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LGBTQ Center of Long Beach Statement on Orlando Shooting

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Long Beach, California- The LGBTQ Center of Long Beach is deeply saddened at the horrific news of the Orlando shooting at Pulse, a popular LGBT bar. This act of anti-LGBTQ hate violence stole the lives of over 50 people and left many seriously injured. Our hearts are with the friends and loved ones of those who are mourning today.

As many of us are celebrating Pride month, we must remember that there is still hate and discrimination against many races, ethnicities, sexual orientations and gender identities. During this time we must remain unified. We must not allow those that are filled with hate to drive a wedge into our communities. This is a time for us all to come together and the LGBTQ Center is available to support those in need during this difficult time.

The LGBTQ Center of Long Beach and Mayor Robert Garcia's office, will host a vigil tonight, June 12, 2016 at 7:30pm at the Harvey Milk Park in Downtown Long Beach. The community is invited to come and stand in solidarity with the communities in Orlando.

The Center is open today to support community members in need of emotional support. There will be a team of mental health professionals available at the Center to provide free crisis and grief counselling today at 2:00pm. There will also be crisis counseling available at the vigil.

For more information on The Center's services the community can call 562.434.4455, visit www.centerlb.org, or visit their physical location at 2017 E. 4th Street Long Beach, CA 90814.