



## Proud at Home - Long Beach Pride 2020

Dear (Contact First Name),

Marches and parades do not define our authenticity, tenacity, and resiliency as LGBTQ people. On this 50th anniversary of Pride celebrations worldwide I am thinking about the Stonewall Riots in 1969 where our community courageously, publicly, and forcefully resisted police brutality and harassment through six days of protest. So today, while we aren't marching together in the Pride parade, we are still Proud at Home.

This weekend, which would have been Long Beach's annual Pride weekend, all of us at [The LGBTQ Center Long Beach](#) are officially Proud at Home . Pride is protest. Pride is community. Pride is solidarity. Pride is intersectional (so don't forget to demonstrate your solidarity with racial justice, feminist, immigrant rights, and labor communities too). And Pride is the culmination of years of collective resistance to secure a safer, more affirming, and more equitable world for all LGBTQ people.

I invite you to be Proud at Home too.

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There are many ways you can celebrate being Proud at Home, including [pre-ordering one of our fabulous Proud at Home t-shirts](#) to help sustain our ongoing services and COVID-19 relief efforts including grocery and face mask delivery, financial assistance, and free mental health counseling for LGBTQ people.



You can also make sure you are counted in the [2020 Census](#), a critical US survey used to allocate funding used to support organizations like The Center.

Finally, you can also ensure our health and safety is taken seriously by the government by contacting your state representative to support [SB 932. This law will make sure our local health department begins collecting information about sexual orientation and gender identity](#) when people get tested for coronavirus. It's a shame our City and County health departments aren't doing this already, but SB 932 will change that with your support. You can find contact info for your state representatives by [CLICKING HERE](#). Please tell them how critical SB 932 is for the LGBTQ community.

As you can see, there are so many ways we can collectively be Proud at Home. I hope you will join us.

In solidarity and in resistance,

Porter Gilberg

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Executive Director

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