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Momentum

Dear Mike,

Momentum continues to build for passage of the Transgender Equal Rights Bill. This week, the Boston Phoenix [published a strong editorial](#) in favor of the bill, urging House Speaker Robert DeLeo and Senate President Therese Murray to “voice their support” for the bill and get it passed.

Also this week, thanks to excellent work by the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, KISS 108 began running a public service announcement in favor of the bill. You can listen to the PSA [here](#) and read an account of how it came to be on the GLAAD [blog here](#).

We are holding phone banks for the bill every Tuesday night from 6 to 9pm at our office. During phone banks, we talk to constituents and transfer supporters of the bill directly to their lawmaker’s voicemail box so they can leave messages in support of the bill. Call Justin at [617.878.2344](tel:617.878.2344) to sign up or send him an [email](#)!

Meanwhile, please take a moment to contact [your state rep and state senator](#) to let them know your support for the bill. They can’t hear from us too often — opponents of the bill have been swamping the inboxes of lawmakers.

Please make your support for the bill known!



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Upcoming Events

Sun., Oct. 2, at noon. The [First Parish in Cambridge](#) will rededicate placement of its Rainbow Flag. Its previous flag has been torn down twice in recent weeks, which fits a pattern of vandalism of Rainbow Flags at Unitarian Universalist churches in Watertown, Quincy, Melrose, and Bridgewater. The First Parish in Cambridge is located at 1446 Mass Ave. at Church Street, Harvard Square, Cambridge.

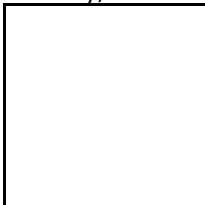
This weekend marks Latin@ Pride! There are three great events taking place that we'd hate for you to miss! On Fri., Sept. 30 from 6-9pm check out Movie Night with the Boston Latino International Film Festival at Fenway Health, Ansin Building Theatre Auditorium, 1340 Boylston St., Boston. Tickets \$5; free for those under 18.

On Sat. Oct. 1 from 7-10pm, the [Latin@ Pride Community Awards Reception](#) will honor the Hispanic Black Gay Coalition, Boston GLASS, and Alredo Hernandez at the Foundation Room, 15 Lansdowne St., Boston. Tickets \$35; \$50 at the door.

And on Sun. Oct. 2, 12-4pm there will be a **family pride picnic and potluck** at Southwest Corridor Park, Stony Brook T Stop, Jamaica Plain. It's kid-friendly and free!

I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,



Kara S. Suffredini, Esq.

Executive Director



Wed., Oct. 5, 6-8pm. [Benefit for the Mass Alliance](#), 382 Riverway, #8, Mission Hill. Suggested donation \$25.

Thurs., Oct. 6, 7-11pm. Celebrate Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition's [10-year anniversary!](#) Club Oberon, 2 Arrow St., Cambridge. Tickets \$35 and \$50 for a pair; \$15 for students.

Sat., Oct. 8, 9am-6pm. LGBTQ Youth Empowerment Conference for LGBTQ Youth of Color ages 13 to 21. At the Epiphany School, 154 Centre St., Dorchester. Sponsored by the Hispanic Black Gay Coalition. [Click here](#) for more information.

Sat., Oct. 22, 11am-1pm. Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders presents a [conversation](#) with Katherine Patrick about coming out, the importance of family, and political leadership. Cosponsored by MassEquality. At the Harriet Tubman House, 566 Columbus Ave., Boston. Free.

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MassEquality works to ensure that every lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender person in Massachusetts is protected from cradle to grave—with equal rights and opportunities in school, in marriage and family life, at work and in retirement.

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