



Dear AGLCC Family & Friends,

We are at a loss for words in the wake of the grievous tragedies of the mass shooting in Orlando over the weekend.

Our community was attacked once more for simply daring to openly love one another.

By now you have surely seen many press releases, read many newsletters from various organizations, cried over newsfeeds, and mourned at local vigils.

The AGLCC stands with our LGBT and Hispanic communities in our pain, anger, fear and resolution to rise above hate and violence wherever it is directed.

As humans we are directly impacted by the senseless loss of any life. We feel this loss a little more deeply today both because it so clearly targets our LGBT Hispanic community but also because it happened in one of our safe spaces.

Ever since the Stonewall riots in 1969, and even long before, businesses like Pulse have been instrumental to the social coordination and strengthening of our LGBT community.

Where other institutions have failed and even rejected the LGBT community, our local LGBT business owners have historically stepped in to create safe spaces for us to come together.

Today, we stand strong with LGBT business owners, as well as our peers and partner organizations in the community who even in the face of such an aggressive attack continue to seek common ground and build connections that seek not what makes us different but what makes us whole.

[Read the collective statement from the Atlanta community here.](#)

We hope you will [join us Tuesday night at the Center for Civil and Human Rights](#) for a vigil honoring the victims of the shooting.

There, we hope to continue building connections that pull us through this tragedy and empower individuals from all of our communities to take action towards ending these senseless mass shootings.



Please stay tuned to our [Facebook Page](#) and [Group](#) for additional resources and information on local and national activity.

Finally, our friends at MBA Orlando – Central Florida’s LGBT Chamber of Commerce - are partnering with The Center to provide support services locally to the victims’ families and friends. For more information on their efforts, [please visit their site here](#).

We wish every one of you the space you need to heal, regroup, and continue to advance the causes of equality, unity, and peace.

In Grief and Solidarity,

Jack Kinley
President, Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce