



# Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition's LGBTQ Advisory Council

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## Mission Statement:

To educate, support, and empower Native communities for increased safety, understanding, healing, justice, and resources for the LGBTQ community.

## Purpose:

To advise and guide the staff and Council of Women on training and technical assistance (T/TA) approaches, data inclusion, resource development/funding opportunities, policy development and tribal on-site trainings with activities that come directly from the voices and presence of the LGBTQ community.



"I'm very grateful and excited to be part of SWIWC's LGBTQ Advisory Council. We hope to bring awareness, training, resources, and better understanding of our LGBTQ community and the problems we face daily and usually in silence. I look forward to seeing this Council grow and make a big impact on the quality of care and services for our LGBTQ Members."

"Speaking as a victim advocate, the Native American population has the highest numbers across the board when it comes to violence. Being part of a smaller community and being LGBTQ increase the danger. It is with this in mind that we would like to bring awareness and provide training and resources to help better serve the LGBTQ community. In coming to the table, each of us has something to contribute to this



## LGBTQ Advisory Council:

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Co Chair

Vanessa Losey, *Salt River Pima-Maricopa* - Co Chair

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