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Reimagining Queer Infrastructure

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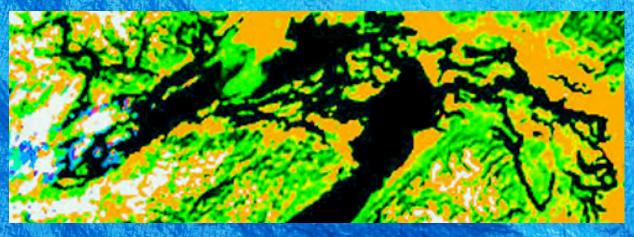
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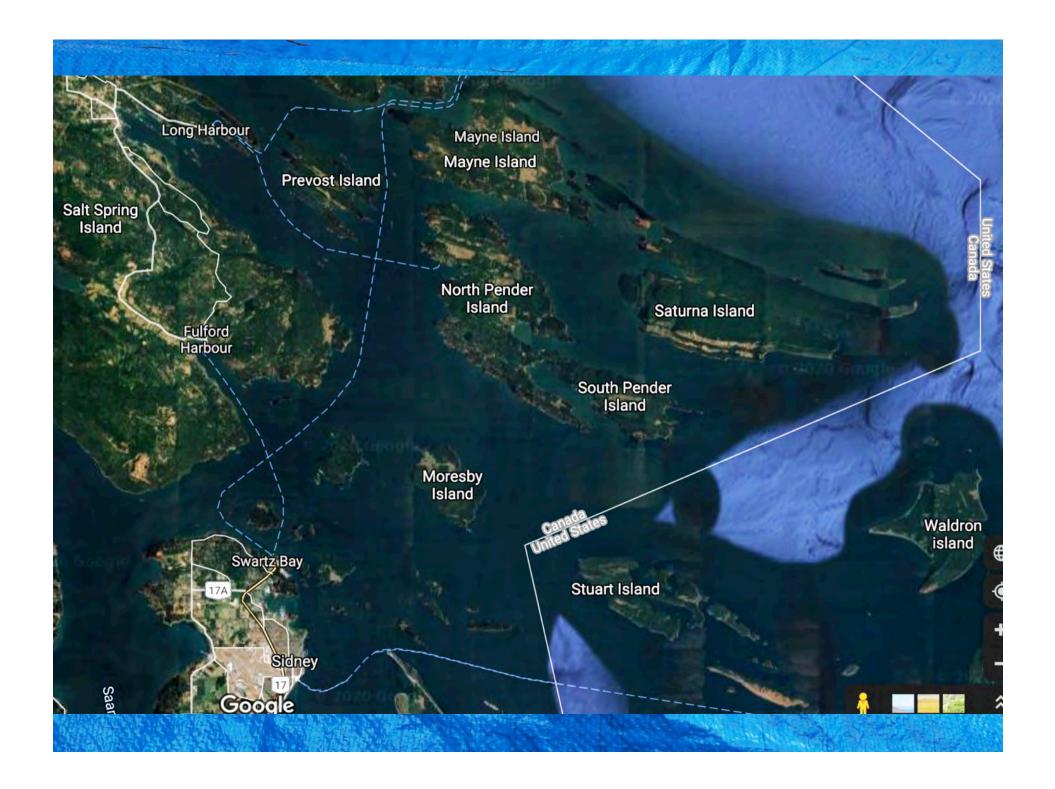
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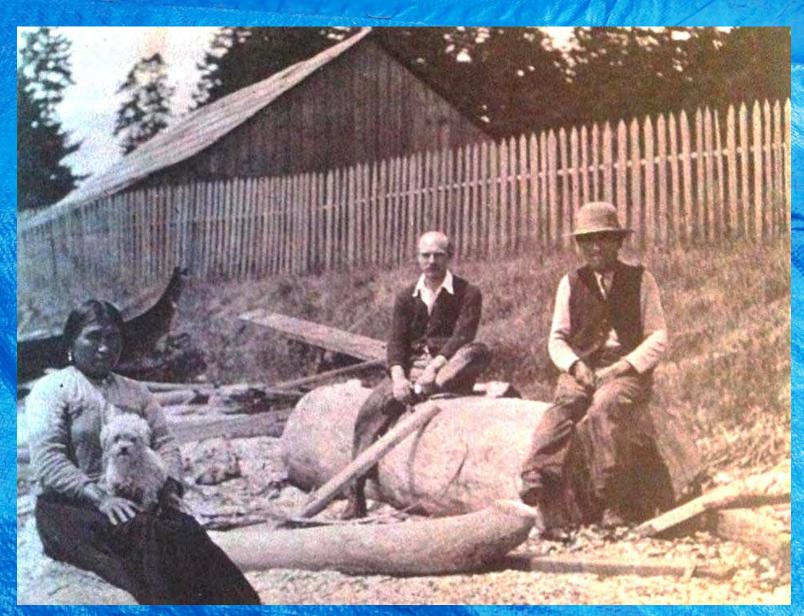
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WEN,NÁ,NEĆ 1920 Mary Zalt, Zalt Zalt and visitor with Salish wool dog (extinct ca1940)

