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# SCHOOL SAFETY

## SUPPORTS MENTAL HEALTH:

### EXPERIENCES OF LGBTQ+ STUDENTS IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Join us for an informative evening focused on illuminating the experiences of LGBTQ+ youth in our local public schools. Your attendance is critical because safe and supportive school climates are important for all students, but they are particularly important for LGBTQ+ youth who face bullying, harassment, and assault while at school simply because of who they are. These experiences contribute to the higher rates of depression, anxiety, and suicidality they face in comparison to their straight/cisgender peers. With hate crimes on the rise, this event was conceived to encourage a dialogue around the needs for inclusion, representation, and support for LGBTQ+ students, with the ultimate goal of improving the safety for all public school students and staff. Brought to you by PFLAG Manhattan Beach/South Bay, Beach Cities Health District/allcove, in partnership with the South Bay Community Coalition Against Hate.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2024 • 6:30-8:00 PM**

Redondo Union High School Auditorium • 1 Sea Hawk Way, Redondo Beach, CA 90277



Joe Marcy



Assemblymember  
Al Muratsuchi



Veejay Atilano  
Equality California



Julz Goff  
Equality California



Williams Institute  
UCLA SCHOOL OF LAW



Linda K. Reeves  
MA, LMFT

featuring

- Opening remarks by California Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi
- Information on Safe & Supportive Schools presented by Veejay Atilano & Julz Goff from Equality California
- Data on LGBTQ+ Mental Health by the Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law
- Panel discussion with counselors & students led by Linda K. Reeves, MA, LMFT

with Emcee **JOE MARCY**

