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Mayor DaSilva creates new LGBTQI + Council, calls on community to join

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI – East Providence Mayor Bob DaSilva has created a newly formed advisory council dedicated to advising and consulting the mayor on how to best maximize the city’s outreach to all members and non-members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex + (LGBTQI+) community.

Mayor DaSilva signed Executive Order **2022-004** establishing the Mayor’s Council on LGBTQI+ Affairs on March 3, 2022. Now, we are asking any East Providence resident interested in joining the Council, to [APPLY](#).

“My administration saw a great need in bringing members of the LGBTQI+ community together to work in collaboration with the City and help identify and tear down any barriers and build acceptance and inclusion in our city,” Mayor DaSilva said. “I look forward to working with our Council on LGBTQI + Affairs to reinforce East Providence’s commitment to identify, explore, address and provide educational resources regarding emerging topics and concerns relevant to diverse sexualities, gender identities and gender expressions affecting people in the LGBTQI+ community, so that the city may continue to be open and accepting.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the LGBTQI + Advisory Council, Please apply here: <https://onboard.eastprovidence.com>

Mayor's Advisory Council on LGBTQI+ Affairs

WHEREAS, the City of East Providence honors, appreciates, and holds in highest regard, all members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex + (LGBTQI+) community; and

WHEREAS, the City of East Providence advocates for a civic environment of inclusion, respect, equity and appreciation of differences of all diverse populations; and

WHEREAS, the City of East Providence seeks to do all it can to educate the community about a diverse range of impactful issues in the LGBTQI+ community; and

WHEREAS, the City of East Providence recognizes the continuing accomplishments and achievements of East Providence residents of the LGBTQI+ community; and

WHEREAS, bringing members of the LGBTQI+ community together to work in collaboration with the city and help identify and tear down any barriers and build acceptance and inclusion in our city; and

WHEREAS, the mayor seeks guidance and advice from an Advisory Council that will identify, explore, address and provide educational resources regarding emerging topics and concerns relevant to diverse sexualities, gender identities and gender expressions affecting people in the LGBTQI+ community, so that the city may continue to be open and accepting.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of East Providence, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1: Establishment and composition of Mayor's Council on LGBTQI+ Affairs:

- (a) Pursuant to Chapter 2 Article III Sec. 2-41 of Revised Ordinances City of East Providence, Rhode Island, there is hereby established, the Mayor's Advisory Council on LGBTQI+, herein referred to as the LGBTQI+ Advisory Council.
- (b) The LGBTQI+ Advisory Council shall consist of (7) seven members, a majority of whom shall be member of the LGBTQI+ community. The mayor or his designee shall serve as an ex officio member of the LGBTQI+ Advisory Council.
- (c) Each member shall serve for a term of (1) one year, but shall remain on the LGBTQI+ Advisory Council until a successor is appointed.
- (d) The mayor shall appoint a chair of the LGBTQI+ Advisory Council, who shall be a resident of East Providence, following a recommendation made by a majority vote of the LGBTQI+ Advisory Council.

Section 2: Duties of Mayor's Council on LGBTQI+ Affairs:

- (a) The LGBTQI+ Advisory Council shall serve in an advisory capacity to consult the mayor on various issues that pertain to LGBTQI+ issues.
- (b) The LGBTQI+ Advisory Council shall keep the mayor informed of various events related to the community.
- (c) The LGBTQI+ Advisory Council may propose new ideas and initiatives for members of the LGBTQI+ community within the city to the mayor.

Section 3: Effective Date: This order shall take effect immediately.

Roberto L. DaSilva
Mayor