



A Message From Our Executive Director, Patti Hearn

Today, we face the reality that U.S. voters have chosen a president poised to enact an agenda marked by extreme anti-LGBTQIA2S+ policies. As we stand on the precipice of this future — a future where essential healthcare access, protections, and hard-won rights are at risk — our commitment to uplifting our community only grows stronger.

At Seattle Pride, we remain unapologetic in advocating for our community's visibility, our strength, and our history of protest.

As we grapple with uncertainty about what lies ahead, we also have reason to celebrate some key victories, including historic firsts for LGBTQIA2S+ candidates and marriage protection. These victories are not just milestones for representation; they are an opportunity for real change, as queer leaders step into roles where they can advocate for our community through grassroots efforts.

Our queer community knows how to resist, to stand together, and to show up for one another. We have been here before. But this work is not easy, and it can take a toll — especially on the most marginalized among us. If you need support, please take time to explore our [InQueery Guide](#), which offers vital connections to local support networks, health resources, and opportunities to engage in advocacy right here in Seattle. Whether you need mental health support, healthcare guidance, or simply a reminder that you are not alone, these resources are here for you.

The stakes are high, and the time for action is now. Let's amplify our voices, care for each other, and confront this agenda head-on. Together, we can defend our rights, uphold our dignity, and create a future where every queer person can live freely.

Together, we hold on to our legacy of resilience, activism, and courage. Together, we are unstoppable. Let's get louder.

With pride,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patti Hearn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Patti Hearn
Executive Director, Seattle Pride