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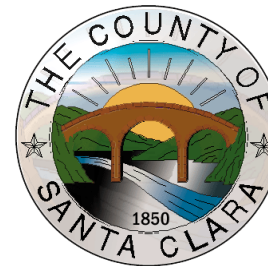
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TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors
Jeffrey V. Smith, M.D., J.D., County Executive
Megan Doyle, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Maribel Martínez, Manager, Office of LGBTQ Affairs
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SUBJECT: Parameters and Space Needs for LGBTQ Health and Wellness Center

At the October 16, 2018 Board of Supervisors Meeting (Item No. 12), the Board of Supervisors directed Administration to begin working with the community toward the LGBTQ Health and Wellness Initiative with a priority of establishing LGBTQ Health and Wellness Centers as part of the MHSA Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. At the December 9, 2020 Health and Hospital Committee Meeting (Item No. 8), the Committee directed Administration to provide an Off-Agenda Report with the key parameters and space needs for the LGBTQ Wellness Center presented to the County's Administrative Space Committee.

Below are the key parameters and space needs, which were included in the bi-annual update report presented at the June 24, 2020 Health and Hospital Committee Meeting (Item No. 13).

General Parameters

- Safe, warm, and welcoming place without judgement, fun space to hang out
- Central County Flagship sites with satellite locations
- Accessible location (by public transit and ADA compliant) and parking
- Co-located with other community services

Space Needs

- Very large space that can scale to growth and not become quickly outgrown (10,000 sq. ft)
- Diversity of spaces within a building (large and small rooms):
 - 1 Office space (PM)
 - 12 8x8 Shared work stations
 - 4 Small consultation rooms
 - 3 Medium-large conference rooms
 - 1 Open space (lobby / main drop-in/lounge space)
 - 1 Reception area

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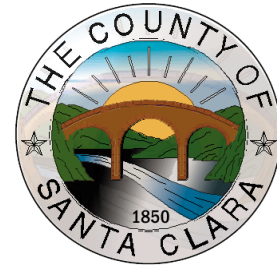
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- 1 Break room: sink and kitchenette
 - 1 Printer/Copy area
 - 1 Supply/Equipment storage space
 - 2 All-gender restrooms

Additionally, the Office of LGBTQ Affairs and the Behavioral Health Services Department connected with the Billy DeFrank LGBTQ+ Community Center (Billy DeFrank) after the December 9, 2020 Health and Hospital Committee Meeting to clarify the discussion point raised about their work not being included as the report focused solely on County-funded or County-partnered activities. Billy DeFrank provides important services. During the pandemic, Billy DeFrank shifted its multiple peer support groups and diverse community engagement activities to be virtual. Since the meeting, the Office of LGBTQ Affairs, the Behavioral Health Services Department, and Billy DeFrank began collaborating to provide trainings and support for peer group facilitators across the county.

The Office of LGBTQ Affairs and the Behavioral Health Services Department are available to address follow-up questions or discussion. The next bi-annual update report on the LGBTQ Health and Wellness Initiative will be in May 2021.

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