

City leaders gather at Cincinnati City Hall to raise Pride flag in annual ceremony

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CINCINNATI — City leaders in Cincinnati gathered at city hall on Friday to commemorate the annual Pride flag-raising before Pride Month, which runs through June.

Cincinnati officials and Hamilton County leaders were joined by community advocates and LGBTQ+ organizations around the region for the ceremony.

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Leaders, including Cincinnati Mayor Aftab Pureval, highlighted Cincinnati as a pioneer for the future of inclusion and progress, while recognizing that more work still needs to be done.

"Today is about Pride, and today is about optimism and understanding that yes, we have challenges in front of us, but we have come so far," Pureval said.

City Councilmember Reggie Harris added that city leaders will be present at Pride Month events throughout June around the Greater Cincinnati area.

The annual Cincinnati Pride Parade and festival will happen on June 22, and city council is planning to walk together in the parade for the first time.