

The
WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
celebrates



Monday, June 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Live streamed from the Board Chamber
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PROGRAM

Welcoming Remarks and Acknowledgements

Chair Catherine Borgia

Presentation of Proclamations to



HUGH RYAN

Presented by Legislator MaryJane Shimsky



JEFFREY GUARD

Presented by Chair Catherine Borgia

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Legislator, 1st District

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Legislator, 2nd District

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Legislator, 11th District

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Legislator, 12th District

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Legislator, 13th District

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Legislator, 14th District

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Legislator, 15th District

Christopher A. Johnson
Majority Leader
Legislator, 16th District

José I. Alvarado
Majority Whip
Legislator, 17th District





HUGH RYAN is an author, historian and curator based in Brooklyn, New York. His writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Tin House*, *Buzzfeed*, *the LA Review of Books*, *Out*, and many other venues. His most recent work is the just-published *The Women's House of Detention: A Queer History of a Forgotten Prison*. He is also the author of *When Brooklyn Was Queer*, which won the NYC Book Award in 2020. He is the founder of the Pop-Up Museum of Queer History, a grassroots organization dedicated to helping local communities create engaging exhibitions rooted in their own experience. He sits on the Boards of QED: A Journal in LGBTQ Worldmaking, and the Museum of Transgender Hirstory and Art.

Hugh was born and raised in Irvington, New York, a village steeped in history with a significant literary pedigree. He developed a love for history inspired by his family and surroundings, and sought to connect his own identity to the history of his birthplace. After attending Irvington schools, he attended Cornell University, where he got an undergraduate degree in Women's Studies in 2000, and then went on to get an M.F.A. in Creative Nonfiction from Bennington College in 2009.

Through his work researching and writing about the queer community in Brooklyn and the New York metropolitan area, Hugh learned that the Irvington mansion, *Villa Lewaro*, was a destination for artists, both straight and LGBTQ+, in the 1920's and 30's. They enjoyed the hospitality of Madame C.J. Walker, the first Black female millionaire in the United States, whose beautiful estate provided a social outlet and safe space where they could be themselves. Hugh Ryan is a dynamic chronicler of the LGBTQ+ experience whose acclaimed work helps to validate and connect the LGBTQ+ community's present with its past.



JEFFREY GUARD is the Director of Marketing and Communications for The LOFT LGBTQ+ Community Center in White Plains, New York. The LOFT is the largest provider of programs and services for the LGBTQ+ community in Westchester County. He is responsible for using The LOFT's media resources to connect Westchester's LGBTQ+ community with the vast array of programs and services they offer.

Jeffrey also works as a peer advocate for those living with HIV/AIDS. His advocacy work includes the publication of personal essays and public appearances sharing his own experiences of living with HIV while working to shatter the stigma and empower others in the process. He serves as The LOFT's lead facilitator for HIV/AIDS Event Programming during World AIDS Day and leads One Voice, the LOFT's community support group for those living with HIV/AIDS.

Jeffrey is the founder and Editor-in-Chief of *OUTSpoken*, The LOFT's nationally ranked online community magazine dedicated to promoting LGBTQ+ voices through essays, articles, and poetry. He also serves as the lead facilitator for the Writers Workshop, the only literary workshop in Westchester County dedicated to helping LGBTQ+ writers achieve publication of their literary projects. For too long the voices, stories, and experiences of the LGBTQ+ have been censored, erased, or silenced. Their stories are still rarely published and rarely make it to the next generation. With this magazine, there is a platform for the community and a digital record for preserving their stories, uncensored and archived, for future LGBTQ+ generations to read and learn from.

He's a public speaker and author whose work has been published in *Guideposts* and *Chicken Soup For The Soul* Series. Jeffrey has a B.A. in Psychology from Texas A&M University-College Station. He is a resident of Croton-on-Hudson with his husband, Glenn.