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Introduction: Chaotic times for LGBTQ spaces & new needs for community planning

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The central question in this discussion is

How can we query contemporary culture to more fully identify needs, pressures, and opportunities for new queer infrastructure especially for the more vulnerable LGBTQ2S populations?

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don't worry,
i'm not going to kill you
or anything.





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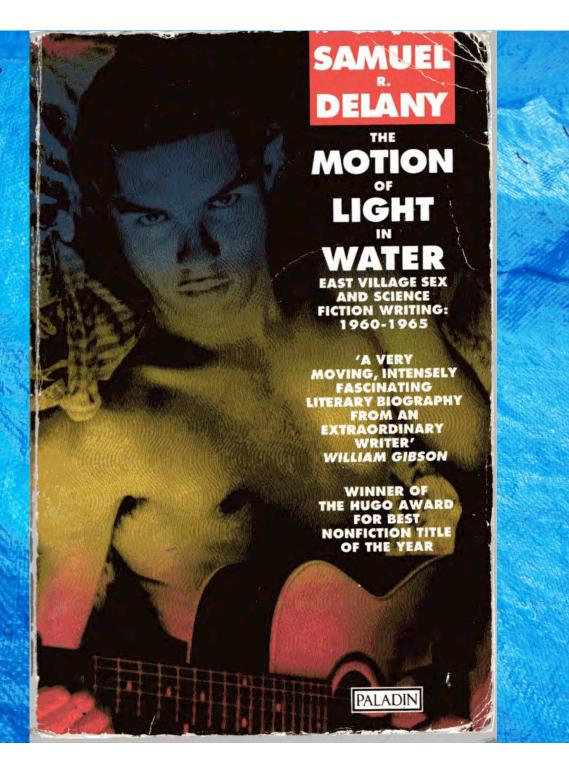


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Problem statement:
Reimagining care as
infrastructure as
planning goals

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Tom of Finland picture book

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Queer infrastructure exists to facilitate the care necessary to maintain the following interactions and related self-sufficiency: "community"; demographics especially health; networks; conviviality; needs;

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erotic expression; cultural expression; mutual aid; support systems; events such as demonstrations, festivals, and dance parties; entertainment and cultural spaces; repair; businesses; and political economies.

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Protecting, expanding & diversifying queer infrastructure

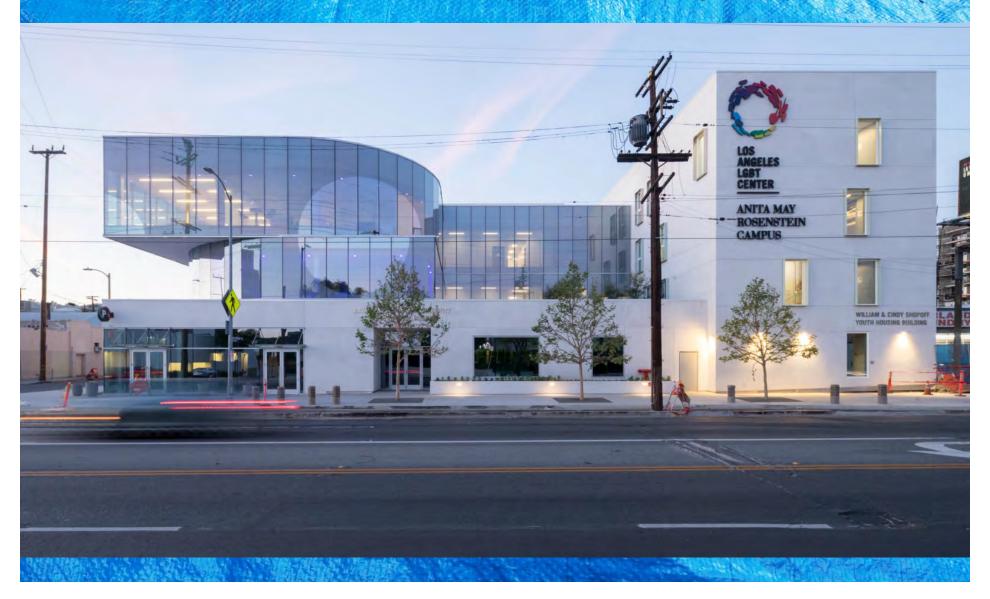
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One of the most difficult aspects of beginning to conceive of planning for queer infrastructure is encompassing the diversity of functions, combinations of functions, durations, dependent / client populations, and scales present today and scales that are necessary for the future.

