COUNTY OF SAN MATEO LGBTQIA+ COMMISSION

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

MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, November 17, 2026, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

IN-PERSON MEETING: room 101, 455 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063

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

For Audio Conference: dial +1 669 900 6833 then enter Conference ID: 876 9350 2344 followed by #

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 October Meeting Minutes**

REGULAR AGENDA

6. **Pride Center Report** (6:15pm)– San Mateo County Pride Center

7. **County Update** (6:30pm)
   - Transgender Day of Remembrance – Proclamation, flag-raising, reading of the names
   - 2027 Calendar of Meetings
   - BOS meeting schedule for 2027 – presentations now on Monday afternoons
   - Indivisible Mid Peninsula's Election Defense Rapid Response

8. **Appreciations Activity** (7:00pm)

9. **Sub-Committee Meeting Time** (7:12pm) – *13 min to meet, 5 minutes for updates*

   - 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** (7:30pm) – All

11. **Adjournment** (7:35pm)

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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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1. The meeting may be accessed through Zoom online (see instructions above).
2. You may download the Zoom client or connect to the meeting using an internet browser. If using your browser, make sure you are using a current, up-to-date browser: Chrome 30+, Firefox 27+, Microsoft Edge 12+, Safari 7+. Certain functionality may be disabled in older browsers including Internet Explorer.
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, October 20, 2026
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement		Start at 6:05pm
2. Roll Call		**Present:** Mike Cooper, Marilyn Hollinger, Dana Johnson, Vanessa Lemus-Tapia, Chris Sturken, Dave Crafts (Zoom), Fabricio Perez (Zoom) Non-Commissioners: Tanya Beat, Christina Falla (Zoom) Absent: Jade Howard
3. Public Comment		Member of the public on Zoom: Jordan Anderson, Edian Valenzuela, Erik-Lucien Vallone
4. Action to Set Agenda & Approve Consent	*Action*	Marilyn Hollinger motions to amend the agenda to replace sub-committee meeting time with updates only (item #9). Seconded by Mike Cooper. Approved. No vote for Dave Crafts.
CONSENT AGENDA		
5. Approval of September Minutes	*Action*	Marilyn Hollinger motions to approve the minutes, seconded by Mike Cooper. Approved. No vote for Chris Sturken.
REGULAR AGENDA		
6. Icebreaker	*Discussion*	Led by Vanessa Lemus-Tapia
7. Pride Center Report	*Update*	Tanya Beat – please see Pride Center report in materials - First Dining Out led by Chris Sturken, Oct 18 - Coming Out Panel on October 20th (the reason why no staff could attend this meeting) - Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in review: 7,746 individuals served across all programs; trained 787 people across San Mateo County; full report will be ready at the end of October - Financial highlights 7 grants received and 6 grants submitted or in the pipeline - Operational budget is strong at $790,000 - Offices are ready and Pride Center expects to open to the public in December. An Open House invite will go out to you all. -
8. County Update		- The gender affirming resolution is ready to go and will be on a future BOS agenda. Christina will let us know which meeting so we can do positive public comment - Currently screening vacancy applications. Hope to get dates from Supervisor Corzo to set up in-person interviews.

		- Transgender Day of Remembrance: Proclamation at Nov 17 BOS meeting - TDOR flag-raising & Reading of the Names on Nov 19 from 3-4:30pm at 500 County Center (courtyard and lobby). Altar will be set up from Nov 16-December.
9. Sub-Committee Updates		<u>SpeakOUT! Committee:</u> - Google Group email for Action Alerts is ready and has been used. - Next Training is January 14 – will focus on Op-Eds - Only one person actually attended Oct training. Will need to focus on something specific to incentivize people to actually attend. <u>Engagement Committee:</u> - No updates but they will assess a location for the Nov 17th meeting.
10. Announcements		VOTE!
11. Adjournment		

San Mateo County Pride Center (click for website)

November 2026 Updates

- November 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

Crafty Queer Creative Hour(s)

Monday, November 9th from 4:30-6:30pm

Bring your current craft project or start something new with queer community at our crafty queer creative hour! This new group will meet every second Monday at Adolescent Counseling Services, located at 1779 Woodside Rd Suite 200, Redwood City, CA 94061.

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!

