for LGBTQ+ community members looking for support. We look forward to seeing you and creating safe spaces to celebrate who we are!

For questions please contact ishani.dugar@sanmateopride.org

See you on Tuesday, October 20th from 6-7:30 PM at Manzanita Hall in 500 County Center (Redwood City).

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/SMCPCNCOD2026>

Accessibility information about Manzanita Hall at 500 County Center:

- Manzanita Hall is on the ground floor of the 500 County Center building.

- The entrance to Manzanita Hall is near the corner of Marshall St and Middlefield Road and is not accessible from the 500 building's main entrance on the plaza side.
- Parking is free after 5pm on the ground floor of the public garage on campus, and there is metered parking in the area.
- The entrance of Manzanita Hall is wheelchair accessible and there is parking on the side of the building for those who have disability placards.
- 500 County Center is located 0.3 miles from the Redwood City Caltrain stop and the Redwood City Caltrain stop for Samtrans ECR.
- There are two single stall, all-gender, ADA accessible restrooms.
- This is currently not a scent-free/fragrance-free space. We strive to be scent/fragrance-aware.
- This Pride Center event at Manzanita Hall is a weapon and substance-free sober space.

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

FriGay Flicks- The Rocky Horror Picture Show

Friday, October 23 at 6pm

FILM: The Rocky Horror Picture Show (Rated R)

We hope you can join the San Mateo County Pride Center and CORA on Friday, October 23 for a screening of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show"! Let's get ready for Halloween with this cult classic.

Join us at CORA San Mateo in the Carelle Room on Friday, October 23rd! This event is free and open to the public. **Costumes encouraged!** Snacks will be provided. Doors open at 6pm and the movie will start at 6:30 pm.

CORA San Mateo is located at 2205 Palm Ave.

About the Film:

On a wild and rain-swept late-November evening, somewhere at an empty stretch of road, blissfully-affianced, prudish, boringly-innocent young pair Brad Majors (Barry Bostwick) and Janet Weiss (Susan Sarandon) find themselves stranded on their way to visit an ex-tutor. Instead, the couple will inadvertently unearth the cross-dressing Dr. Frank-N-Furter's (Tim

Curry's) spooky lair of inexhaustible oddities, just in time to partake in the out-of-this-world mad scientist's proud unveiling of his latest, delightfully extravagant, most daring creation: the ultimate male and the perfect sex symbol. But, little by little, as the effervescent transgressive force gobbles up whole the unsuspecting visitors of the night, Brad and Janet slowly begin to embrace the potent fascinations of seduction, while an idolized Rocky roams free in the mansion. Who can interrupt man's union with absolute pleasure?

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

This film is Rated R.

Content warnings include:

- Mild violence
- Mild alcohol and cigarette use
- Moderate Sex & Nudity

Closed Captioning will be utilized for this film. Register at:

<https://tinyurl.com/FriGayOct2026>

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

Halloween Queeraoke

Wednesday, October 28th from 6-8pm

Can you think of a better way to prepare for Halloween 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!

Costumes are encouraged, but not required. Dress like your favorite animal or mythical creature. Join Outlet and the San Mateo County Pride Center for this fun and fabulous space! This is a sober, all ages event. Snacks will be provided.

See you on Wednesday, October 28th from 6-8 PM at the Adolescent Counseling Services (1779 Woodside Rd Suite 200, Redwood City, CA 94061)

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/SMCPCHLWNQueeraoke2026>

Accessibility information about Outlet at Adolescent Counseling Services (ACS):

- Adolescent Counseling Services (ACS) is a “mask friendly” space. While masks are not required, we will provide masks for those who wish to wear them.
- There is a parking lot located behind the building, with entrances on Woodside Road and Santa Clara Ave.
- ACS is located on the second floor of the building, at Suite 200. The suite can be accessed by elevator or stairs inside the entrance to the building by the parking lot.
- There is a wheel-chair accessible entrance located at the parking lot entrance.
- ACS is located 0.3 miles west of the Woodside Rd and Massachusetts stop for Samtrans 278.
- This is currently not a scent-free/fragrance-free space. We strive to be scent/fragrance-aware.
- ACS is a weapon and substance-free sober space.

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

Gayme Night

Tuesday, November 10th from 6-8pm

Instead of being bored, join the Pride Center and Outlet for Gayme Night! From party games to trivia, Nintendo switch, mahjong and board games, there will be something for everyone. If you have a game that *you've* been wanting to play, bring it to game night! Join us!

Out & About- GLBT Historical Society Museum

Saturday, December 5th at 11am

Join the San Mateo County Pride Center as we explore our local history with our Out & About events.

This is part of a series of community gatherings at locally owned or friendly LGBTQ+ businesses. This month, we will meet at GLBT Historical Society Museum for a self-guided group tour to celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month.

Join us at 11 am on Saturday, December 5th. Cost is \$5 per person, but no registered community member will be turned away for lack of funds.

While the majority of the GLBTHS museum's content is family-friendly and appropriate for all ages, the museum does contain some sexually explicit material in a few exhibits. The "South of Market: San Francisco's Leather Scene" exhibit in the rear left corner of the main gallery displays some sexually explicit graphic posters as well as video footage from leather and kink events such as Dore Alley and Folsom Street Fair.

Registration is required

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

See you on Saturday, December 5th at 11am at The GLBT Historical Society Museum (4127 18th Street, San Francisco, CA 94114).

Accessibility information about The GLBT Historical Society Museum:

- The GLBT Historical Society Museum is located at 4127 18th Street, San Francisco, CA 94114
- Please allow time for parking. There is not a designated lot for the museum. Parking is not included.

- GLBT Historical Society Museum is close to the SFMTA 33 or 24 stop at 18th and Castro St and the Castro BART Station.
- This Pride Center event at GLBT Historical Society Museum 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)

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:
 - 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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/>



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO LGBTQIA+ COMMISSION

To: LGBTQIA+ Commission of San Mateo County
From: Tanya Beat, Director
Date: October 20, 2026
Subject: County Update

Thank you to Dana and Dave:

- Dana Johnson and Dave Crafts will represent the Commission at the next San Mateo County “Civics 101” session. They will be on a panel of other commissioners sharing about their Commission experience.

Vacancy Update

- Ten applicants
- Waiting to hear back from President Corzo regarding screening and scheduling of interviews

November 17 is our Last Meeting of 2026

- Location of Meeting?
- Potluck

Transgender Day of Remembrance

- **Proclamation and Altar**
 - Tuesday, November 17, Board of Supervisors Meeting, 9:00am
 - Altar will be displayed at 500 County Center from November 16 – December 4
- **Flag-raising & Reading of the Names**
 - Flag-raising is Thursday, November 19, 3:00-3:30pm
 - After the flag-raising will be a Reading of the Names in the Lobby of 500 County Center, 3:30-4:15pm

You all are welcome to attend both the Proclamation and the flag-raising. Please let me know of your attendance!