



Reclaim Pride Coalition Demands to The New York Police Department

Whereas the NYC Pride March emerged out of a LGBTQ community tradition of mutual support and resistance against state, police, and societal oppression epitomized and symbolized by the 1969 Stonewall Riots; and

Whereas the members of this Coalition condemn all instances of police excessive force, the over policing of our community, and police militarization;

The Reclaim Pride Coalition (“RPC”), currently composed primarily of groups and individuals who marched together in the 2017 NYC Pride March as members of the Resistance Contingent, makes the following Demands to The New York Police Department (“NYPD”) as to the 2018 NYC Pride March and future NYC Pride Marches:

1. Public Apology from the NYPD

This Coalition demands a public apology from the NYPD for the part it played at Stonewall and for historic and ongoing violence by the NYPD against members of the LGBTQ community, particularly the most vulnerable members of our community, including people of color, people transgender and/or gender nonconforming, people with disabilities, and immigrants.

2. Police Presence in March

There are to be no uniformed or visibly armed police officers, or their vehicles, within the March, nor shall any police be afforded a place of pride near the front of the March, nor shall there be a police band.

3. Police Engagement at Pride March

- a. This Coalition demands Police Free Zones at Christopher Street, the Pier, and the NYC AIDS Memorial. Security will be provided by trained members of our community (known as “marshals”), and this Coalition will provide a detailed plan for the training and implementation of our community security group.
- b. This Coalition Demands that there will be no police barricades along the March route and in the assembly areas for the March.
- c. The NYPD must not arrest people engaged in peaceful protests including but not limited to, die-ins or brief sit-ins, within the March.
- d. NYPD is to give deference to marshals trained and supplied by the RPC and HOP in providing security for the Pride March.
- e. There shall be no weapons carried by the NYPD within the March.
- f. The NYPD shall not use sounds cannons to give directions or communicate to people in the March.
- g. There shall be no cooperation between the NYPD and ICE during NYC Pride.