San Mateo County

LGBTQ+ Resources, Organizations, and Pride Activities





Founded in 2014 and was the first of its kind in California. The LGBTQIA+ Commission is an **advisory body** to the Board of Supervisors whose mission is to cultivate San Mateo County as a welcoming and safe environment where it's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community members can thrive.



Meeting Day & Time

3rd Tuesday of each month from **6:30 - 8:30 PM** unless otherwise noted

Website: https://www.smcgov.org/lgbtqia

Current Commissioners (from left to right):

- Christina Falla (office of Supervisor Corzo)
- Tanya Beat, LGBTQIA+ Commission staff
- Fabricio Perez
- Michael Cooper
- Aaron Adriano
- Chris Sturken
- Jana Rickerson
- Vanessa Lemus-Tapia
- Dana Johnson
- Marilyn Hollinger
- Bismay Mishra
- Sha Sun





Recommendations to Board of Supervisors

- SB 59, Protection of privacy
- SB 107, Gender-affirming healthcare
- Gender-Inclusive Language Resolution
- Colorado Amicus Brief in 2018
- Mental Health Services Act support
- Catalyst for the start of Coast Pride
- Catalyst for SMC Transgender Policy for employees
- County-wide Survey on LGBTQ+ Wellness in 2017

Key Initiatives

- Inclusion Community Campaign
- Pride Visibility Project
- Transgender Day of Remembrance & of Visibility
- Collaboration & Partnerships with other County Commissions, the Pride Center, Pride Initiative, Coast Pride
- Uplift inclusion by changing to LGBTQ<u>IA+</u> Commission





Learn More





Mission

Our mission is to create a welcoming, safe, inclusive, and affirming community climate that fosters personal growth, health, and opportunities to thrive for individuals of all ages, sexual orientations, and gender identities through education, counseling, advocacy, and support.





The San Mateo County Pride Center is a place where you can be you.

As the first of its kind in San Mateo County, we recognize, affirm, value, and support all LGBTQ+ individuals, families, and friends.

We're glad you're here!

Programs



Peer Groups

Gay Men's Group, LGBTQ+ Book Club, LGBTQ+ Parent Group, Polyamory Peer Power group, Queer Women's Group, Trans* Peer Group

Youth Groups

QTBIPOC Group, LGBTQIA+ Youth Group, Thursday Trans Group

Website: https://sanmateopride.org/ Address: 1021 S El Camino Real San Mateo, CA 94402



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STRONGER TOGETHER

Our Vision

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

Our Mission

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

Coast Pride



Support Groups

High School Group, Middle School Group, Pacifica Teens Group, Parent/Caregiver Group, Agin' Well, Trans* and Intersex Adults Support Group

Website: <u>https://coastpride.org/</u> Address: 711 Main St., Half Moon Bay, CA 94019



COUNTY OF **SAN MATEO** LGBTQIA+ COMMISSION

Support groups Counseling Multifaith partners Trans wardrobe HIV/STD testing Other resources



San Mateo County PRIDE Initiative

Background

- Founded in 2007 by the SMC Office of Diversity & Equity under BHRS.
- First LGBTQ group in the County
- Started the first Pride Celebration in San Mateo County that is now in its 18th year.
- The SMC Pride Celebration is the largest dry Pride event in the SF Bay Area.

Website: www.smchealth.org/pride-initiative

Address: 222 W. 39th Avenue San Mateo, CA 94403



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Mission, Vision, & Objectives

The PRIDE Initiative is committed to creating welcoming and inclusive environments grounded in equality and parity for LGBTQI+ community members living and working in San Mateo County.





Pride Celebration

San Mateo County 13th Annual Pride Celebration 2025 Saturday, June 14th



Free and Sober Family Event Resource & Vendor Booths • Entertainment • Food Trucks Live DJ • Pet friendly areas • Youth & Older Adult areas & More



Saturday, June 14th Parade, 10:30am Celebration, 11am-5pm





County Flag-Raising

Monday, June 2, 10:30am Outside of 500 County Center





Our Visibility efforts impact <u>everyone</u> and now, more than ever, these efforts are critical to LGBTQIA+ people's sense of safety.



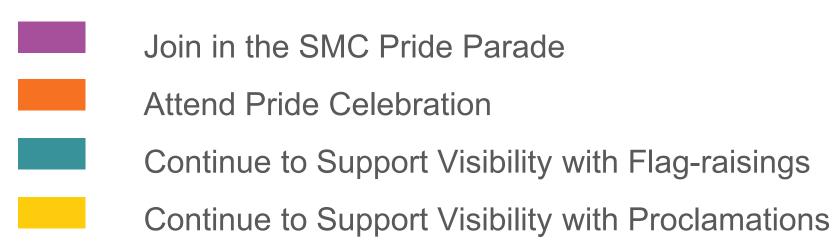
Inclusion Community Campaign (ICC)

- Visibility Year-Round
- Launched April 17, 2025
- Recruit volunteers for advocacy
- Hold bimonthly trainings
- Signing up is open to the SMC community





Thank You!



Visit <u>www.smcpridecelebration.com</u> for more information about the Pride Celebration!

