

Gay Pride Parade: love, humanity, compassion

The board and committee of the Pride Committee Inc. have been entangled in an incident of unregistered participants in this year's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Parade. We have responded in what we believe is an appropriate manner to move forward in the future. Unregistered groups will not be allowed to march in the parade, and will be asked to remove themselves.

Celebrating our sexuality

Lesbian and Gay Pride Day is an opportunity for our community to celebrate all aspects of our love and sexuality, from the romantic to the outrageous. In nearly 20 years of participating in the Boston march, I have never felt less than safe.

Our mayor and city councilor from South Boston would do better to worry about the expressions of bigotry that people are exposed to at other events in our city, such as the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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The Pride Committee is not a law enforcement agency and will not participate in judgment calls that are not considered illegal in any community, straight, gay or lesbian. The Pride Committee is an encompassing and embracing umbrella organization for Boston and New England. Anyone who wishes to register for the parade is welcome.

The Pride Committee has been asked to identify the participants in question. The participants were not registered, and we have no information to offer.

While the Pride Committee does not condone unlawful behavior, neither can we condone an atmosphere of homophobia. The Pride Parade has many points to be made by its numerous registered contingents: love, humanity, compassion, and equal rights for all.

We are a rich, diverse and vibrant fiber of the Greater Boston and New England community.

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