TDOR Flag raising and Reading of the Names

Thursday, November 19th from 3:00-4:30pm

We will start in the courtyard of 500 County Center, raising the transgender flag with President Noelia Corzo. Then we will move into the lobby of 500 County Center where the Altar is set up and we will have a Reading of the Names.

The Weight We Carry

Thursday, November 19th from 5-8pm

Join Felton Institute's Peninsula Suicide Prevention (PSP) Program and San Mateo County Health for connection and support. Through hands-on fitness, we're creating space to talk

about the things men and boys carry — stress, grief, isolation, and the pressure to hold it all together alone. At Sports Basement Redwood City, 202 Walnut St, Redwood City.
Register at: https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/rypkrb3

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 commemorate World AIDS Day.

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

Crafty Queer Creative Hour(s)

Monday, December 14th from 4:30-6:30pm

Bring your current craft project or start something new with queer community at our crafty queer creative hour! This new group will meet every second Monday at Adolescent Counseling Services, located at 1779 Woodside Rd Suite 200, Redwood City, CA 94061.

Outlet's Holiday Drop-In

Friday, December 18th from 4-7pm

Join Outlet for this Holiday Drop-In, combining some of our favorite things! You have the opportunity to participate in the clothing swap, sing some Queeraoke, or check in with San Mateo County Pride Center staff 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.

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

- 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:
    - December 2nd: *The Tuxedo Society* by Paul Rudnick
    - January 6th: *The Six: The Untold Story of America's First Women Astronauts* by Loren Grush
- Polyamory Peer Power - Monthly on the 1st Wednesday from 7- 8:30pm PST
  - Registration link: https://tinyurl.com/smpcpolypeerpower
  - Upcoming dates: December 2nd
- Trans* Group - Monthly on the 1st Thursday from 6-7:30pm PST
  - Registration is required: https://tinyurl.com/smpctransgroup
  - Upcoming meeting dates: December 3rd
- **New Group!** QTBIPOC Group – Monthly on the 2nd Thursday from 6-7:30pm PST
  - Registration link: https://tinyurl.com/smpcqtbipoc
  - Upcoming Dates: November 12th, December 10th
- LGBTQ Parent Group- Monthly on the 3rd Wednesday from 7:30-8:30pm PST
  - Registration link: https://tinyurl.com/smpcparentgroup
  - Upcoming dates: 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: *Meetings in December and November will be 3rd Tuesdays to accommodate Holidays and Center Closure Hours
    - November 17th, December 15th
- **New Group!** Queer Peers – Monthly on the 4th Wednesday* from 6-7:30pm PST

        - Registration link: https://tinyurl.com/smpcqueerpeers
        - Upcoming dates: *Meetings in December and November will be 3rd Wednesdays to accommodate Holidays and Center Closure Hours
            - November 18th, December 16th
    - Queer Women's Social Group - Monthly on the 4th Friday* from 6-7:30pm PST
        - Registration is required: https://tinyurl.com/smpcqueerwomengroup
        - Upcoming dates: *Meetings in December and November will be 3rd Fridays to accommodate Holidays and Center Closure Hours
            - November 20th, December 18th

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).

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

2027 Meeting Schedule

1. Meetings of the LGBTQIA+ Commission are held on the third Tuesday of each month.
2. Meeting time 6:00-8:00 PM
3. Room 101, 455 County Center, Redwood City

January 19
February 16
March 16
April 20
May 18
June 15
July 20
August 17
September 21
October 19
November 16
No December meeting

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2027 GRANICUS Approval Schedule

