



**Office of the City Clerk**  
**BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS**

**TUCSON COMMISSION ON LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND  
TRANSGENDER AND QUEER ISSUES (LGBTQ+)**

**CREATED BY:**

Mayor and Council Action, June 28, 1999  
Resolution 18345, adopted on July 6, 1999  
Resolution 21292, adopted on June 2, 2009  
Ordinance 11599, Adopted December 4, 2018  
\*Ordinance 12024, Adopted August 8, 2023

**MEMBERS:**

The commission shall be composed of thirteen (13) members, including co-chairpersons, who are residents of the metropolitan Tucson area and who shall serve without compensation. Each member of the Mayor and Council shall appoint one (1) member to the commission. One (1) member of the Human Relations Commission will be designated to serve on the LGBTQ+ Commission, and five (5) additional at-large members from the community will be nominated by the Commission and ratified by the Mayor and Council.

**QUORUM:**

\*Pursuant to Tucson Code, § 10A-140(a) this BCC is designated as “Category 1,” for which a majority of the members currently *appointed and serving* shall constitute a quorum.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

Members appointed shall be residents of the metropolitan Tucson area and shall serve without compensation. All members shall be knowledgeable about issues and concerns of importance to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community.

**TERMS OF OFFICE:**

Commissioners who are first appointed shall be designated to serve for staggered terms, so that the terms of the seven initial Mayor and Council appointed commissioners and the Human Relations Commission member shall

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expire after two years, and the terms of the five at-large commissioners shall expire at the end of the initial Mayor and Council commissioners' first year.

All appointments thereafter shall be for two-year terms, except that the terms of the members of the commission shall be coterminous with the terms of the Mayor and members of the City Council who appointed them, or until their successors on the commission are appointed.

Appointments to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of terms shall be filed with the City Clerk no more than thirty (30) days after the expiration of the terms, and appointments to fill other vacancies shall be filed with the City Clerk no more than thirty (30) days after the creation of the vacancy.

Appointment to a vacated position shall be for the unexpired term. If no appointment for the position has been made within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the vacancy, that position may be filled by a majority vote of the Mayor and Council.

Members shall be eligible for reappointment; but in no event may any individual serve more than a total of eight continuous years.

**APPLICABILITY OF TUCSON CODE CHAPTER 10A, ARTICLE XIII:**

All provisions of TCC Chapter 10A, Article XIII are applicable. T.C. § 10A-134(c) Appointees, except for advisory members and members of the technical code committees named herein, may not serve on more than two (2) bodies at a time.

**FUNCTIONS:**

- Act as the official advisory body to the Mayor and Council on LGBTQ+ issues.
- Respond in an effective and timely manner to LGBTQ+ issues that may arise in the City.
- Examine local policies and practices in the area of employment, business, education, housing, social services, health and mental health and recreation as they affect or relate to LGBTQ+ people in the City and to recommend changes as appropriate.
- Review and make recommendations on proposed local, state and federal legislation affecting LGBTQ+ people.
- Promote educational activities and events related to LGBTQ+ issues.
- Conduct, promote or facilitate community forums to educate the community about LGBTQ+ issues and concerns.

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- Collaborate with the Human Relations and other City commissions.
- Serve as a liaison between the Mayor and Council and the educational community regarding the needs and rights of the LGBTQ+ community; and,
- Address other LGBTQ+ issues as requested by the Mayor and Council.

**LIMITATIONS:**

Neither the Tucson LGBTQ+ Commission nor any member thereof may incur City expenses without prior authorization by the Mayor and Council, or obligate the City in any manner or form. All expenditures shall be subject to approval by the City Manager, pursuant to budget provisions.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW REQUIREMENTS:**

This public body is defined as an advisory committee and must comply with all the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law.

**BCC TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS:** This is an on-going board.

**SUPPORTING DEPARTMENT(S):**

None

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*Historical Notes:*

*June 28, 1999 - Mayor and Council passed and adopted a motion to establish the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Commission. In addition, a member of the GLBT Commission shall be appointed to the Human Relations Commission and a member of the Human Relations Commission shall be appointed to the GLBT Commission.*

*July 6, 1999 - Mayor and Council passed and adopted Resolution 18345.*

*June 2, 2009 – Mayor and Council passed and adopted Resolution 21292, amending Sections 1 and 4 of Resolution 18345 (adopted July 6, 1999).*

*December 4, 2018 – Ordinance 11599, amended the Tucson Code, Chapter 10A-134(c) allowing members to serve on up to two (2) BCC's Simultaneously.*

*\*August 8, 2023 – Ordinance 12024, amended the Tucson Code Chapter 10A, Article XIII to add a new Tucson code Section 10A-140, defining different quorum requirements for two specified categories of Boards, Committees, or Commissions.*