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## **Peninsula Pride Celebration And Parade Returns After 10-Year Hiatus**

Monterey, California (June 2, 2017) — The Peninsula Pride Celebration and Parade is coming to Seaside on Saturday, June 17, 2017. The parade will kick off at 11 a.m. from Monterey County Social Services on Broadway Ave. in Seaside and continue down Fremont Blvd. towards Hilby Ave. Following the parade, the celebration will take place at 12:00 p.m. at the Oldemeyer Center.

“There’s this impression that the LGBTQ community is difficult to find on the Monterey peninsula,” said Tyler Williamson, head organizer. “The resurgence of this event is in direct response to people moving to the area and feeling like they can’t find ‘the family.’ It’s also doing our part in the surge of post-election political activism. We want to celebrate our culture, provide a sense of unity and support and, most importantly, let people know that we are here.”

Event participants will include the Access Support Network, ACLU, Epiphany Lutheran & Episcopal Church, Interim Inc. Pajaro St. Wellness Center, Monterey Bay Derby Dames, Monterey County Health Department, Monterey LGBTQ & Friends Meetup Group, Monterey Public Library, Monterey Rape Crisis Center, MPC Theater Company, Planned Parenthood, Rainbow Speakers and Friends, Shine A Light Counseling Center, SPCA for Monterey County, The Epicenter, The Monterey County Theater Alliance, The Monterey Peace and Justice Center, The Pink Flamingo Theater, The Western Stage, and Unitarian Universality Church of the Monterey Peninsula.

Confirmed speakers include Congressman Jimmy Panetta and Monterey County Supervisor Jane Parker. Music and entertainment will be provided by drag DJ and performer Ayumi Winehouse. Local food trucks will provide meals and refreshments. All are welcome to this family-friendly event.

Visit [www.lgbtqmonterey.com/pride](http://www.lgbtqmonterey.com/pride) for more information.

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*The mission of the Peninsula Pride Celebration and Parade is to educate Monterey County, commemorate our heritage, celebrate our culture and liberate our people. For more information visit [www.lgbtqmonterey.com](http://www.lgbtqmonterey.com) or follow us on Facebook at Monterey County Peninsula Pride.*