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**San Francisco Human Rights Commission Receives SF LGBT  
Center's *Vanguard Award* for Leadership on LGBT Violence  
Prevention**

(**San Francisco**) The San Francisco Human Rights Commission (HRC) was presented with the SF LGBT Center's *Vanguard Award* at the third annual Bold Awards ceremony and reception on November 13th. The award recognizes the HRC's leadership on LGBT violence prevention and commitment to creating a stronger and healthier community. The SF LGBT Center also honored Juanita More! with the *Community Spirit Award* and Rob Evans and Terry Micheau with the *Good Neighbor Award*.

"We are honored to receive the Vanguard Award. It is a fitting symbol of our long-standing commitment to LGBT equality and human rights. I'm grateful for the hard work of our commissioners and staff," said Susan Belinda Christian, Chair of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission.

"This award is a tribute to all our community partners, including the SF LGBT Center and a dozen other health and social service providers. Our LGBT violence prevention initiatives are successful because of their passion and commitment," added Theresa Sparks, Executive Director of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission.

The *Vanguard Award* recognizes the HRC's leadership on the first-of-its-kind community needs assessment on LGBT violence prevention. The assessment gathers information on the types of violence that affect LGBT people, where survivors of violence seek support, and how experiences of violence compare across LGBT subgroups and demographics. The HRC will use findings from the assessment to address service gaps at the local level.

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