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The LGBTQ Center of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas



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the blue polyethylene tarp ubiquitous in indigenous communities in the northern half of North America



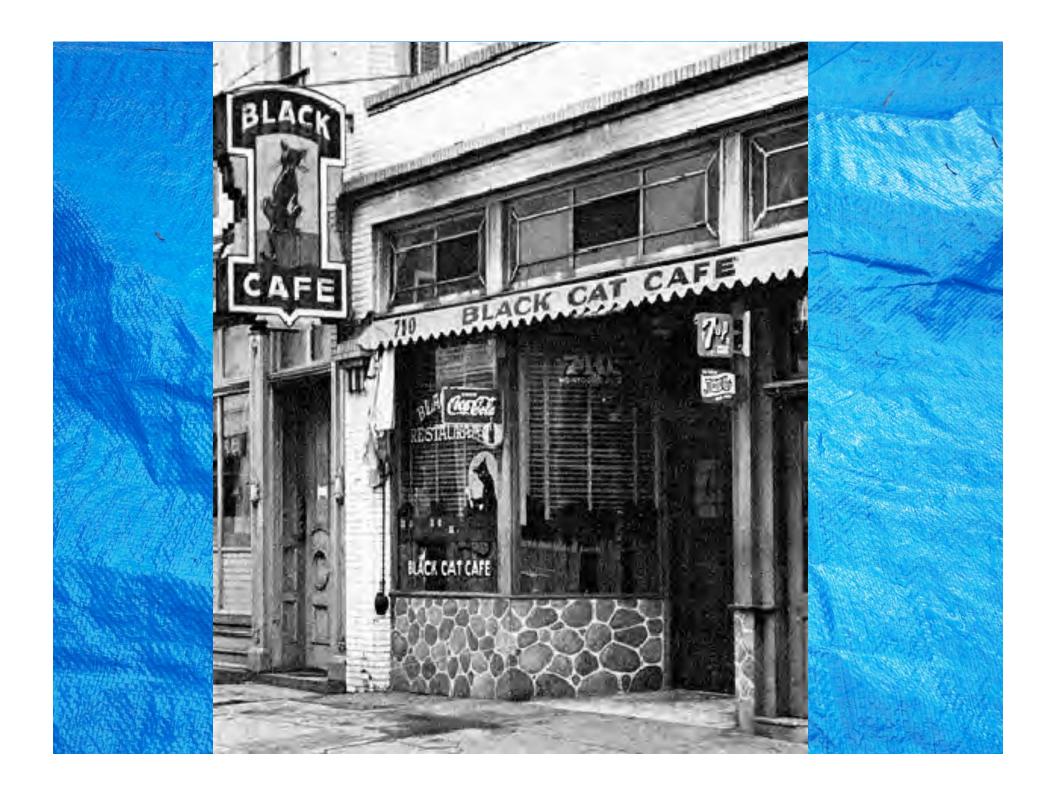




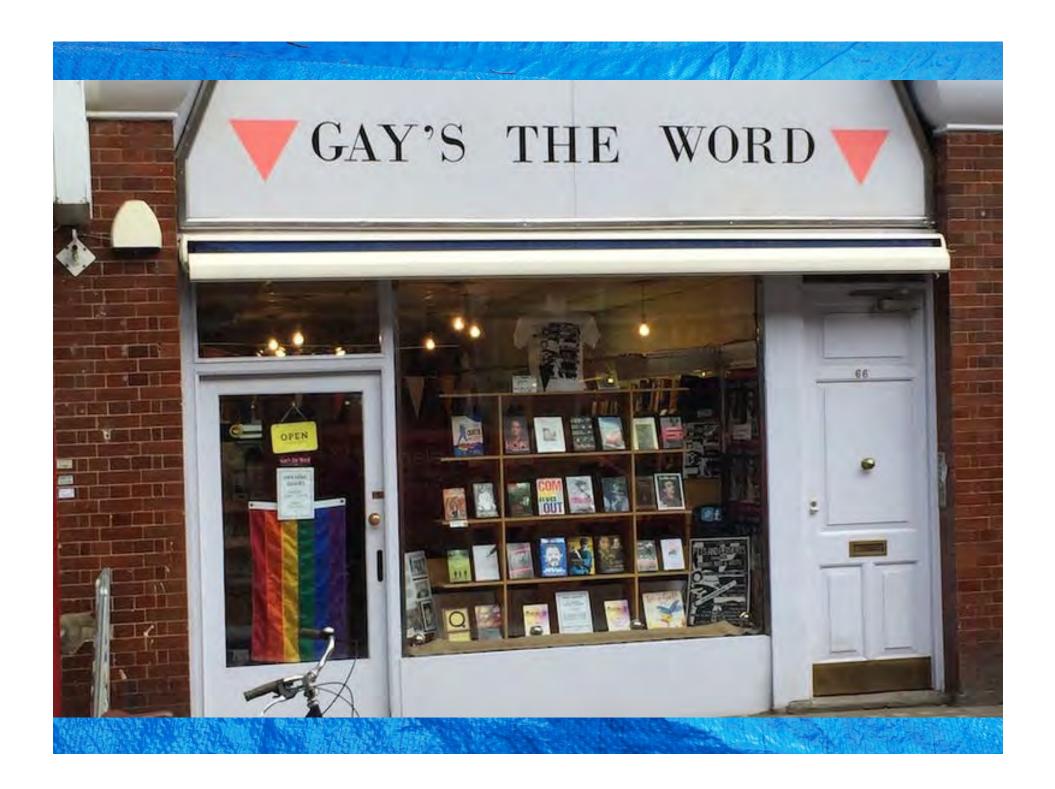




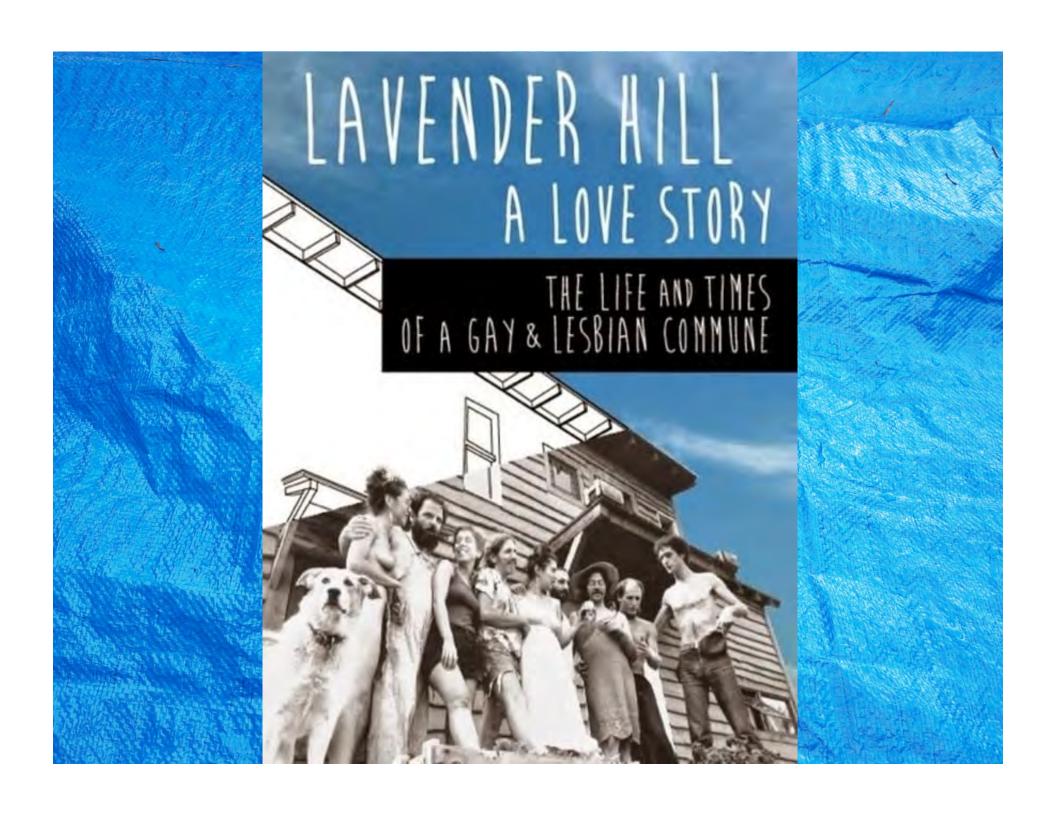


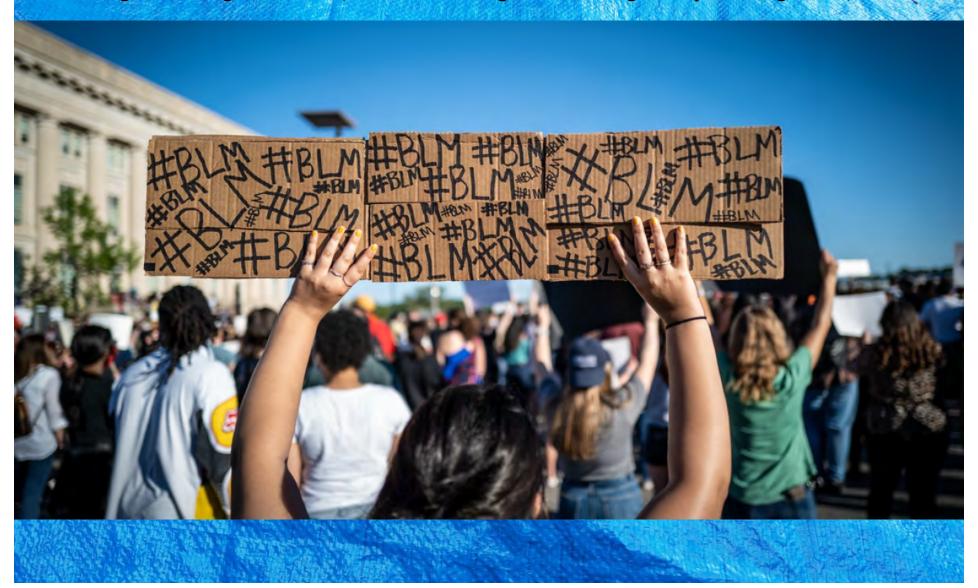






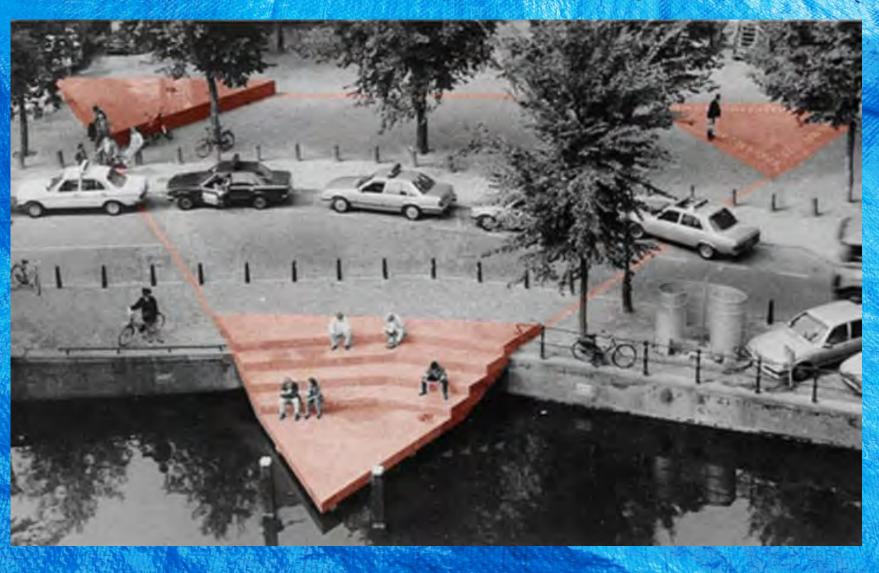












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The Queer Dance Party That Became a Slaysian Celebration

Brooklyn banger Bubble T was founded in response to the exclusionary vibe of other gay spaces





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Bathhouses outlasted the AIDS epidemic, but will they survive COVID-19?

