

AVP WORKS TO FORTIFY & UNITE SAFE SPACES



AVP provides **vital training** and **support to LGBTQ+ safe spaces** across New York City and nationwide. AVP partners with LGBTQ+ businesses and organizations by offering safety planning and event safety consulting to help them fortify and defend our safe spaces.

A profile photograph of Eric Sosa, a man with a beard and mustache, wearing a dark jacket over a green shirt. He is holding a clear award or certificate. Three white lines radiate from the right side of his face towards the text.

“We live in times fraught with danger against our community, predominantly our queer, trans, and nonbinary brown and black families. **Our spaces** are built as a **brief refuge** from that danger and for our **community to release**, to **sing**, to **dance**, and to **celebrate queer joy**. We must **protect** our **queer spaces** by providing them with the tools necessary to keep them safe through training and legislation.”

– Eric Sosa, AVP Board Member, Co-Owner of C'mon Everybody & Good Judy bars in Brooklyn, NY



GIVING TO AVP ALLOWS US TO CONTINUE OUR ESSENTIAL WORK PROVIDING OUR LGBTQ+ SPACES WITH THE RESOURCES AND TOOLS THEY NEED TO BE SAFE HERE IN NYC AND BEYOND.

AVP CHAMPIONS LGBTQ+ SAFE SPACES IN WASHINGTON D.C.



AVP's landmark LGBTQ+ Safe Spaces National Needs Assessment found more than 3 out of every 5 LGBTQ+ organizations surveyed experienced hate, and we took the data right to D.C. to brief the White House, Congress, and federal agencies. After meeting with AVP's Executive Director, Bev Tillery, Admiral Levine, the Assistant Secretary for Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, affirmed anti-LGBTQ+ hate violence as a public health threat, telling the Washington Blade:

"I look forward to a day in the future where **hate-fueled violence** is an **unwelcome memory** of the **past** and no longer incites fear amongst LGBTQI+ people, and all people who live in America. We all **deserve to live in communities safe from violence.**"

– Adm. Rachel Levine, MD



GIVE TO AVP TO ENSURE WE CAN CONTINUE UPLIFTING AND AMPLIFYING YOUR VOICES, SHAPING AND IMPLEMENTING POLICIES AT ALL LEVELS THAT PUT YOUR SAFETY FIRST.