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Mayor Mark Mallory supports Freedom to Marry

Cincinnati Mayor Mark Mallory and five other Ohio Mayors are among a growing list of local officials who have joined Freedom to Marry's "Mayors for the Freedom to Marry" Campaign, which supports marriage equality for same-sex couples.

Other Ohio Mayors who have signed the pledge to date are:

- Frank Jackson of Cleveland
- Don Plusquellic of Akron
- Edward Kelly of Cleveland Heights
- David Berger of Lima
- Sara Drew of Stow

At the 80th annual U.S. Conference of Mayors in Washington, D.C. this month, a bipartisan group of Mayors from around the country announced their support for the

Freedom to Marry Campaign. The group includes Mayors from large and small cities and towns alike, each with diverse backgrounds and constituencies.

Mayors Michael Bloomberg of New York, Antonio Villaraigosa of Los Angeles, Rahm Emanuel of Chicago and Annise Parker of Houston were some of the big city Mayors from around the country supporting the initiative.

The group released the following statement that



Mayor Mallory

committed, loving relationships, who are active participants in the civic life of our communities, and who deserve to be able to marry the person with whom they share their life...Our cities derive great strength from

read in part: "As mayors of great American cities, we proudly stand together in support of the freedom of same-sex couples to marry. We personally know many Gay and Lesbian people living in our cities who are in

their diversity, and Gay and lesbian families are a crucial part.

Cincinnati, for one, has a Gay City Council member.

Studies have shown what we know through our hands-on experience—that cities that celebrate and cultivate diversity are the places where creativity and ideas thrive."

Equality Ohio will continue working with local communities to encourage their Mayors to sign the Freedom to Marry pledge.

To encourage your Mayor to sign on to the Freedom to Marry campaign go to <http://www.freedomtomarry.org/>

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JAC Stringer to lead Gender Diversity Workshop March 10

Learn more about gender diversity by attending a workshop hosted by Cincinnati's GLBT Center and presented by JAC Stringer on Saturday, March 10, beginning at 1 pm. The event is free, no reservation is required.

This is an open, beginner/intermediate workshop structured to cover a wide array of topics relating to gender diversity. It is primarily directed towards participants who have no background in trans* and gender topics but also discusses concepts that would be of interest to people with stronger backgrounds in gender theory.

Gender is connected to every aspect of our lives; our identities, our sexual-

ities, and how we experience the world. This workshop sorts out the mass of labels, terms and theories surrounding gender through the experiences and language of trans* / gender non-conforming communities. We will ask why we think about gender, how culture and practices interact with and affect trans* people today, and find commonalities that will help us build a more inclusive, just community.

JAC Stringer, also known as Midwest GenderQueer, is a transgenderqueer femme radical activist, writer and performance artist from Cincinnati. JAC has lectured and performed across the USA and Canada with his work focusing trans* and queer education, social justice, femme identities, (dis)ability, and trans*/

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queer artistry.

JAC is the founding director of The Midwest Trans* and Queer Wellness Initiative, is a leading activist in the gender identity disorder removal movement, and is a strong advocate for health care reform, sexual assault awareness, and comprehensive sex education. JAC has founded several projects including Cincinnati Trans* Community Group, GenderBloc and the Queer Canon Zine, and is member of several organizing boards including TransOhio, The Philadelphia Transgender Health Conference, The Greater Cincinnati Youth Summit, The International Femme Conference and The International Drag King Community Extravaganza. As a performer, JAC has done genderbending dance, music, drag and spoken word as a solo artist and as co-manager

of nationally recognized drag cabaret troupe, The Black Mondays. He is a national gender performance showcase producer and is the founder of the Gender Queeries Tour. JAC is a life-long dancer, poet, musician, and rabble-rouser whose work's purpose is to generate unity, action and empowerment and achieve rights and recognition for trans* and queer communities through education, art, and other various forms of revolution. The Center is located at 4119 Hamilton Ave in Northside, next door to Hoffner Park. Please remember parking meters are enforced until 6 p.m. that day, however, there is free on street parking on east/west side streets of Palm Avenue or Blue Rock.



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