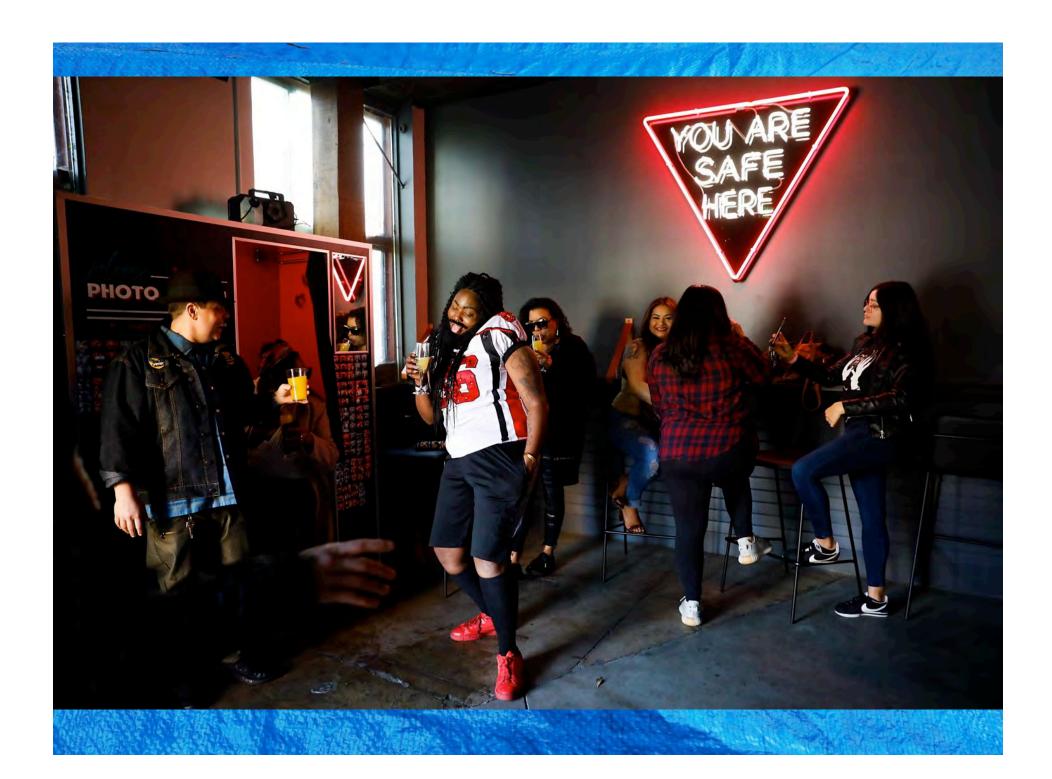
These crucial sites for sex, community, education and protest are at risk of disappearing forever



