

Colorado Springs

When we woke this morning, it was to the news of a deadly shooting at Club Q, an LGBTQ+ nightclub in Colorado Springs.

As of now, 5 people are dead, 25 are injured, and dozens more are reeling from the experience.

Our hearts are with the loved ones of those who were killed, and the entire Colorado Springs LGBTQ+ community. We are grateful for the first responders and bar patrons who stopped the attack.

Our bars and nightclubs are historical and cultural gathering places for the LGBTQ+ community. They have long been safe havens for community members when there were few places to be safely, fully out. Attacks on these spaces are attacks on the LGBTQ+ community, and send a message of hate and fear.

Today is Transgender Day of Remembrance. A day when we come together to remember our Trans siblings killed by anti-trans violence during the past year. Many of us will gather to read their names and acknowledge the light they brought to this world. On this day, we will also be mourning the loss from this latest violence in Colorado Springs.

Yesterday's attack, and the daily violence against the LGBTQ+ community, in particular the trans community, is not new. But it is overwhelming, heartbreaking, and unacceptable. Today we hold each other close, and mourn our dead., and every day after, the Pacific Pride Foundation will remain dedicated to ensuring a vibrant, thriving, and visible LGBTQ+ community.

If you would like to participate in a Transgender Day of Remembrance event, you can join SBTAN and Pacific Pride Foundation for a candlelight vigil and reading of names, tonight, November 20th at 5:30pm at the Santa Barbara Courthouse under the arch. Address: 1100 Anacapa St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, or you can join a [virtual event](#) (link in our bio) with Stand With Trans from 1pm-3pm.