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LGBT and Community Activist George Zander Passes Away

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The City of Palm Springs is saddened to announce the passing of George Zander, a much respected member of the City's Police Advisory Board and prominent local resident and activist in the LGBT community.

Zander was taken to Desert Regional Medical Center this morning. The cause of death is unclear at this time.

Zander coordinated Equality California's local volunteer efforts in the Coachella Valley. In addition, he served as a member of the Palm Springs Police Advisory Board for the past five years and was a member of the Warm Sands Neighborhood Organization and One-PS. He is survived by his husband Chris Zander.

"On behalf of the citizens of Palm Springs and our LGBT community, I want to express our deep sense of loss in the passing of George Zander. He was a wonderful man with a tremendous dedication to our city and a passionate and tireless commitment to the ongoing fight for equality," said Mayor Robert Moon. "George was a kind and gentle man and at the same time a strong and committed leader, who was never afraid to speak his mind on issues he cared about. He will be terribly missed by many of us in the LGBT community who benefitted from his experience and expertise. We send our deepest condolences to his husband Chris."

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