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Equality Loudoun Announces the County's First Dedicated LGBTQ+ Community Space

LEESBURG, VA June 5, 2026 – After years of strategic planning and community advocacy, Equality Loudoun (EQLOCO) is proud to announce it has secured a dedicated physical space at 1507 Dodona Terrace SE, Suite 105, in the Village at Leesburg. Scheduled to open this summer, the space will serve as a visible and affirming home for the estimated 15,000 LGBTQ+ individuals, families, allies, and community partners across Loudoun County and the surrounding Northern Virginia region.

This milestone marks a historic step forward for EQLOCO and for Loudoun County. For over two decades, Equality Loudoun has built community wherever people could safely gather – in libraries, coffee shops, parks, breweries, partner spaces, public meetings, and community events across Loudoun County. This new facility provides a dedicated anchor location to support the organization's core pillars of community, inclusion, and education.

"Our community has long expressed the need for a place to gather and connect safely," said Katie Cash, Executive Director of Equality Loudoun. "As we begin Pride Month, this is a space where every person in Loudoun County can feel seen, valued, and supported, not just this month, but every day of the year. Together we can foster the social bonds and resilience necessary to combat isolation and stigma."

The space is designed to be a center for community building, featuring:

- **A Central Hub for Connection:** A modular reception and common area designed for meetings, events, celebrations, and everyday moments of connection.
- **A Welcoming Gathering Place:** Private rooms to facilitate community groups, quiet reflection, and a permanent physical library of queer-inclusive literature.

- **Support and Advocacy Resources:** A safe, affirming environment where community members can find information, connection, referrals, and pathways to support.
- **Operational Facilities:** Workstations, a private restroom, and a galley kitchen to support the organization's expanding operations and volunteer coordination.

This achievement is the result of years of vision and shared commitment. EQLOCO is deeply grateful to the board members, volunteers, donors, allies, community partners, and supporters who have walked alongside the organization and recognized the value of a shared, dedicated LGBTQ+ space in Loudoun County. Their belief in this need helped make this milestone possible.

EQLOCO first announced its goal of creating an LGBTQ+ community gathering space in 2022, followed by planning work throughout 2024 and 2025. Securing this space represents a major step toward making that long-term vision a reality.

More details about the space, opening timelines, community programming, volunteer opportunities, and ways to support the buildout will be shared in the coming weeks. EQLOCO looks forward to welcoming the community into this new chapter and to growing the space alongside the people it is intended to serve.

To learn more or support the outfitting of the new space, please visit eqloco.org/communityspace.

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About Equality Loudoun (EQLOCO)

Founded in 2003 and incorporated in 2021, Equality Loudoun is the county's first and largest non-profit led by and serving the LGBTQ+ community. Dedicated to community building, education, and advocacy, EQLOCO envisions an inclusive Loudoun County where LGBTQ+ people and other marginalized groups are fully embraced by active allies and can live safely and openly. To learn more or get involved visit eqloco.org.