Board Meeting Date	Last Day to Add Completed Item in Legistar & Start Approval Sequences (Thursdays)	County Attorney's Legistar Approval Date (Fridays)	Dept. Head's Legistar Approval Date (Mondays)	CEO Analyst 2 Day Mandatory Legistar Review	Board Clerks 2 Day Mandatory Review for Packet	Agenda Packet Submitted to County Executive for Review (Mondays)	Agenda Review @ 9:00 am (Thursdays)	Final Revisions DUE by 5:00 pm (Fridays)	Publish BOS Agenda by 5:00 pm (Wednesdays)
Jan 5 (Re-org/Consent-only)	11/16 (MON)	11/17 (TUES)	11/18 (WED)	11/19-20	11/23-24	11/30	12/3	12/4	12/22 (TUES)
Jan 11 / Jan 12	11/23 (MON)	11/24 (TUES)	11/30	12/1-2	12/3-4	12/7	12/10	12/11	1/6
Jan 25 / Jan 26	12/21 (MON)	12/22 (TUES)	1/4	1/5-1/6	1/7-1/8	1/11	1/14	1/15	1/20
Feb 8 / Feb 9 ■	1/13 (WED)	1/14 (THURS)	1/15 (FRI)	1/19-20	1/21-22	1/25	1/28	1/29	2/3
Feb 22 /Feb 23 ≈	1/28	1/29	2/1	2/2-3	2/4-5	2/8	2/11	2/12	2/17
Mar 8 / Mar 9	2/9 (TUES)	2/10 (WED)	2/11 (THURS)	2/16-17	2/18-2/19	2/22	2/25	2/26	3/3
Mar 22 / Mar 23	2/25	2/26	3/1	3/2-3	3/4-5	3/8	3/11	3/12	3/17
Apr 12 / Apr 13 ≈	3/18	3/19	3/22	3/23-24	3/25-26	3/29	4/1	4/2	4/7
Apr 26 / Apr 27	4/1	4/2	4/5	4/6-7	4/8-9	4/12	4/15	4/16	4/21
May 10 / May 11	4/15	4/16	4/19	4/20-21	4/22-23	4/26	4/29	4/30	5/5
May 24/ May 25 ≈	4/29	4/30	5/3	5/4-5	5/6-7	5/10	5/13	5/14	5/19
June 14 / June 15	5/19 (WED)	5/20 (THURS)	5/21 (FRI)	5/24-25	5/26-27	5/28 *FRIDAY* (Mon. holiday)	6/3	6/4	6/9
June 28▲ (Consent-only agenda) June 29▲ June 30▲	6/3	6/4	6/7	6/8-9	6/10-11	6/14	6/17	6/18	6/23
Aug 9 / Aug 10	7/15	7/16	7/19	7/20-21	7/22-23	7/26	7/29	7/30	8/4
Aug 23 / Aug 24 ≈	7/29	7/30	8/2	8/3-4	8/5-6	8/9	8/12	8/13	8/18
Sept 13 / Sept 14	8/19	8/20	8/23	8/24-25	8/26-27	8/30	9/2	9/3	9/8
Sept 27 / Sept 28 ◘	8/31 (TUES)	9/1 (WED)	9/2 (THURS)	9/7-8	9/9-10	9/13	9/16	9/17	9/22
Oct 4 / Oct 5 ≈	9/9	9/10	9/13	9/14-15	9/16-17	9/20	9/23	9/24	9/29
Oct 18 / Oct 19	9/23	9/24	9/27	9/28-29	9/30-10/1	10/4	10/7	10/8	10/13
Nov 1 / Nov 2 ≈	10/6 (WED)	10/7 (THURS)	10/8 (FRI)	10/12-13	10/14-15	10/18	10/21	10/22	10/27
Nov 8 / Nov 9	10/14	10/15	10/18	10/19-20	10/21-22	10/25	10/28	10/29	11/3
Dec 6 / Dec 7 ≈	11/3 (WED)	11/4 (THURS)	11/5 (FRI)	11/8-9	11/9-10	11/15	11/18	11/19	12/1
Dec 13 / Dec 14	11/15 (MON)	11/16 (TUES)	11/17 (WED)	11/18-19	11/22-23	11/29	12/2	12/3	12/8

■ Annual Mid-Year Report

▲ 3-Day Budget Hearings (6/28 only date for consent items, 6/29 & 6/30 Only Budget, no other items will be added)

◘ Adoption of the FY 2027-28 Budget (Consent-only Agenda)

≈ **Service Awards: 2/23, 4/13, 5/25, 8/24, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7**

Accelerated Holiday Deadlines

Reminders: Agenda review will also take place for both Monday/Tuesday on the same Thursday. Draft agendas will be distributed on the Monday preceding Agenda Review in yellow above.
Holidays may change this distribution date to earlier as indicated.
Last day to enter items is on Thursdays unless otherwise accelerated per Holidays deadlines.
Adhere to the above deadlines. **Once documents are attorney-reviewed, complete/final, create the item in Granicus and start the approval sequence.**

10/20/2026