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Statement on Colorado Springs shooting – November 20, 2022

With a mixture of anger and despondency, The LGBTQ Center Long Beach laments the invasion of a LGBTQ+ safe space by violence and hatred. We deplore the easy access to weaponry and a society where anti-LGBTQ sentiments are tolerated. We want the haters to know that acts like these only strengthen and unite the LGBTQ+ community and you have failed.

To those in our community, we encourage <u>self-care practices</u> and if needed, see a therapist. The Center provides free to low-cost mental health services.

To those in Colorado Springs who we have lost and those that are hurting, we send a rainbow full of healing and love.