



The MDLGBT Chamber of Commerce empowers and promotes LGBT+ professionals and business owners in the Maryland marketplace through education, networking and advocacy.

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## LGBT Chamber of Commerce Launches in Maryland During Pride Week 2017

**BALTIMORE, May 8, 2017** — Maryland's LGBT business owners now have a new advocate in the state through the Maryland LGBT Chamber of Commerce. The newly formed chamber is an organization of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and gay-allied businesses, professionals and individuals throughout the state of Maryland.

The Maryland LGBT Chamber of Commerce will offer networking opportunities, business development efforts within the LGBT community, and educational programming to its members. The Chamber's goal is to create more business opportunities for the LGBT+ community by connecting corporations with suppliers, teaching how to navigate within the Federal and State government for contracts, and ensuring that workplaces are safe & welcoming. In working with the new administrations in Maryland and Washington D.C., the Chamber will build bridges to enact change and accelerate the growth of the Maryland LGBT professional community.

"Our mission is to empower and promote LGBT professionals and business owners in the Maryland marketplace," says Betsy Cerulo, President of the Maryland LGBT Chamber of Commerce. "Our goal is to connect LGBT and gay-allied businesses in the state with government and provide economic opportunities for our members. If all our diverse businesses and business groups win, ultimately, Maryland wins."

The Maryland LGBT Chamber of Commerce will officially launch on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm during the "Win'ed Up Wednesday" official Baltimore Pride event at Flavor (15 East Center Street). The Chamber's founders, Betsy Cerulo and David Imre will introduce the newly formed Chamber, its mission, goals, and its upcoming programming. Celebrate the launch with entertainment, wine, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction and raffles while networking with LGBT business owners, allies and supporters. Tickets benefitting the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Baltimore (GLCCB) are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door and can be purchased [online](#).

MD LGBT Chamber of Commerce Individual Memberships begin at \$100 and Small Businesses start at \$250. There is \$65 discount for students! The Maryland LGBT Chamber of Commerce is an affiliate of the [National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce](#) (NGLCC).

Membership information can be found online at: [mdlgbt.org](http://mdlgbt.org).

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