

Supervisor Ken Yeager's LIST OF LGBTQ+ ACCOMPLISHMENTS

San Jose City Council:

Elected as the first openly LGBTQ+ San Jose City Councilmember (2000)

Made it a priority to outreach to the LGBTQ community to recruit candidates for appointment to the City's boards and commissions (2001-2006)

Raised the Rainbow Flag over San Jose City Hall for the first time in honor of gay pride month completed with an openly gay minister performing the invocation for the city council meeting. The tradition has continued on ever since (2001)

Helped secure nearly \$1.8 million in city redevelopment funding for the remodeling of the Billy DeFrank LGBTQ+ Community Center and over \$260,000 for its senior lunch program through the City's Healthy Neighborhoods Venture Fund (2002)

Authored an amendment to the City's harassment policy to include protections for gender identity in addition to existing protections for race, color, ethnicity, national origin, disability, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, and religion (2003)

Added gender identity discrimination as a matter affecting human rights and covered under the functions, powers and duties of the Human Rights Commission (2003)

Advocated successfully for a policy to waive fees charged on property transfers for same-gender couples, just as it does for opposite-gender couples (2004)

Proposed that the City provide recognition for all valid marriage licenses of city employees who are in same-gender relationships, resulting in full and equal benefits to all married couples or registered domestic partners couples, regardless of sexual orientation, for employees and retirees (2004)

Authored a resolution, passed by the City Council, in support of bill in the California Legislature making make gay marriage legal (2004)

Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors:

Elected as the first openly LGBTQ+ member of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors (2006)

Raised the Rainbow Flag over the Santa Clara County Government Center for the first time in honor of gay pride month, a yearly tradition since (2007)

Crafted a budget deal to preserve funding for HIV rapid testing at the Billy DeFrank LGBTQ+ Community Center and other locations in Santa Clara County (2007)

Authored a resolution, passed by the Board of Supervisors, in support of Assemblymember Mark Leno's Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Protection Act that that would make gay marriage legal in the state (2007)

Appointed the first transgender woman to the County's Commission on the Status of Women (2007)

Presented a proclamation to Pastor Elaine O'Rourke of the Campbell United Church of Christ for her congregation's response to anti-gay graffiti found on the church's sign (2007)

Opened the doors of the County's wedding chapel to same-gender couples to use as a site for their commitment ceremonies by amending the fee schedule of the Clerk Recorder's Office to include a stand-alone fee for use of the County's wedding chapel (2007)

Authored a resolution, passed by the Board of Supervisors, urging Congress and the Food and Drug Administration to repeal its lifetime ban on blood donations from gay men (2008)

Worked closely with County staff to ensure that paperwork and our chapel services would be readily accessible to same gender couples in the wake of the California Supreme Court Decision making same gender marriages legal (2008)

Became a registered Deputy Commissioner of Marriage for the County and officiated over the first gay and lesbian weddings in the County, performing over 100 same-gender wedding ceremonies in all (2008)

Worked with County staff to craft and pass an opposition position to Proposition 8, a California initiative to ban gay marriage in the state (2008)

Voted for the approval for the County to join a lawsuit against Proposition 8 (2008)

Proposed amendments to the County's Legislative Priorities (which were accepted by the Board) to include work at the federal level to reverse discriminatory practices such as DOMA and DADT (2009)

Became the first openly LGBTQ+ person to serve as President of the Board of Supervisors (2010)

Advocated for the creation of two new staff positions to coordinate HIV/AIDS programs (2010)

Facilitated the return of HIV testing to the Billy DeFrank LGBTQ+ Community Center (2012)

Voted to appoint Molly O'Neal as the first openly gay person to head the Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office (2012)

Launched a first-of-its-kind health assessment to determine the unique needs of the LGBTQ+ community in Santa Clara County (2013)

Secured budget dollars to augment sexual health programs, including expanded STD testing at County clinics, increased public awareness campaigns, and a pilot program for at-home HIV testing (2013)

Officiated over the first same-sex wedding in Santa Clara County after the Supreme Court invalidated Proposition 8 (2013)

Married 27 same-sex couples on July 5, a record day for all wedding ceremonies performed in Santa Clara County (2013)

Authored a resolution condemning the Russia Federation for its discriminatory policies against LGBTQ+ people and urging the United States Government and the International Olympic Committee to take measures to protect LGBTQ+ participants and spectators at the 2014 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games (2013)

