

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13-08**

**THE OFFICE OF LGBT AFFAIRS AND  
THE MAYOR'S ADVISORY BOARD ON LGBT AFFAIRS**

**WHEREAS**, the City's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) communities vitally contribute to the development, health, and culture of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's policy is to deliver services to all residents and visitors without regard to their sexual orientation or gender identity; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the City of Philadelphia to secure equal rights for all of its citizens;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Michael A. Nutter, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, by the powers vested in me by the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, do hereby order as follows:

**SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF LGBT AFFAIRS**

A. The Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Affairs, headed by the Director of LGBT Affairs, is hereby established in the Office of the Mayor.

**SECTION 2. DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR OF LGBT AFFAIRS**

The Director of LGBT Affairs shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- A. Develop City policy regarding civil rights issues affecting LGBT people;
  - B. Serve as a liaison to Philadelphia and the regions's LGBT residents and organizations;
  - C. Improve LGBT community access to City services;
  - D. Support the growth and development of Philadelphia's LGBT communities;
- and
- E. Serve as a spokesperson on behalf of the Mayor in connection with LGBT issues and activities.

**SECTION 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MAYOR'S ADVISORY BOARD  
ON LGBT AFFAIRS**

A. The Mayor's Advisory Board on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Affairs is hereby established in the Office of the Mayor.

B. The Advisory Board shall consist of a maximum of 25 members who represent a cross-section of Philadelphia's LGBT communities.

C. The Board shall be presided over by two co-chairs, appointed by the Mayor.

**SECTION 4. DUTIES OF THE MAYOR'S ADVISORY BOARD ON LGBT AFFAIRS**

The Mayor's Advisory Board on LGBT Affairs shall:

A. Identify and advise the Mayor regarding priorities for the LGBT community relating to public safety, education, economic development, health and City services, and civil rights;

B. Advocate for the implementation of the Mayor's platform on LGBT issues; and

C. Advise the Mayor on efforts to provide LGBT citizens with information, policy statements, and positions of the Administration.

**SECTION 4. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 5-84.**

Executive Order No. 5-84, establishing the Mayor's Commission for Sexual Minorities, is hereby rescinded.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Order shall take effect immediately.

9/25/08  
DATE

  
MICHAEL A. NUTTER, MAYOR