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Pride Center to Host LGBTQ+ “MasQUEERade” Adult Prom September 14!

(San Mateo, CA) -- On Saturday, September 14, 2019, the San Mateo County Pride Center will host "Somewhere over the Rainbow—A Peninsula MasQueerade," the first ever LGBTQ+ Adult Prom on the Peninsula! It will be a night of dancing and joyful celebration in support of the LGBTQ+ community. The event will take place at Three Restaurant & Bar on 3rd Ave in downtown San Mateo. We are anticipating a sold-out event with over a hundred people in attendance but tickets are still available!

“This Prom came about from the hearts and minds of the Pride Center community, with many LGBTQ+ adults expressing the desire to reclaim the prom experience they were unable to have during high school, a time when circumstances often make it impossible for LGBTQ+ folks to be their authentic selves” -Pride Center Clinical Program Coordinator, Catherine Haueter

Craig Wiesner, LGBTQ+ Commissioner shared: “Back when I was in high school in the 70s, there was no way on earth that I would ask anyone out to a prom. If the person I really wanted to invite knew how I felt about him, that would have ended our friendship. But a lot has changed since then, and I've asked the man I love to come to a prom with me on Saturday September 14th and he said yes.”

“This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots and is a historic time for San Mateo County as we rise in defiance of the stigma, bullying, rejection, invisibility, discrimination and violence we still face here in the Bay.” -Pride Center Director, Lisa Putkey

This “Wizard of Oz” themed MasQueerade is an opportunity for LGBTQ+ adults to rewrite their prom story with a night of dancing, comedy, prize drawings, food and beverages, music and a laser light show from [DJ VJ Mariah](#), a drag queen performance by [Ana Mae Coxxx](#), and comedy by emcee [Jesus U. BettaWork](#).

WHAT: Somewhere Over the Rainbow: A Peninsula MasQueerade

DATE & TIME: September 14th from 8:00pm-12:00am

LOCATION: THREE Craft Kitchen & Bar in Downtown San Mateo. Please note this is a 21+ Event.

Tickets can be purchased online at: Sanmateopride.org/masqueerade-prom

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About the San Mateo County Pride Center:

Opened in June 2017, the San Mateo County Pride Center is the first and only LGBTQ+ community center in San Mateo County. The Pride Center offers mental health and recovery services including therapy and case management, peer support groups, education and training, and social and cultural

events for the LGBTQ+ community. The Pride Center is a program of StarVista in a collaboration with Daly City Partnership, Outlet of Adolescent Counseling Services, and Peninsula Family Service.



The San Mateo County Pride Center's mission is to create a welcoming, safe, inclusive, and affirming community climate that fosters personal growth, health, and opportunities to thrive for individuals of all ages, sexual orientations, and gender identities through education, counseling, advocacy, and support.