



CoastPride Report

LGBTQ Commission Meeting- Tuesday, October 17, 2023 @ 6:00pm

From CoastPride Board Member:

Dana “TherActivist” Johnson (they/ them)

- **About CoastPride**

- **Our Vision**

A welcoming and safe Coastsides where all LGBTQ and gender-expansive individuals, their families, and allies thrive.

- **Our Mission**

Creating a Coastsides that supports and celebrates people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

- CoastPride Events/ Trainings:
- For events and to learn about what’s going on at CoastPride see the CoastPride newsletter.
- Center Hours
 - Drop-in—all are welcome
 - Mondays, 10am–2pm (ring the black doorbell when you arrive. Closed on federal holidays)
 - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2–6 pm
 - 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 12–2pm

Upcoming Event

- *CoastPride Board is interested in doing a presentation to LGBTQ Commission at the December meeting regarding CoastPride services to elevate the importance of the center to the Board of Supervisors*
- CoastPride is supporting with SMC Pride Prom in February 23, 2024
- CoastPride plans to set up a booth at the Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Festival
- For more details regarding events on the Coast, please reach out to Dana “TherActivist” Johnson.



San Mateo County PRIDE Initiative Report

***From: Dana Johnson (they/ them/ theirs)- PRIDE Initiative co-chair
LGBTQ Commission Meeting- Tuesday, October 17, 2023 @ 6:00pm***

❖ **About the PRIDE Initiative:** The PRIDE Initiative is committed to creating welcoming and inclusive environments grounded in equality and parity for LGBTQ+ community members living and working in San Mateo County. By adopting an interdisciplinary and inclusive approach to collaborating, the PRIDE Initiative looks to partner with individuals, organizations, and providers that work to ensure that services are sensitive and respectful of LGBTQ+ issues.

- Join us at the next Pride Initiative meeting (via virtual) on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 from 4:30-6pm.
 - PRIDE Initiative and local LGBTQIA+ updates
 - SAVE THE DATE! SMC Pride Celebration Saturday June 8, 2024 from 11am-5pm at San Mateo Central Park
 - PLEASE SUPPORT SMC PRIDE 2024 and help us pick a THEME.
 - Fill out the [SMC Pride 2024 Theme link](#) and share your Theme selection
 - Pride Theme 2024 Link is also located below
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe6Q6LsBlnYlceZkP41WYSTXTWfmH-zqQY7-HTtpcuJuOG8NA/viewform?usp=pp_url
 - To join the Virtual Pride Initiative Meeting please see the Zoom Conference Information below:

Join Pride Initiative Zoom Meeting link below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81510844451>

Meeting ID: 815 1084 4451

Passcode: PRIDEBHRS **(PLEASE NOTE: Password is now required to join)**



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

October 2023 Updates

Pride Center Updates!

- To read the Pride Center's October newsletter in its entirety, please click this link: <https://tinyurl.com/smcpnewsletter-Oct2023>
- **Pride Center Hours of Operation:**
Come visit us! In addition to information, services, and events, we have a **public computer lab, an LGBTQ+ lending library, a food pantry, and a selection of clothes and gender affirming garments.** We are here for YOU.
 - Tuesday - Thursday, **11:30 am – 6:30 pm**, except Tuesdays between 1 pm - 3 pm will be closed for our team meetings.
 - For anyone who needs to drop by the center outside of these hours, **please connect with us directly** as we strive our best to remain accessible to our community.
 - Our programs and services will remain virtual all 5 days/week 11 am - 7 pm or as scheduled with your clinician.
 - The Pride Center is located at 1021 S. El Camino Real San Mateo, 94402. Our building is located at 11th and El Camino.
 - For accessibility information about the Pride Center, please click this link: <https://sanmateopride.org/faq-2/>

Notice about Special Hours for the Pride Center:

Our doors will be open Thursday (10/12) from 11:30-4 PM and closed Tuesday, 10/17- Thursday, 10/19. All services will remain available virtually. For a full statement, please click [this link](#).

- **Can You Support the Pride Center? We Need Volunteers to help us with:**
 - [Special events](#) – help bring our community together to decrease isolation & have fun!
 - [Peer Groups](#) – can you help support our Gay Men's or Queer Women's Group?
 - [Social media](#) – got graphic skills? Help promote our clinical services and amazing programs!

