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**Rainbow Community Center Hosts Pride 2019  
as Contra Costa County Cities Proclaim Support for LGBTQ Community**  
*More Local Cities Than Ever Before Will Raise the Pride Flag*

Fifty years after the Stonewall uprising, a watershed moment in LGBTQ history, Rainbow Community Center of Contra Costa County (Rainbow) will host an exhilarating Pride 2019 festival for the LGBTQ community and allies from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 1, in Concord's Todos Santos Plaza. The day before the event, Rainbow will join the City Council of Concord as the city raises the Pride flag over city hall at 1950 Parkside Drive at 4:00 p.m. on May 31.

Thirteen cities in the county in addition to Concord— Antioch, Pleasant Hill, Dublin, Brentwood, Lafayette, Martinez, Pittsburg, Richmond, San Pablo, Walnut Creek, Pinole, and El Cerrito—will proclaim their support for the LGBTQ community during Pride month. Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and Antioch Unified School District will also be making Pride proclamations.

This year, more cities in Contra Costa County than ever before will proclaim their support for their LGBTQ residents by raising the rainbow Pride flag. Designed in 1978 by San Francisco artist and gay rights activist Gilbert Baker, the flag is a dynamic, enduring, and now global symbol of LGBTQ pride and liberation.

Since 1996, Rainbow has been helping Contra Costa County and the LGBTQ community come together and thrive. Rainbow's programs serve LGBTQ youth and their families; work to prevent bullying in schools; provide visiting and food services for people living with HIV/AIDS and LGBTQ seniors; deliver low cost mental health services; and operate mental health training programs, as well as provide LGBTQ diversity training and education.

This year's Pride festivals here in Contra Costa County and all over the world will commemorate Stonewall, a galvanizing event in the gay rights movement, when patrons of Stonewall Inn, a gay club in New York, bravely fought back against a police raid on June 28, 1969. The following six days of protests and violent clashes with police served to catalyze the gay rights movement not only in the U.S. but around the world, with drag queens and trans women of color leading the charge with gay men and butch lesbians fighting against constant harassment by police.

Celebrated every June, LGBTQ Pride Month honors all those who have fought for LGBTQ rights and recognizes the profound impact that LGBTQ individuals have had on history everywhere. 2019 marks the 12th annual Pride on the Plaza in Todos Santos Plaza celebrated in Concord and includes a DJ, live music, food trucks, beer and wine truck, kids' area, dozens of exhibitors from the local community, and special performances.

“Celebrating diversity, equality, inclusiveness, and equity is not a Democratic or Republican issue, it’s not a Conservative or Liberal issue—it’s a human rights issue,” said Jack Rednour-Bruckman, Executive Director of Rainbow. “Rainbow Community Center of Contra Costa County is proud to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the modern LGBTQ rights movement with our community and allies.”

Flag raising ceremonies and/or Pride proclamations will be held in the following cities:

- Concord - Flag Raising Friday May 31 at 4:00 p.m.
- Pleasant Hill - TBA
- El Cerrito - TBA
- Richmond - Flag Raising Friday May 31 at 10:00 a.m.
- San Pablo - TBA
- Pinole - TBA
- Antioch - Flag Raising voting on May 28
- Brentwood - Proclamation Tuesday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m.
- Martinez - Proclamation Wednesday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m.
- Lafayette - Proclamation Tuesday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m.
- Walnut Creek - Proclamation Tuesday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m.
- Pittsburg - Proclamation Monday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m.
- Dublin - Proclamation Tuesday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m.
- Pittsburg- Proclamation Monday June 3 at 7:00 p.m.
- AUSD- Proclamation voting on May 22
- CoCoCounty Board of Supervisors- Proclamation voting on May 22

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**About the Rainbow Community Center of Contra Costa County:**

The Rainbow Community Center of Contra Costa County located on Willow Pass Rd. in Concord, CA, with another location in El Cerrito, builds community and promotes well-being among Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning (LGBTQ) people and our allies. Programs and services include Clinical, Recovery, Intern Training, HIV Support, Kind Hearts Food Pantry, Programs for Trans/Non-Binary, Women’s, Men’s, Seniors, and Youth as well as Diversity Training and Leadership. More information:

[www.Rainbowcc.org](http://www.Rainbowcc.org)



**PRIDE 2019 Happenings in Contra Costa County**

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| <p><b>1 Martinez PRIDE Proclamation &amp; Flag Raising</b><br/><i>Martinez, CA - Proclamation May 15, 2019 @ 7pm</i></p> | <p><b>5 Concord PRIDE Flag Raising</b><br/><i>Concord, CA - May 31, 2019 @ 4pm</i></p>     | <p><b>10 Walnut Creek PRIDE Proclamation &amp; Flag Raising</b><br/><i>Walnut Creek, CA - Proclamation May 21, 2019 @ 6pm</i></p> |  |
| <p><b>2 Pittsburg PRIDE Proclamation</b><br/><i>Pittsburg, CA - June 3, 2019 @ 7pm</i></p>                               | <p><b>6 Brentwood PRIDE Proclamation</b><br/><i>Brentwood, CA - May 28, 2019 @ 7pm</i></p> | <p><b>8 Pinole PRIDE Proclamation</b><br/><i>Pinole, CA - TBA</i></p>   | <p><b>11 San Pablo PRIDE Flag Raising</b><br/><i>San Pablo, CA - TBA</i></p>         |
| <p><b>3 Dublin PRIDE Flag Raising</b><br/><i>Dublin, CA - May 21, 2019 @ 7pm</i></p>                                     | <p><b>7 Antioch PRIDE Flag Raising</b><br/><i>Antioch, CA - Voting May 28th</i></p>        | <p><b>9 Richmond PRIDE Flag Raising</b><br/><i>Richmond, CA - May 31, 2019 @ 10am</i></p>   | <p><b>12 Pleasant Hill PRIDE Flag Raising</b><br/><i>Pleasant Hill, CA - TBA</i></p> |
| <p><b>4 Lafayette PRIDE Proclamation</b><br/><i>Lafayette, CA - May 28, 2019 @ 7pm</i></p>                               |  |   | <p><b>13 El Cerrito PRIDE Flag Raising</b><br/><i>El Cerrito, CA - TBA</i></p>       |