SPONSORSHIP INVITATION

MEET ME AT THE BACK

December 4, 2026
7 - 10 p.m.

San Diego LGBT Community Center Auditorium
3909 Center Street, San Diego, CA 92108

An alcohol-free celebration of Ball Culture Honoring the Black, Latino, and transgender communities

250 anticipated attendees • Free community admission • Alcohol-free event • Community resource connections • Celebration of Black, Latinx, transgender, and LGBTQ+ ballroom culture

Hosted by the Institute for Public Strategies in partnership with The San Diego LGBT Community Center, Meet Me at the Back brings together community leadership, ballroom culture, prevention, wellness, and connection in one affirming space.

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THE SAN DIEGO LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER

A celebration of culture and belonging

Meet Me at the Back will bring an anticipated 250 people together at The San Diego LGBT Community Center Auditorium, 3909 Center Street, for a night of performance, connection, and celebration. The event is alcohol free and welcomes the LGBTQ+ community and its allies.

Why your support matters

Black, Latinx, transgender, and gender-diverse communities have long created spaces of resilience, creativity, chosen family, and belonging, even while facing persistent discrimination and threats to safety and dignity. Your sponsorship helps sustain a joyful, affirming space where people can celebrate culture, build relationships, access community resources, and feel seen and supported. Trusted service providers will connect attendees with behavioral health, prevention, wellness, and other community resources.

What is a Ball and ballroom culture?

A Ball is a gathering rooted in ballroom culture, where participants walk or perform in categories celebrating fashion, dance, creativity, gender expression, confidence, and "realness."

Ballroom culture grew in Black and Latino LGBTQ+ communities, particularly through the leadership of transgender women and gender diverse people, as a source of chosen family, artistic expression, and refuge from exclusion. Houses and community leaders support performers across generations. Meet Me at the Back honors that tradition through a joyful, community-led experience.

Your sponsorship at work

Sponsorships directly support the artists, hosts, and community members who make the Ball possible, along with audiovisual production, décor, outreach, security, accessibility, resource connections, and an affirming participant experience.

Volunteer at the Event

Email ball@publicstrategies.org with **"Volunteer"** in the subject line. Include your name and phone number.

Register to Attend the Event for Free

Please scan the QR code or visit **publicstrategies.org/ball2026** for tickets to the event. The event is free of charge, with donations encouraged online and at the door.

Join us in celebrating culture, affirming dignity, and building a community where everyone belongs.

Sponsorship opportunities

Level	Amount	Sponsor recognition
Presenting Partner	$5,000	Premier logo placement on event promotional materials and signage; recognition in event communications/ social media; dedicated sponsor spotlight; brief welcome opportunity; eight admissions with reserved seating; optional category sponsorship and resource table.
Community Champion	$2,500	Prominent logo placement on event signage and select promotional materials; host acknowledgment; recognition in event communications/social media; four admissions with reserved seating; optional category sponsorship and resource table.
Belonging Partner	$1,000	Logo on event signage and select promotional materials; recognition in event communications/social media; host acknowledgment.
Solidarity Supporter	$400	Name on event signage and recognition in event communications.
Resource Supporter	$100 suggested donation (not required)	Resource table, dependent upon available space. Cannot be used for sales purposes.
Cash donations of any size are appreciated! All contributions are tax-deductible and will be used for the event. All sponsors will receive an email from Institute for Public Strategies (IPS) confirming their tax-deductible contribution. Our tax ID number is 33-0519874.		

Become a sponsor

Select a level and scan **QR code** on the last page or visit **publicstrategies.org/ball2026** to become a sponsor or email ball@publicstrategies.org with **"Sponsor"** in the subject line. IPS will contact you to confirm payment instructions and recognition details.

Custom contributions and in-kind support are welcome. Recognition depends on commitment date, production timelines, and sponsor-supplied materials. IPS will confirm details and artwork deadlines with each sponsor.

Offer Services at the Event

If you would like to offer relevant services at the event, let us know so the team can assess space and community fit. Please email ball@publicstrategies.org with **"Services"** in the subject line.

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About The Institute for Public Strategies (IPS)

We are a nonprofit organization that has been empowering communities, shaping policy, and advancing community-driven change in San Diego County since 1992. We believe health is deeply influenced by the physical, social, cultural, and political conditions in which people live, work, and play. By working alongside communities to create safe, welcoming spaces where people can gather, connect, and celebrate who they are, IPS helps strengthen belonging, build resilience, and improve community health.