

EQUALITY
PRESENTS

ALL EYES ON TEXAS

THE 2ND ANNUAL GALA

All Eyes on Texas – the 2nd Annual Equality Texas Gala – will take place on **Saturday, October 17, 2020, beginning at 6 p.m. CST. This year’s event will be fully virtual. Our goal is to raise \$250,000 to fund Equality Texas’ important work to engage, educate, and mobilize our community in support of LGBTQ equality. Join us for a wonderful night of *celebration, inspiration and generosity!***



ALL EYES ON TEXAS

The Lone Star State often serves as a bellwether in the fight for the political soul of our nation. This is especially true each legislative session as nationally coordinated anti-LGBTQ campaigns make their way into dozens of discriminatory bills filed by state legislators. In the upcoming 87th Texas State Legislative Session, Equality Texas is anticipating an unprecedented number of anti-LGBTQ – and more specifically, anti-transgender – proposed legislation that will negatively impact trans youth and their access to best practice medical care.

The next legislative session will be a turning point for our state. For the first time in Texas history, a bipartisan team of legislators will propose new legislation to ensure LGBTQ people in our state receive the dignity, equal rights, and protections we have long been denied.



OUR IMPACT

Equality Texas has led the fight for stronger hate crime laws, defeated measures that would prevent gays and lesbians from serving as foster and adoptive parents, defeated the anti-gay marriage bills that would have prevented the recognition of out-of-state same-sex marriages and civil unions, increased AIDS and HIV funding and achieved the adoption of nondiscrimination policies protecting lesbian and gay employees in five major state agencies.

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For more than 30 years, Equality Texas has protected LGBTQ people from anti-LGBTQ legislation passing the Texas House and Senate.

CELEBRATION

Gala attendees will take part in an exciting and interactive event featuring special guests, key legislators, and local LGBTQ community leaders who will ignite your passion to help Equality Texas make a change in 2021 and beyond. The night will include:

Social Lounge, Exhibition Hall and Live Entertainment: 6 - 7 p.m.

All Eyes on Texas Program: 7 - 8 p.m.

Dance Party and Post-Event Social Hour: 8 - 9 p.m.

Together, we will celebrate the richness and intersections of our community through live entertainment, discussions, and fellowship that will make the evening truly memorable.

INSPIRATION

Equality Texas will honor inspiring LGBTQ trailblazers during our awards presentation ceremony. Award recipients will be announced in August.

GENEROSITY

We need YOU! Our work would not be possible without the incredible generosity from our individual, corporate, and foundation supporters.

Equality Texas Foundation's programs educate and empower Texans on equality issues. We see education and civic engagement as key to ending discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression in the state of Texas.

Contact Lisa Chang at: donate@equalitytexas.org for more information on becoming a sponsor or table captain of this event.

“If you attack one Texan, you attack all Texans,” is the rallying cry of Equality Texas. Join us on October 17th and take a stand to defend LGBTQ Texans. It is only through your support that Equality Texas can continue fighting for LGBTQ liberation.

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A portion of individual ticket sales will go directly to fuel the legislative advocacy Equality Texas - 501(c)(4) will do during the 2021 Texas Legislature to help secure full equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer Texans through political action, education, community organizing, and collaboration.

All event sponsorships and contributions will fund the work of the Equality Texas Foundation - 501(c)(3) and be tax-deductible to the highest extent of the law.