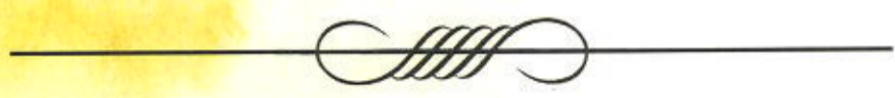




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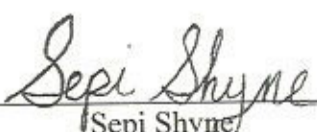
GLSEN Rise Up for LGBTQ+ Campaign

- WHEREAS,** the City of West Hollywood has a proud history in being a welcoming, affirming, and inclusive city for all residents, including all members of the LGBTQ+ community; and
- WHEREAS,** advocates have designated 2023-2024 as a time for communities to Rise Up in support of LGBTQ+ young people in schools; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of West Hollywood supports the goals and ideals of GLSEN's 2023 – 2024 Rise Up campaign in demanding equal educational opportunity, civil rights protections, and freedom for all students, including and especially LGBTQ+ young people in K – 12 schools; and
- WHEREAS,** LGBTQ+ young people frequently experience bias-based bullying and harassment, discrimination, and punitive discipline that increases the likelihood they will enter the school-to-prison pipeline. LGBTQ+ young people are more likely than their non-LGBTQ+ peers to experience mental health concerns, including stress, anxiety, and depression; and
- WHEREAS,** young people who develop in positive school climates, free of bullying, harassment, and discrimination, report greater physical and psychological safety, greater mental well-being, and improved educational and life outcomes; and
- WHEREAS,** every young person must have equal educational opportunity and freedom from the fear that their basic civil and educational rights will be taken away from them; and
- WHEREAS,** we must all demand the best possible future for all young people in schools, including those who identify as LGBTQ+, without exception:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of West Hollywood hereby recognizes the invaluable contributions made by GLSEN through their Rise Up for LGBTQ+ Campaign.

Resolved this 19th day of July, 2023


John M. Erickson
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Mayor


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