- LGBTQ Parent Group- Monthly on the 1st Tuesday from 7:30-8:30 PM PST
 - Pre-registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/smcpc-parentsgroup>
 - Upcoming dates- Nov 7, Dec 6

- LGBTQ Book Club (18+) - Monthly on the 1st Wednesday from 4:30-6pm PST
 - Hybrid option for in-person group participation at the Pride Center is now available!
 - Pre-registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/smcpc-bookclub>
 - To access a list of books we're reading click [this link](#).
 - Upcoming meeting dates- Nov 1, Dec 6

- Get Appy (18+)- Monthly on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 1-2 PM
 - Please RSVP by contacting helpathand@peninsulafamilyservice.org or **650-403-4300 ext. 4366** preferably by the second Friday of the month to receive call-in or Zoom instructions.
 - Upcoming dates: Oct 18, Nov 15
 - Please note: this meeting has shifted back to an online only format

- Polyamory Peer Power (18+)- Monthly on the 1st Wednesday from 7-8:30pm PST
 - Pre-registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/smcpc-polyampower>
 - Upcoming topic: [Religion and Spirituality](#)
 - Upcoming dates: Nov 1, Dec 6

- Gay Men's Group (18+)- Monthly on the 4th Tuesday from 6-7pm PST
 - Pre-registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/SMCPC-gaymensgroup>
 - Upcoming dates: Oct 24, Nov 28 & Dec 19

- Queer Women's Social Group (18+)- Monthly on the 4th Friday from 6-7:30pm PST
 - Pre-registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/smcpc-queerwomensgroup>
 - Upcoming dates: Oct 27, Nov 17 & Dec 15

- [CAB](#) (Community Advisory Board) Members – for folks with a broad range of interests to support with special projects, this role is for you!
 - Contact Elana Ron (she/they) at elana.ron@sanmateopride.org or 650-465-2407 to connect about volunteering
- **Host Your Meeting at the Pride Center!**
 - **We're welcoming, inclusive, and we've got hybrid technology!** LGBTQ+ and allied businesses/organizations welcome. Click this link to access the [Community Request Form](#). Questions? contact Low Sunga (she/they) at lowellyn.sunga@sanmateopride.org or call us at 650-591-0133.
- **Special Events:**
 - **FriGay Flicks: Rocky Horror Picture Show** on Friday October 13th from 7-9pm (doors open at 6:30pm)
 - The Pride Center is proud to announce FriGay Flicks are back! Join us for a safe and sober event to watch the cult classic , the Rocky Horror Picture Show, on Friday October 13th at the San Mateo County Pride Center. This event is free and open to the public. Light snacks will be provided. COSTUMES ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED. Doors open at 6:30pm and the movie runs from 7-9pm. The Pride Center is located at 1021 S. El Camino Real in San Mateo, 94402. Our building is located at 11th and El Camino. RSVP at: <https://tinyurl.com/FriGayFlicks2023>. **For more information about the movie, content warnings, and Pride Center accessibility, visit: <https://sanmateopride.org/events/>.**
 - **Queeraoke part 2 with Krystle CanSINGo on Thursday, October 26th** from 6:30 – 9 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM)
 - Get ready for Halloween weekend by singing all your favorite songs at the Pride Center! We're excited to welcome back our special guest host, Krystle CanSINGo! This is a free event open to all community members. Snacks and candy will be provided. COSTUMES ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED!

Join us on Thursday, October 26 from 7-9 PM at the Pride Center for a scarily good time!

The Pride Center is located at 1021 S. El Camino Real in San Mateo, 94402. Our building is located at 11th and El Camino. For accessibility about the Pride Center, click [this link](#).

Questions? Contact us at info@sanmateopride.org or call 650-591-1333

- **Stanford is looking for Standardized Patients**

The Stanford School of Medicine is working to expand their LGBTQ+ curriculum. One way that they're hoping to do this is by recruiting Trans*-identified actors to portray patients for student evaluations. Please share widely. This is an important opportunity to create visibility in the medical field.

This is a paid opportunity! To learn more about this opportunity, visit this link:

<https://sp.stanford.edu/>

Questions? Please contact Dr. Laniakea (they/them) at laniakea@stanford.edu or call 650-591-0133

- **Outlet is looking for members for Youth Advisory Board (YAB)**

Application Deadline Extended to November 1st, 2023!

