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CARE Community Briefing:

State of Pride Report

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AGENDA

I. Welcome

Efrain Botello-Cisneros, Community Outreach Manager

II. Presentation on DOJ's State of Pride Report 2025

Damon Brown, Special Assistant Attorney General

III. Panel Discussion: Overcoming Challenges & Serving the LGBTQ Community

Katalina Zambrano, Cal Pride Valle Central

Jen Valles, San Francisco LGBT Center

Terra Russell-Slavin, Los Angeles LGBT Center

IV. Questions

V. Close



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A Timeline of Progress and Resistance: LGBTQ+ Rights in California

2014

Ban on “Gay Panic” Defense (AB 2501): California became the first state in the U.S. to officially ban the use of “gay panic” and “transgender panic” defenses in murder trials, thereby preventing defendants from claiming they were provoked to violence due to a victim’s sexual orientation or gender identity.²

2015

Marriage Equality Legalized Nationwide: In a landmark decision, *Obergefell v. Hodges*, the U.S. Supreme Court legalizes same-sex marriage. Californians celebrated this victory, building upon the state’s earlier legalization of same-sex marriage in 2013.³

2017

Gender Recognition Act (SB 179) Signed into Law: California became the first state to allow residents to select a non-binary gender marker on state-issued IDs and birth certificates, affirming the rights of transgender and non-binary individuals.⁴

2020

Transgender Respect, Agency, and Dignity Act (SB 132): Governor Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill 132 into law, ensuring that transgender, gender-nonconforming, and intersex individuals are provided with a safe, humane, and dignified environment while incarcerated.⁵

2021

Affirming Transgender and Nonbinary Students’ Names in College Act (AB 245): Ensures that California’s public colleges and universities allow transgender and nonbinary former students to have their name and gender accurately reflected on their academic records, such as transcripts and diplomas.⁶



2022

Protecting Transgender Youth and Their Families (SB 107): In response to a rise in anti-trans laws across the nation, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill 107 protecting transgender youths and their families from bans against gender-affirming care.⁷

2023

Establishment of the Transgender, Gender-Nonconforming, and Intersex (TGI) Wellness and Equity Fund: The California Department of Public Health awarded nearly \$2.4 million in grants to community organizations to provide gender-affirming healthcare services, demonstrating the state's investment in the wellbeing of TGI Californians.⁸

2024

California Fights Back Against Forced Outing Policies (AB 1955): California became the first state to prohibit and invalidate any adopted school board policy, rule, or administrative regulation that requires forced outings.⁹

2025

Ongoing Advocacy and Legislation: California continues to lead in advocating for LGBTQ+ rights through numerous legislative measures regarding issues such as healthcare, housing, inclusive education, and anti-discrimination protections.



CHALLENGES IN CALIFORNIA & ACROSS THE NATION

- Between 2023 and 2024, there were: 455 reported hate crime events motivated by sexual orientation bias (increase of 23% from 2023), 73 hate crime events motivated by anti-transgender and anti-gender-nonconforming bias (12% increase from 2023), and 172 hate crime events motivated by anti-LGBTQ+ bias (~14% increase from 2023).
- Last year, more than 500 anti-LGBTQ+ bills were introduced in U.S. state legislatures — a record-breaking number, targeting healthcare, education and public spaces.
- The FBI's most recent annual crime report showed a nearly 23% increase in reports of hate crimes nationally based on sexual orientation and a nearly 16% increase in reports of hate crimes nationwide based on gender identity.



DOJ'S WORK TO PROTECT LGBTQ+ RIGHTS

- Cracking down on the rise in hate in collaboration with community partners.
- Defending access to critical, life-saving care for transgender youth.
- Blocking discriminatory school board policies aimed at forcibly outing students and threatening their safety.
- Challenging actions by the federal administration that limit or exclude LGBTQ+ citizens from meaningful participation in various area of their lives.
- Championing diversity and inclusivity in schools, including fighting for student athletes.



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

AG Bonta is committed to defending your right to:

- Access and utilize public accommodations
- Use the restroom and play on sports teams consistent with your gender identity
- Rent property without fear of discrimination
- Learn about and teach LGBTQ+ history
- Disclose – or not disclose – your gender identity on your own terms, regardless of your age.
- Be protected, treated with respect, and more, if you are ever a victim of a hate crime.
- Have same-sex spouse or registered domestic partner covered by health insurance plan.
- Receive service, regardless of the provider's religion



Fighting Federal Targeting of LGBTQ+ Protections

Multistate Comment Letter Opposing US Department of State's Proposal to Remove Gender Markers from Passport Applications

Amicus briefs in *Talbott v. Trump* and *Shilling v. Trump*, supporting challenge to Executive Orders attempting to prohibit transgender military servicemembers from serving in the military.

Multistate amicus brief supporting nonprofit's challenge of anti-trans executive order's attempt to terminate federal funding for LGBTQ-serving organizations for providing medical treatment and other services (*San Francisco AIDS Foundation v. Trump*)

Multistate amicus brief before US Supreme Court in *Mahmoud v. Taylor* in support of Montgomery County Board of Educations' decision to incorporate LGBTQ+ inclusive books into language arts curriculum.



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Multistate amicus briefs supporting school districts that safeguard the privacy and safety of transgender and gender-nonconforming students (*Vitsaxaki v. Skaneateles Central School District*, *Heaps v. Delaware Valley Regional High School Board*)

Multistate amicus brief in *Zinski v. Liberty University*, urging the Court to affirm plaintiff's right to sue her former employer, for sex-based discrimination after they fired her upon learning of her identity as a transgender woman.

Multistate amicus briefs supporting challenges to Trump Administration's policies targeting protections under the Prison Rape Elimination Act and access to healthcare for transgender individuals in federal prisons (*Jane Doe v. Bondi*)

Led multistate coalition filing lawsuit challenging final rule by HHS that would create barriers to obtaining healthcare under the ACA, including excluding coverage for gender-affirming care as an essential health benefit (*California v. Kennedy*)

Led multistate coalition filing lawsuit challenging Executive Order 14187 targeting provision of medically necessary gender-affirming care for individuals under 19 (*Massachusetts v. Trump*)



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