

The  
**WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
celebrates



**Monday, June 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Live streamed from the Board Chamber**  
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**PROGRAM**

**Welcoming Remarks and Acknowledgements**

Chair Vedat Gashi

**Presentation of Proclamations to**



**SAM GOMEZ**

Presented by Legislator Damon Maher



**DANIEL LONGHURST**

Presented by Legislator Erika Pierce

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**Vedat Gashi**  
*Board Chair*  
Legislator, 4th District

**Colin D. Smith**  
Legislator, 1st District

**Erika L. Pierce**  
Legislator, 2nd District

**Margaret A. Cunzio**  
*Minority Leader*  
Legislator, 3rd District

**Benjamin Boykin II**  
Legislator, 5th District

**Nancy E. Barr**  
*Vice Chair*  
Legislator, 6th District

**Catherine F. Parker**  
Legislator, 7th District

**Jewel Williams Johnson**  
Legislator, 8th District

**Catherine Borgia**  
Legislator, 9th District

**Damon R. Maher**  
Legislator, 10th District

**Terry Clements**  
Legislator, 11th District

**David Imamura**  
Legislator, 12th District

**Tyrae Woodson-Samuels**  
Legislator, 13th District

**David J. Tubiolo**  
Legislator, 14th District

**James Nolan**  
*Minority Whip*  
Legislator, 15th District

**Christopher A. Johnson**  
*Majority Leader*  
Legislator, 16th District

**José I. Alvarado**  
*Majority Whip*  
Legislator, 17th District





**SAM GOMEZ** is the Director of Diversity & Inclusion and the LGBTQ Community Liaison for the City of New Rochelle, New York. He moved to New Rochelle at the age of 13 from Peru. Sam has been working for the City of New Rochelle in different capacities for the past 13 years. He strives to help the New Rochelle and Westchester communities with a focus on BIPOC/LGBTQ+ communities which are often overlooked. In 2018, Sam became a member of The Westchester County LGBTQ Advisory Board, which directly advises the County government on these issues. Since 2002, Westchester County has had citizens on the Advisory Board to advise the Westchester County government on issues important to the LGBTQ community.

Recommendations from the board may be in the areas of legislation, services, programs, funding, or other issues the advisors deem appropriate. Sam is also on the Westchester County Human Rights Commission which combats discrimination by implementing and enforcing the County's Human Rights and Fair Housing Laws and by empowering the community through its education and outreach efforts regarding discrimination and hate-related issues.

Sam also founded New Rochelle Pride, a community organization focused on meeting the needs of the LGBTQ community in New Rochelle and beyond. New Rochelle Pride has brought much needed programming to this area from support groups to informational forums that cover a variety of subjects such as finances, safe sex practices, and others. Sam has also brought much-needed social events to foster community and used these events as fundraising mechanisms to sustain other programming.



**DANIEL LONGHURST** (he/him) is a physics teacher and the advisor of the Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA) at John Jay High School in Cross River, New York. He grew up in the Capital Region of New York State and graduated from Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School in 2004. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Physics and Astronomy from State University of New York, Geneseo and a Master's Degree in Teaching from Union College in Schenectady, New York. He taught at various schools in upstate New York before taking his current position as teacher of Physics at John Jay High School in Cross River where he is now in his eleventh year of teaching. He was previously the Co-Chair of the Lower Hudson Valley chapter of GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian

and Straight Education Network). Daniel's work with GLSEN involved organizing and running workshops with teachers across Westchester County, aimed at helping schools become safer and more welcoming places for LGBTQ+ youth.

Daniel has been advisor to the sexuality and gender alliance (SAGA) at John Jay high school for the past three years where his work includes weekly after-school meetings. However, his work extends far beyond these meetings and includes advocacy for students who encounter discrimination based on their sexual identification, and empowerment for reporting discriminatory incidents to the administration. He has been instructive in helping students liaise with teachers regarding the use of preferred pronouns, and helps students navigate the difficult world of being queer in high school. Additionally, as an openly gay teacher, his presence shows students that there are LGBTQ+ people around them all the time.

Daniel lives with his husband, Brandon and their cat, Janet. When not advocating for LGBTQ+ youth, Daniel enjoys cooking and traveling.