



# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO LGBTQ COMMISSION

## Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Commission

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

### MEETING MINUTES

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| <p><b>1. Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement, Group Agreements</b></p> |                            | <p>We acknowledge that the County we are meeting in was originally land of the Ohlone people.<br/><u>Our Group Agreements</u> include Share the air; step up, step back; Listen for understanding; Lift as you climb; Be present &amp; engaged; Let the facilitator guide the process; Technology on silent.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p><b>2. Roll Call</b></p>                                             |                            | <p><b>Present:</b> Lelan Anders, Rebecca Carabez, Steve Disselhorst, Rev Terri Echelbarger, Giuliana Garcia, Dana Johnson, Dena Sexton, Christopher Sturken, Craig Wiesner, Tanya Beat, Linda Wolin, Frankie Sapp, Azisa Todd<br/><b>Absent:</b> Krystle Cansino, Bismay Mishra</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b>3. Public Comment</b></p>                                        |                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p><b>4. Approval &amp; Adoption of Agenda</b></p>                     | <p><i>Action</i></p>       | <p>Craig Wiesner motions. Rev Terri Echelbarger seconds the motion. Approved by acclamation.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p><b>5. Approval of March Meeting Minutes</b></p>                     | <p><i>Action</i></p>       | <p>Chris Sturken motions. Craig Wiesner seconds the motion. Rev Terri Echelbarger abstains. Approved.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p><b>6. Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse</b></p>               | <p><i>Presentation</i></p> | <p>Jenna Robinson: CORA services for LGBTQ individuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intimate partner abuse is a pattern of coercive, controlling behavior that can include physical, emotional, or psychological abuse, sexual abuse and/or financial abuse.</li> <li>• Impact to LGBTQ community: 39% of transgender &amp; nonbinary; 26% of gay men; 37% of bisexual men; 44% of lesbian women; 61% of bisexual women.</li> <li>• Call 24 hr hotline for help: 800-300-1080</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.corasupport.org">www.corasupport.org</a></li> <li>• jennar@corasupport.org</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>7. San Mateo County Leadership Council</b></p>                   | <p><i>Presentation</i></p> | <p>Margi Power &amp; Kaarin Hardy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program is based on community leadership programs which are nationwide.</li> <li>• Brings together from public, nonprofit and business sectors to learn about their local issues.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|                                                                                                                                                                          |                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prioritizing diversity in their program and encourage LGBTQ individuals to apply.</li> <li>• They also provide free events through the year</li> <li>• Established Leaders; Emerging Leaders and dividing these programs into county regions: north, south and coastside.</li> <li>• Civic understanding, relationship building, collaborative leadership, civic readiness</li> <li>• Program starts Sept, 2021; ends June 2022</li> <li>• Program application deadline: May 1; cost is \$1500</li> <li>• Perhaps opportunity for Commission to fundraise and create a LGBTQ scholarship for future applicants.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p><b>8. Reports:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Pride Center</b></li> <li>- <b>Pride Initiative</b></li> <li>- <b>Director’s Report</b></li> </ul> | <p><i>Updates</i></p> | <p><b>Pride Center:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expressive Arts program</li> <li>- Online Store launch: clothes with diversity of sizes; Ask me about my Pronouns; Gender is a Construct; Queer Bod; Support Your Local Queer; I’m a LGBTQ Ally Advocate</li> <li>- Store proceeds go to support the Center</li> <li>- Doc for how to create a more inclusive survey</li> <li>- Creating a plan for how the Center will re-open - hybrid</li> </ul> <p><b>Pride Initiative:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Next meeting is Wednesday, April 14, 4:30-6:00pm</li> <li>- Will send Pride Celebration sponsor info to Commission. May 22 is deadline to be sponsor.</li> <li>- Discuss virtual workshops &amp; invite Commission to present.</li> <li>- Pride is June 6-12. All virtual.</li> </ul> <p><b>Director’s Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CoastPride Letter of Support: Craig Wiesner motions. Chris Sturken seconds. All approved.</li> <li>- Santa Clara County Office of LGBTQ Affairs: Tanya will create a survey to vote on top programs. Will ask them to present to the Commission and community later in summer as a separate meeting.</li> <li>- Linda is tracking what Mid-Pen is doing with homeless housing contract &amp; collecting SOGIE</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>9. Visibility Project Check-in</b></p>                                                                                                                             | <p><i>Update</i></p>  | <p>Visibility Work Group: Giuliana Garcia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What if you don’t hear back from anyone? Message each city council member; use email, FB; call them.</li> <li>- Show up at a city council mtg &amp; make public comment</li> <li>- Commissioners are still volunteering for cities.</li> <li>- County Proclamation will be at May 18 BOS mtg due to BOS schedule. Flag raising will be in June – date TBD</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b>10. Adjournment</b></p>                                                                                                                                            |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

