

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- 1979** Lesbian/Gay community lobbies to establish a Lesbian/Gay Commission. Mayor Feinstein is opposed. Compromise: "Gay Advisory Committee" established by City ordinance to advise the Human Rights Commission on issues in the gay community. Original committee had three members.
- 1982** Committee holds a series of public forums regarding proposals to close gay bathhouses because of the AIDS epidemic.
- 1984** Committee organizes a Commission public hearing on racism in the lesbian/gay community, and publishes a report on the findings and recommendations.
- 1985** Committee organizes a Commission public hearing on discrimination against people with AIDS and AIDS-related conditions. Following the hearing, the Board of Supervisors passes protective legislation: Article 38 of the Police Code.
- 1989** Committee organizes a Commission public hearing on domestic partnerships and alternative families, publishes report. Following the hearing, the Board of Supervisors passes legislation establishing the Domestic Partners registry.
- 1993** Committee forms a task force to investigate and report on racial depictions in the lesbian/gay/bisexual media.
- 1994** Committee organizes a Commission public hearing on discrimination against transgender individuals and publishes report. Board of Supervisors passes legislation adding Gender Identity as a protected category in San Francisco.
- 1995** Committee establishes an Affirmative Action Task Force to acquaint the LGBT community with the issue of affirmative action, the threats against it, and why the issue is important to the LGBT communities.
- 1997** Task Force and public hearing on LGBT youth including a report with findings and recommendations.
- 1998** Task Force and public hearing on Economic Empowerment in the LGBT Community, including a report with findings and recommendations. This leads to a Community Development Program at the LGBT Community Center.
- 2002** Task Force and public hearing on Aging in the LGBT community, including a report with findings and recommendations.
- 2004** Task Force and public hearing on Intersex issues, including the human rights aspects of surgeries performed on intersex infants in order to assign gender when the surgeries are not medically necessary.
- 2006** Committee organizes public hearing on Native American issues including report with findings and recommendations.
- 2008** Committee holds hearing regarding FDA ban on blood donations from men who have sex with men.
- 2009** Committee hosts a panel to discuss the history of Queer Women's Neighborhoods and spaces in San Francisco.
- 2010** Committee and Commission urge the Board of Education to pass a resolution to establish a high school course on LGBT history, politics and culture and commit to funding LGBT support services.
- 2011** Committee holds panels and community meetings to study bisexual invisibility and issues a report entitled, "Bisexual Invisibility: Impacts and Recommendations."
- 2011** Commission holds public forum on unrecognized families and issues a report "Beyond Marriage: Unrecognized Family Relationships."
- 2012** Commission works to increase the voice of LGBT seniors in government process. The Board of Supervisors holds a hearing on issues affecting LGBT Seniors and creates the LGBT Senior Task Force.

2012 Work Groups

LGBT Housing – Address the issues faced by homeless and marginally housed LGBT community members

LGBT Youth – Ensure LGBTQ youth are receiving quality services at the San Francisco Unified School District.

Beyond Castro – Expand LGBT services to neighborhoods outside of the Castro