

## **Welcome**

**It is my distinct honor to welcome all of you to the First Alameda County Transgender Health and Resource Conference!**

**Today is truly an historic day and one that is long overdue.**

**The overwhelmingly positive responses that I have received in the past few months have proven that a transgender event that brings together both, trans community members and service providers and allies, is much needed on this side of the bay. It is the East Bay's time to "step up to the plate and step up our game" in providing services and resources that enhance and improve the quality of life for transgender residents living in the East Bay.**

**It is time that we go beyond the basics and really learn and understand what the needs of trans residents of the East Bay are and address them to the best of our ability that respects, affirms, and dignifies trans folks. It is our great hope that today is the beginning of that process.**

**We are honored that you have taken the time to be here today to take part in this ground breaking event "over here"; to participate in history in the making and the beginning of the future. We ask that you do not stop here, that you take with you the experiences of today and share with your colleagues, family, and friends.**

**It is only through all of our collective efforts, commitment, and collaborations; then all trans community members will have access to the same quality of life that many of us already enjoy and sometimes take for granted.**

**With Much Respect,**

**Tiffany Woods  
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