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The LEATHER & LGBTQ Cultural District supports and stands in solidarity with the Transgender Cultural District, the Castro LGBTQ Cultural District, and San Francisco Pride following the decision by Mayor London Breed to stand in alliance with the San Francisco Police Department and the Police Officers Association by boycotting the upcoming 52nd San Francisco Pride Parade and Celebration.

The Transgender Cultural District eloquently highlighted, “..Pride was born out of resistance against police harassment..” and, “San Francisco Pride’s decision to honor the genesis and true intent of our celebration, and establish boundaries with law enforcement agencies that continue to criminalise and harm our most impacted community members is a stride toward conjunction with the founding values of Trans and Queer Pride.”

This is an affront to the memory and the bravery of those who participated in the Compton’s Cafeteria Riot, the bars in SOMA and the Castro, and countless others who suffered near constant brutality and death at the hands of the SFPD.

The Mayor’s statement immediately followed the anniversary of the White Night Riot and California State Holiday commemorating Supervisor Harvey Milk who, along with Mayor George Moscone was gunned down by a former SFPD officer. We find the timing to be insensitive, at the very least, to those in our community who were victimized in those days.

At a time when physical and political attacks against the LGBTQ+ community have been increasing (particularly the most vulnerable transgender youth), this action by the Mayor is especially disappointing and disturbing.

The LEATHER & LGBTQ Cultural District joins the Transgender District and the Castro LGBTQ Cultural District in refraining from participation in the Mayor’s Pride Month Ceremonial Flag Raising Ceremony and all other City and County of San Francisco Pride celebrations until the Mayor reverses her decision and instead shows support for the entire LGBTQ+ community.

In Solidarity and Pride,

President, Board of Directors
LEATHER & LGBTQ Cultural District