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Turkish American Gezi Platform Will Walk at San Francisco's Pride Parade In Solidarity with Turkish LGBT Community

First time in Pride Parade's 46 year history, a Turkish organization will join the ranks to celebrate the LGBT community, and be the voice of the Turkish LGBT groups.

San Francisco, CA – On Sunday, June 26, the city's worldwide known annual event, the 46th Pride Parade will be held on its usual location, the Market Street.

The parade aims to celebrate the LGBT community and bring attention to their rightful demands for equal rights. According to the event organizers' website sfpride.org, this year's theme is "For Racial and Economic Justice".

The event will kick off at Market Street at 10:30 am, and end with a festival at the Civic Center, which will last til 6:00 pm. More details on this event can be found at sfpride.org.

Unfortunately, a similar event would be unimaginable in the current President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's Turkey. Most recently the Turkish LGBT community's efforts to organize a parade in Istanbul, was tear gassed and shut down by the police in 2015.

We, as the Turkish American Gezi Platform, feel the need to be the voice of the Turkish LGBT community's outcry to end this government's pressure and bring attention to their immediate need for basic human rights and democratic rule of law.

About TAGP: *An independent group of individuals united to support current Gezi Park Movements in Turkey, with the hope that these grassroots efforts will contribute to freedom, justice and democracy in Turkey. Find us on Facebook and Twitter: [Facebook.com/TurkishAmericanGeziPlatform](https://www.facebook.com/TurkishAmericanGeziPlatform) and [Twitter.com/TAGeziPlatform](https://twitter.com/TAGeziPlatform) and contact us by email contact@geziplatform.org.*

WHO: Turkish American Gezi Platform

WHAT: Pride Parade in San Francisco

WHEN: Sunday, June 27 2016

WHERE: Market Street, San Francisco

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