What does a Youth Advisory Board Member do?

As a member of the Youth Advisory Board with Outlet and the San Mateo County Pride Center you will help plan, organize and publicize youth programming in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. You will provide input on services and resources for youth between the ages of 14 to 25. Youth Advisory Board members help the LGBTQ+ community by getting their friends and peers involved, sharing information about upcoming events with friends, peers and teachers at school, as well as bringing input and suggestions from community members to help shape the direction of the Youth Program!

We highly encourage youth ages 14-25 to apply (tinyurl.com/OutletYABApp) by November 1st! Questions? contact outletprogram@acs-teens.org or call 650-424-0842 ext. 107.

If folks need a little encouragement to apply by knowing this year's YAB plans, we will be finalizing our own children's book and discussing plans for the second half of the year!

- **Peer Support Groups:**

[Peer Support Groups](#)- Upcoming meeting dates

- **We are currently seeking volunteer co-facilitators for our Queer Women's Group, Gay Men's Group & LGBTQ+ Parent Group. These are all virtual opportunities for community members 18+. For more information, contact Elana.Ron@sanmateopride.org or 650-465-2407**
- **Please note: Most groups are meeting on Zoom, stay tuned for updates**

To: LGBTQ Commission of San Mateo County
From: Tanya Beat, Director
Date: October 17, 2023
Subject: Director's Report

Youth Commissioners

- Introductions

November 7 Commission Appreciation

- Tuesday, November 7 from 5-7pm.
- SMC Regional Operations Center (ROC), Redwood City

Feedback Survey

- New Survey but it is the same Survey (new QR code)
- [LGBTQIA+ Commission Seeks Your Feedback! | County of San Mateo, CA \(smcgov.org\)](https://www.smcgov.org/lgbtqia+commission-seeks-your-feedback)
- [Bit.ly/2023_SMC_lgbtqia_survey](https://bit.ly/2023_SMC_lgbtqia_survey)
- 43 responses (total of 170), 72% are part of the LGBTQIA+ community; 37% are 50-64 and 37% are 65+; 26% are under the age of 50
- top issues include education, safety, community-building, housing (from first round)
- Colorful Connections Event: Oct 28, 10-11:30am, San Mateo

Commission Name Change Resolution - Review

- Resolution and Memo created in collaboration with County Attorney's Office, Linda Wolin and Tanya Beat
- Goal: to submit for the November 14 Board of Supervisors meeting

Transgender Awareness Week

- Nov 14 TDOR Proclamation, Board Meeting, 9am; zoom or County Center
- Nov 15 Flag Ceremony, County Center Courtyard, 4:00pm

Other

- December Meeting at Pride Center in San Mateo / County Center

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: President Dave Pine, District 1
Subject: Changing the LGBTQ Commission name to LGBTQIA+ Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to change the name of the San Mateo County Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Commission to the San Mateo County Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual Plus (LGBTQIA+) Commission.

BACKGROUND:

This Board is committed to equity and inclusion for all, and over many years has strongly supported the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, and others (LGBTQIA+) community.

On June 3, 2014, seeking to continue to improve the quality of life and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) individuals in San Mateo County, this Board established the San Mateo County LGBTQ Commission, the first such commission in the state. The purposes of the LGBTQ Commission include promoting programs that foster well-being and civic participation of LGBTQ individuals, providing support to at-risk and underserved LGBTQ populations, promoting transgender inclusion among private and public entities, developing initiatives to support LGBTQ families and children, and making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

DISCUSSION:

The LGBTQ Commission's name does not presently represent the queer community as a whole. For example, individuals who identify as intersex and asexual and other individuals who do not identify with any of the terms of the acronym "LGBTQ" may not see themselves represented by the current name of the Commission.

