

Superior Court of California County of Santa Clara

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Name and Gender Marker Change Day of Celebration

SAN JOSÉ, California (August 27, 2024): The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara is proud to announce its inaugural Name and Gender Marker Change Day of Celebration on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at The Old Courthouse, located at 161 N. 1st Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

This event is a first-of-its-kind celebration designed to honor individuals who have obtained or plan to file for a name and/or gender marker change in Santa Clara County. The Superior Court recognizes the significant personal and legal milestones these changes represent and is committed to supporting the community through this inclusive and empowering event.

Participants will be able to:

- **Receive a Ceremonial Certificate:** Attendees who have completed a name and/or gender marker change can receive a ceremonial certificate signed by a judge, commemorating this significant moment.
- **Access Vital Resources:** Learn how to use court orders to update identity documents and connect with community organizations offering guidance and support.
- **Enjoy Light Refreshments:** Celebrate in a welcoming environment with refreshments provided.

Participants may use the following link to RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/NGMCelebration>

Presiding Judge, Hon. Beth McGowen, emphasizes the importance of this event in fostering community and inclusivity, "This day is not just about recognizing a legal change; it's about celebrating the personal journeys and identities of those in our community. The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, is honored to stand with our residents as they take these

significant steps in their lives. We are committed to ensuring that everyone feels recognized, respected, and supported through our judicial system."

This celebration is being held in collaboration with several community organizations, including the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley, The Q Corner, The LGBTQ Youth Space, LGBTQ Wellness, and the Office of LGBTQ Affairs. Attendees are encouraged to RSVP to ensure they receive their ceremonial certificate and to assist with event planning.

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About the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara:

The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara serves the public by providing a fair and accessible forum for the resolution of disputes under the law. The court is committed to upholding the legal rights of all individuals and fostering a community that values diversity, inclusion, and equity.