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San Jose, CA The South Bay Trans Day of Visibility (southbaytdov.org), celebrated this year on March 30th, 2019 at the San Jose City Hall Rotunda, is a community-driven and -targeted one day event celebrating the experiences and lives of transgender/nonbinary/intersex people, timed in conjunction with the International Trans Day of Visibility. This is our tenth year of celebrating diversity.

The Billy DeFrank Center's South Bay Trans Men's group and friends have coordinated the South Bay Trans Day of Visibility for the past ten years. The event has evolved over time into a free one-day intensive conference, offering:

- **Resources:** Tables providing information and takeaways from representatives of organizations providing services to trans people
- **HIV testing** will be available.
- **Education:** Workshops and presentations by both professionals (medical, legal, health) and community members (Friends & Family, Surgery Experiences, Nonbinary, Youth, etc.), providing hard-to-get and invaluable information.
- **Arts:** Art displays including large-scale photography of trans individuals and art by local gender expansive people. Participants will also have the opportunity to create art during the event, using provided materials.
- **Community:** Every year, people come out for the very first time at the South Bay Trans Day of Visibility. This open and accessible event is a safe haven. The social area features the stage and the resources tables. Games, seating areas, and snacks are provided, all of which help people feel comfortable and welcome. Simply seeing other trans people (including youth and parents), and their successful lives, is empowering for many.
- **Access to community officials:** It is empowering for people to feel seen by their county and city officials. The South Bay Trans Day of Visibility provides this opportunity for officials to perform outreach and hear the concerns of gender expansive community members.

- **Pride:** This is a wonderful and unique opportunity for trans and other gender expansive folks to see *their* flag flying!

About: The Billy DeFrank LGBT Community Center strives to be the community's premier resource hub and a recognized leader in promoting health, strength, diversity and inclusiveness. They provide a broad array of opportunities and programs, a dedicated and caring staff, a corps of volunteers, and a spirit of community that celebrates the many facets of the broad-based Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender constituency in Santa Clara County.

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