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Assemblyman Gordon's statement on Queer Youth Advocacy Day

SACRAMENTO, CA - Assemblyman Rich Gordon (Menlo Park), Chair of the Legislative Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Caucus, released the following statement on Queer Youth Advocacy Day, a student-led day of action in California's State Capitol. Over the last decade, thousands of young people from every corner of California have rallied on the Capitol steps in Sacramento, calling on lawmakers to make California schools safer for LGBTQ and straight ally students.

"Today dozens of youth from across the state will converge on the Capitol to meet with their representatives and staff to discuss issues that affect them every day. I am inspired to see such dedicated and passionate young adults here advocating for the rights of all members of our community. Whether it is ensuring that youth are able to attend safe and welcoming schools or to ensure that no person is unduly singled out and bullied, it is our collective responsibility to guarantee every student has an opportunity to grow and succeed.

Our movement towards equality has been and will continue to be a grassroots effort. And these young adults show us that we are in good hands. On behalf of the LGBT Caucus of the California State Legislature, we welcome you to Sacramento."

Originally formed in 2002, the LGBT Caucus serves as a forum for the California Legislature to discuss issues that affect LGBT Californians and to further the goal of equality and justice for all residents in the State. Comprised of both Senate and Assembly members, the LGBT Caucus members include: Speaker John A. Pérez; Assemblymembers Tom Ammiano, Toni Atkins, Susan Eggman; Senators Cathleen Galgiani, Ricardo Lara, and Mark Leno. The Caucus' formation made California the first state in the country to recognize an official caucus of openly-LGBT state legislators.

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