

## NEWS RELEASE

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## **Position on Politics**

Upper Chesapeake Bay Pride's primary mission is to provide unwavering advocacy and support for queer (LGBTQIA+) people, communities, and their families in Cecil and Harford Counties. We do not specifically support or denounce specific political parties or candidates, we do understand the important role that politics plays in shaping the lives of the communities in which we live. To that end UCBPride may, at times, release opinions, write letters, offer testimony, or share information related to legislation or political activities that may impact the LGBTQIA+ people who are living in our region.

We also realize that politics can be divisive and potentially stressful for some people. As a result, we have established our annual Pride Festival as a politics-free zone. We do not accept political donations for our event, we will not offer vendor/sponsor space for candidates, nor will we encourage politicians or their teams to canvas during our Pride Festival. Candidates who are interested in enjoying our festival may do so as citizens and members of the community.

## About Upper Chesapeake Bay Pride

Founded in 2019, Upper Chesapeake Bay Pride provides unwavering advocacy and support for LGBTQIA+ people, communities, and their families in Cecil and Harford Counties. For more information about the festival or our organization, please visit www.ucbpride.com.

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