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## LA County LGBTQ+ Commission, County Officials Raise Progress Pride Flag in Honor of Pride Month

**LOS ANGELES, CA** – Today, the Los Angeles County LGBTQ+ Commission hosted a ceremonial raising of the Progress Pride Flag to mark the beginning of Pride Month, reaffirming the County’s commitment to equity, inclusion, and visibility for the LGBTQ+ community.

The event featured remarks from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and County leadership, including First District Supervisor and Board Chair Hilda L. Solis, District Attorney Nathan Hochman, Assessor Jeffrey Prang, Assistant Sheriff Hugo Macias, and Chief Deputy Jon O’Brien of the L.A. County Fire Department. Community allies were also in attendance alongside the County’s LGBTQ+ Commission to celebrate the start of Pride Month.

"This month, as we recognize the history, contributions, and presence of our LGBTQ+ communities, we also remember that Pride began as a demand to be seen," said **Los Angeles County Board Chair and First District Supervisor, Hilda L. Solis**. "That same resilience is important now more than ever. Today we raise the Pride Flag as a beacon of joy, hope, and pride. This is a celebration earned, and Los Angeles County proudly stands with LGBTQ+ residents across our communities."

"As we continue to see attacks on the LGBTQIA+ community and attempts to roll back hard-won gains in the fight for equality, the raising of the Progress Pride Flag on every County building must be more than a powerful symbol, it must also reflect a shared commitment to ensuring safety, belonging, and dignity for all our residents," said **Los Angeles County Second District Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell**. "I want to thank our Second District Commissioners Luis Vasquez and Dr. Jerry Abraham along with the entire LA County LGBTQ+ Commission and everyone who shares this understanding, I am proud to work alongside you in making our communities more inclusive and equitable –not just during Pride Month, but every single day."

"This Pride Month is especially meaningful as we celebrate the resilience of our LGBTQ+ communities in our ongoing fight against this Administration's relentless attacks," said **Los Angeles County Third District Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath**. "Raising the Progress Pride Flag reflects our belief that everyone deserves to be seen, safe, and welcomed in Los Angeles County."

“The pride flag raising is one of our newest traditions, but also one of our most joyful and significant. From the heart of our County government we’re saying loud and proud that our LGBTQ community belongs and deserves to be celebrated. It’s powerful, and it’s here to stay,” said **Los Angeles County Fourth District Supervisor Janice Hahn**, who led the effort to first raise the progress Pride flag over County facilities in 2023.

"Pride Month is an opportunity to recognize the contributions of LGBTQ+ community members and reaffirm that everyone has a place in Los Angeles County," said **Los Angeles County Fifth District Supervisor Kathryn Barger**.

LGBTQ+ Commission Chair Sydney Rodgers (she/her) opened the celebration with welcoming remarks and introduced Sister Mushroom of the Holey Mycelium, member of the Los Angeles Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, delivered a blessing for the flag raising.

“We are grateful that the Board of Supervisors in Los Angeles County, stands up in active allyship and support of LGBTQ+ people,” said **Sunitha Menon (she/her, they/them), Executive Director for the Los Angeles County LGBTQ+ Commission**. “Diversity has continually strengthened Los Angeles County, and now more than ever we need moments that celebrate joy, that recognize the importance of difference and continue to push forward equality for everyone.”

The Board of Supervisors approved a motion in June 2023 to fly the Progress Pride Flag at all County facilities throughout Pride Month, a significant step in publicly displaying support for LGBTQ+ communities throughout the County. That same month, the Board approved the creation of the County’s first LGBTQ+ Commission, which consists of individuals from throughout the County who represent the diverse interests and unique concerns of LGBTQ+ people.

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#### **About the Los Angeles County LGBTQ+ Commission:**

The [LGBTQ+ Commission](#) was established through a 2023 motion to support the needs of the LGTBQ+ community across the County. The 15-member commission first convened on June 11, 2024 and consists of individuals who all have unique experiences, diverse backgrounds, and varied expertise that contributes to their work to create recommendations, shape policy, and promote inclusivity.

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