Secured funding for a program through the Bill Wilson Center that uses specialized outreach and counseling services to LGBTQ+ youth who are homeless and disconnected from their families (2014)

Secured staffing and funding to provide outreach, testing, and intensive case management services for homeless individuals with HIV/AIDS (2014)

Proposed the creation of a Blue Ribbon Task Force on Intimate Partner Violence that includes an LGBTQ+ expert to evaluate the County's prevention and treatment programs (2014)

Secured \$345,000 to contract with nonprofit agencies for the expansion of HIV/AIDS services to help serve unmet needs such as dental, housing, and legal (2014)

Brokered an agreement that prevented the Billy DeFrank LGBTQ+ Community Center parking lot from being sold under redevelopment dissolution (2014)

Advocated for the creation of an LGBTQ+ Wellness services program to reduce the disparities in mental health conditions and access to care (2015)

Created an Office of LGBTQ+ Affairs to meet the unique needs of the LGBTQ+ community and ensure the smart and efficient use of resources (2015)

Created a policy banning County-funded travel to states that enact policies discriminating against LGBTQ+ families (2015)

Ensured that the Rainbow Flag be raised daily over the Santa Clara County Government Center following the Supreme Court's ruling on marriage equality (2015)

Made Santa Clara County the first county government in the nation to raise the Transgender Pride Flag (2016)

Secured funding for the LGBTQ+ Youth Space that allows it to continue its programs and services (2016)

Launched a Getting to Zero Campaign in Santa Clara County, which seeks to reach zero new HIV transmissions, zero HIV-related deaths, and zero stigma (2016)

Modernized HIV and STD prevention website, including launching a Spanish-translated version focused on Santa Clara County MSM (2016)

Secured funding for baseline training of LGBTQ+ issues for all County staff and to help address traditional workplace barriers and promote collaboration (2016)

Allocated \$28,000 to community organizations, groups, and programs focused on LGBTQ+ community capacity building and support services (2016)

Created a Transgender Support Program Manager position, the second such in the nation, to coordinate services for this diverse and marginalized community (2017)

Ensured equal access to single-user restrooms for individuals of any gender identity that exceeds California state laws by requiring all new County facilities to have at least one single-user restroom available to the employees and the public (2017)

Secured additional funding to support the Getting to Zero initiative, including doubling the hours of the County's Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Clinic and providing access to HIV Post-Exposure and Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP and PrEP) for uninsured and underinsured clients (2017)

Provide funding for self-defense classes for LGBTQ+ residents, building confidence and empowering the community to be better equipped to protect themselves when their safety is at risk (2016, 2017)

Proposed the creation of housing for the elderly LGBTQ+ individuals and outreach to existing senior housing facilities and shelters to promote best practices for creating a safe, inclusive living environment (2017)

Opened the county's first gender health clinic offering mental, behavioral, sexual, and physical health services by trained clinicians who understand the unique needs of the transgender, gender non-binary, and overall LGBTQ+ communities (2018)

Urged County Administration to research the feasibility of specialized LGBTQ+ wellness center(s) to address unmet community health needs and disparities (2018)

Launched pilot project with Minority Business Consortium to expand the County's outreach efforts to small and minority-owned businesses, including LGBTQ+-owned organizations (2018)

Invested in a mentoring and support pilot for LGBTQ+ girls at risk of (re)entering the juvenile justice system (2018)

Allocated funding for training of 60 clinicians to better serve LGBTQ+ youth, particularly transgender youth, suffering from serious mental health conditions (2018)

Allocated funding for an LGBTQ+ community summit to disseminate local resource, allow community residents to share feedback on existing and potential services, and engage residents with state, regional, and national leaders on how to improve the lives of LGBTQ+ communities (2018)

Spurred study that further researches the needs and challenges of the local LGBTQ+ senior community (2018)

Advocated for the creation of LGBTQ+-focused temporary homeless shelter in San Jose and partnered with local leaders and community organizations to open it in December 2018 (2018)

BAYMEC and Others:

Co-founded the Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee (BAYMEC), a four-county LGBTQ+ political action group (1984)

Managed the South Bay "No on 64, Stop LaRouche" campaign which would have quarantined anyone in California who was diagnosed with AIDS (1986)

Appointed chair of the Santa Clara County's AIDS Prevention Task Force (1986)

Elected to the San Jose Community College District becoming Santa Clara County's first openly LGBTQ+ elected official (1992)

Named by Metro Silicon Valley as one of the "25 People Who Changed Silicon Valley" for opening doors for other LGBTQ+ political leaders (2010)