



As an organization rooted in the diverse East Bay community, Oakland Pride stands in solidarity with all those affected by the ongoing conflict in Gaza, Israel and worldwide. We call for an immediate ceasefire and an end to all hostilities. We urge for the protection of civilian lives, the release of all hostages, and the provision of humanitarian aid to those in need.

Our mission has always been to celebrate the cultures and diversity of the LGBTQ community in Oakland and the East Bay while promoting equality, social justice, and civic responsibility. In this spirit, we extend our compassion to all those suffering in this conflict, recognizing that oppression and violence affect marginalized communities disproportionately.

As a community that continues to face discrimination and is still fighting for our rights, we understand the importance of standing up against injustice. We reject all forms of violence, discrimination, and dehumanization. Instead, we advocate for a path forward based on mutual respect, human rights, and justice for all.

Oakland Pride commits to creating spaces for healing, dialogue, and understanding within our diverse community. We encourage our members and allies to approach this complex issue with empathy, to listen to varied perspectives, and to support organizations working towards peace and humanitarian relief.

Let us work together towards a world where all people, regardless of their identity or background, can live in safety, dignity, and freedom. As Maya Angelou, who once called the Bay Area home, wisely said, "Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope"

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