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## **Palm Springs Human Rights Commission and LGBT Center of the Desert Partner for Special March 22 Screening of “Coming Out: A 50 Year History”**

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The City of Palm Springs Human Rights Commission, in partnership with the LGBT Center of the Desert, invites the entire community to a special screening of the documentary film “**Coming Out: A 50 Year History,**” on **Friday, March 22.**

The 7 p.m. screening, emceed by **Manny de la Rosa** from NBC Palm Springs, will be held at the Palm Springs Cultural Center, 2300 E. Baristo Road. A VIP reception is slated for 5:30 p.m. with special guests, NBC Palm Springs weathercaster **Brian Gallo** and de la Rosa. In addition, the film’s producer **Phil Siegel** will be on hand to speak.

Proceeds from the screening will benefit the Human Rights Commission and the LGBT Center of the Desert. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$25 for the screening and reception. To purchase tickets, visit <https://comingoutfundraiser.eventbrite.com>.

The film, narrated by transgender teen, Jazz Jennings, includes young people interviewing a host of LGBTQ elders who came out in different historical eras from the 1950s to today. These inspiring talks give insight into the political and personal changes that shaped the modern LGBTQ movement. The young interviewers get an opportunity to compare and contrast their “coming out” experience with people who came out during McCarthy, Civil Rights, post-Stonewall, and the AIDS era. In the end, they learn that every generation of activism needs to continue even in the light of great social strides.

The Palm Springs Human Rights Commission is a nine-member commission of volunteer citizens, appointed by the City Council for three-year terms. It meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday each month at City Hall. Public comment is welcome. For more information, visit [www.palmspringsca.gov](http://www.palmspringsca.gov).

