



Before the Parade: The History That Shaped Pride

Journeys of Hope

October 8, 2026

1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Kevin Jennings

Chief Executive Officer | Lambda Legal

Opening Remarks: **Jasmine Sullivan Waits**, Executive Director Palm Springs Pride

As Palm Springs Pride approaches, there is so much to celebrate: decades of progress, greater visibility and countless lives changed by the courage of those who came before us. Pride began as a movement for dignity, equality, and the right to live openly and safely. Understanding that history helps us better understand the work that remains.

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But these are challenging times which have many concerned that we may be going backwards. In his talk Journeys of Hope, Kevin Jennings – CEO of Lambda Legal, America's oldest legal advocacy organization for LGBTQ+ people and everyone living with HIV - reflects on the LGBTQ+ movement's journey from the earliest days of the LGBTQ+ movement to today's challenges.

These are not just LGBTQ+ issues—they are community issues that call on all of us to act. If fairness, dignity, and equity matter to you, this conversation offers an opportunity to learn how you can make a meaningful difference in the ongoing fight for LGBTQ+ equality

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