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## **LGBTQ+ Commission Executive Director Sunitha Menon Named to OUT's 30th Annual OUT100 List** *The Milestone Issue Honors Changemakers in the LGBTQ+ Community Across Entertainment, Politics, Activism, Sports, and More*

**LOS ANGELES** – Sunitha Menon, Executive Director for the Los Angeles County LGBTQ+ Commission, has been selected as one of this year's honorees on the prestigious 30th annual OUT100 list. [OUT](#), the world's leading fashion and lifestyle brand for the LGBTQ+ community, celebrates the most influential and pioneering LGBTQ+ individuals across entertainment, politics, activism, sports, and more.

Menon has been recognized for her remarkable contributions in the public sector as the first Executive Director for the County's LGBTQ+ Commission, furthering equality and visibility for the LGBTQ+ community. She was selected by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in May 2024 to lead a team of 15 commissioners who are all tasked with reviewing, providing recommendations, and identifying gaps in policies, practices, programming, and services specific to the needs of the LGBTQ+ community.

"I am humbled and honored to have been selected as one of the LGBTQ+ leaders creating change for our community," Menon said. "I stand on the shoulders of all of those who have come before me, fighting for equality here at the County and across the nation. I am grateful that the Board of Supervisors is committed to ensuring Los Angeles County is a place where all LGBTQ+ people have equal rights, equal access to support, and can thrive. I look forward to continuing this critical work through the LGBTQ+ Commission."

"Director Sunitha Menon is a dedicated leader and champion for LGBTQ+ rights and inclusion," said Board Chair Lindsey P. Horvath. "We are proud to have her leading Los Angeles County's inaugural LGBTQ+ Commission—bringing tenacity and focus to the important work of ensuring our LGBTQ+ community meaningfully shapes Los Angeles County's social safety net services."

This year's OUT100 theme, "Together, Unlimited," highlights the power of collective strength within the LGBTQ+ community. Sunitha Menon joins an illustrious list of trailblazers who have significantly impacted the world, both within and beyond the LGBTQ+ community.

“Right now, LGBTQ+ individuals across the country, especially students, are facing unprecedented abuse of rights and discrimination, and as a County, it is our responsibility to ensure we uplift our residents’ voices and take action to ensure equity and empowerment,” said Supervisor Hilda L. Solis. “That is why in 2023, I authored a motion with Supervisor Hahn to establish the LGBTQ+ Commission in Los Angeles County. I want to thank Sunitha Menon, its founding Executive Director, in leading the commission’s growth and efforts to advocate on behalf of LGBTQ+ residents. Under Sunitha’s guidance, the commission has quickly built strong relationships with LGBTQ+ communities in the First District, and has ensured critical advocacy for the continued diversification of our government infrastructure.”

“I’m proud to see Sunitha Menon, our inaugural Executive Director of the Los Angeles County LGBTQ+ Commission, be honored as one of the OUT 100,” said Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell. “This well-deserved recognition reinforces the significance and promise of the commission in advancing LGBTQ+ rights and belonging. Congratulations to all the honorees.”

“Sunitha is helping us launch our County’s first-ever LGBTQ Commission and ensuring that equality and inclusion are part of our work at every level of the County,” stated Supervisor Janice Hahn. “She has brought such strength and character to this new role and she is more than deserving of this honor. Congratulations, Sunitha!”

“I’m delighted Sunitha has received this commendable distinction,” said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. “In her leadership role for Los Angeles County’s LGBTQ+ Commission, her commitment to principles of equity and inclusion truly shines. Sunitha is a strong voice for the LGBTQ+ community and I look forward to supporting her advocacy and efforts.”

The honorees will be celebrated at the annual OUT100 Event on December 11, 2024, at NeueHouse Hollywood in Los Angeles, where icons and allies will come together to honor those who have made an indelible mark on the LGBTQ+ community. The event will feature Menon alongside fellow honorees for a night of celebration, reflection, and recognition. The OUT100 TV Special, produced in collaboration with ABC Owned Television Stations, will air on December 21, 2024, across linear, streaming, and digital platforms.

For more information, visit the LGBTQ+ Commission’s website [here](#).

View the full OUT100 honoree list [here](#) and Menon’s full feature [here](#).

The digital version can be seen [here](#). The print edition will hit newsstands on October 29.

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