In light of this, on August 15, 2023, the Commission voted to recommend that the Board change the Commission's name. In line with its goals of fostering inclusion and improving visibility for the wider community of LGBTQIA+ individuals in San Mateo County, the LGBTQ Commission proposes adding "Intersex," "Asexual", and "Plus" to

its name. On October 17, 2023, the Commission reviewed and approved of the proposed resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**RESOLUTION CHANGING THE NAME OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY LESBIAN,
GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER (LGBTQ) COMMISSION TO THE
SAN MATEO COUNTY LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER,
INTERSEX, ASEXUAL PLUS (LGBTQIA+) COMMISSION**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2014, this Board adopted Resolution No. 73198, establishing the San Mateo County Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Commission, the first of its kind in the state; and

WHEREAS, this Board is committed to equity and inclusion for all, as evidenced by, for example, its efforts to advance and improve racial equity in San Mateo County, including through adoption of a Racial Equity Resolution, Resolution No. 078372, on September 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, over many years, this Board has strongly supported the LGBTQIA+ community through numerous resolutions, events, and policies including adopting the annual Pride Resolution and Transgender Day of Remembrance Resolution since 2018, creating a visibility campaign for all cities in San Mateo County to issue a Pride Proclamation and raise the Pride Flag every June since 2020, helping to launch and financially support the San Mateo County Pride Center, and supporting the development

of a transgender policy for San Mateo County employees and a pronoun resolution for the County; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of the San Mateo County LGBTQ Commission include fostering the well-being and participation of LGBTQ individuals in the community, promoting transgender inclusion among private and public entities, developing initiatives to support LGBTQ families with children, and providing outreach and support to underserved LGBTQ populations in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, the queer community includes a diverse array of individuals and identities that are not fully represented by the categories of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ); and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County LGBTQ Commission seeks to update its name to be more inclusive to individuals in the community whose identities are not presently reflected in the name of the Commission, including individuals who identify as intersex or asexual, and others whose identities would be represented by a “plus” sign; and

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2023, the San Mateo County LGBTQ Commission approved a motion in support of changing the name of the San Mateo County LGBTQ Commission name to the San Mateo County Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual Plus (LGBTQIA+) Commission; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2023, the Commission reviewed and approved of this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the name of the San Mateo County LGBTQ Commission is hereby changed from the “San Mateo County Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Commission” to the “San Mateo County Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual Plus (LGBTQIA+) Commission.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission and County staff shall conform the Commission’s guiding documents, roster, external communications, and any other relevant records to reflect this name change.

Colorful Connections

An Inclusive Space for ALL

Join us for an inclusive celebration, fostering unity, love, and diversity in our school district community. Open to LGBTQ+ families, allies, and LGBTQ+ identifying students and staff. Be a part of this heartwarming event!

Date: October 28, 2023 | **Time:** 10am-11:30am | **Location:** Sunnybrae Elementary
1031 S. Delaware St., San Mateo, CA 94402



*Please RSVP using
the QR Code or Link
by October 25, 2023*

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Conexiones Coloridas

Un espacio inclusivo para TODOS

Únase a nosotros para una celebración inclusiva, fomentando la unidad, el amor y la diversidad en la comunidad de nuestro distrito escolar. Abierto a familias LGBTQ+, aliados y estudiantes y personal LGBTQ+ que se identifiquen. ¡Sé parte de este conmovedor evento!

Fecha: 28 de octubre de 2023 | **Hora:** 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. |

Ubicación: Escuela Primaria Sunnybrae
1031 S. Delaware St., San Mateo, CA 94402



*Por favor confirme su asistencia
usando
el código QR o enlace
antes del 25 de octubre de 2023*

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VISIBILITY CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW

Pre-2020

County Proclamation (as early as 2015 on) and Flag-raising (as early as 2018 on).

With a 2019 Retreat, the Commission developed a Visibility Committee that focused on proclamations and flag raising across SMC. The ultimate goal was to have cities independently recognize Pride month annually on their own.

2020

First Visibility Campaign started, led by Lelan Anders, Giuliana Garcia and Krystle Cansino

- All cities and municipalities were invited to issue Proclamation and Raise Flag
- 20 cities issued proclamations and 14 cities raised the Pride flag.

2021

Second Year and still virtual campaign. Led by Giuliana Garcia, Krystle Cansino

- [Pride Month Resources Webpage](#)
- Campaign to introduce Progress Pride Flag; education and awareness-building
- All cities issued proclamations and raised flags. Some only flew the flag for a few days.

2022

Third Year and campaign is hybrid. No lead except for Tanya inviting all cities to participate and commissioners all followed up.

- All cities issued proclamations and majority raised Progress Pride flags.
- Raising flags in-person helped connect commissioners to city councils.

2023

Tanya sent email invitation. Most, if not all cities, already planned on issuing proclamations and raising Progress Pride Flags. Surprisingly, more cities than ever were planning their own independent Pride celebrations.

Visibility in the Future: what is next?