By Paul Gallant
Oct 19, 2020, 11:51 AM EDT





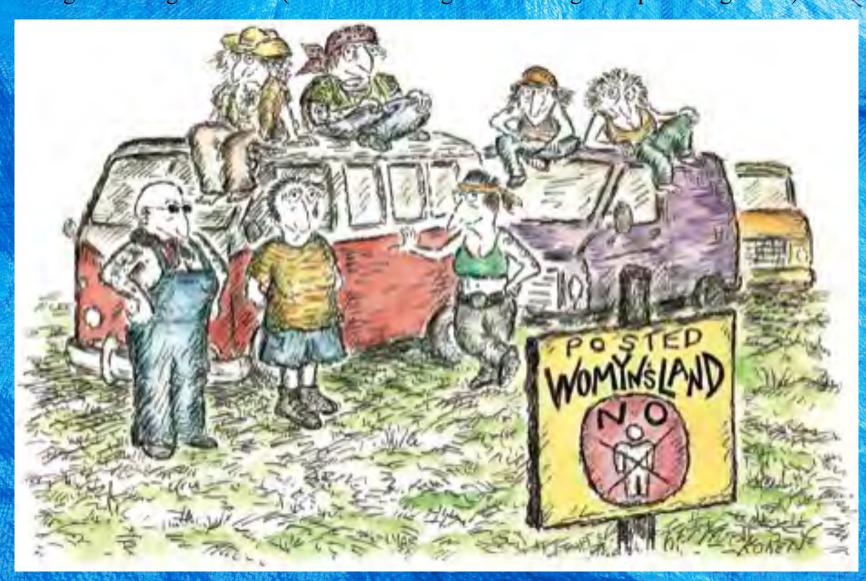














1967
PRIDE
(Personal
Rights in
Defense and
Education)
led hundreds
in protest
of a police
raid on the
Black Cat
bar in
Los Angeles



LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

EDWARD M. DAVIS Chief of Police



TOM BRADLEY

Mailing Address: Box 30158 Los Angeles, Calif. 90030

Ref. No. 1.1

May 23, 1975

Ms. Sharon D. Cornelison, President Christopher Street West Association P.O. Box 3949 Hollywood, California 90028

Dear Ms. Cornelison:

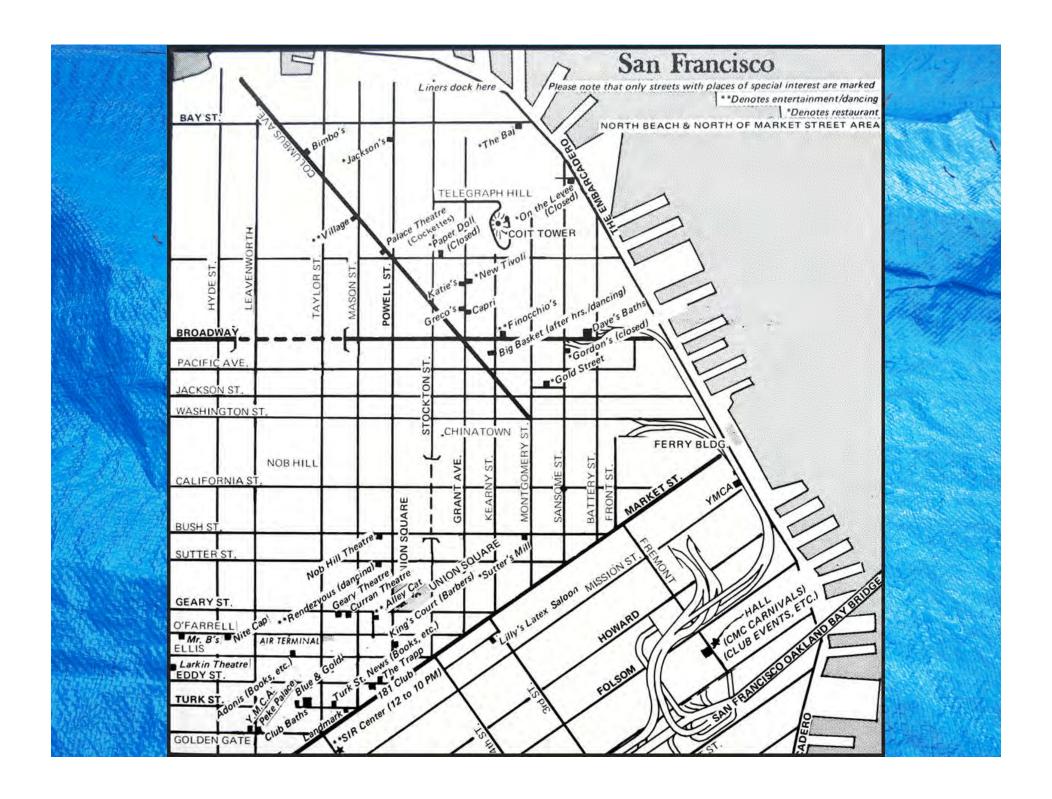
As you no doubt expected, I am declining your invitation to participate in the celebration of "GAY PRIDE WEEK." While I support your organization's constitutional right to express your feelings on the subject of homosexuality. I am obviously not in sympathy with your views on the subject. I would much rather celebrate "GAY CONVERSION WEEK" which I will gladly sponsor when the medical practitioners in this country find a way to convert gays to heterosexuals.

Very truly yours,

E. M. DAVIS Chief of Police







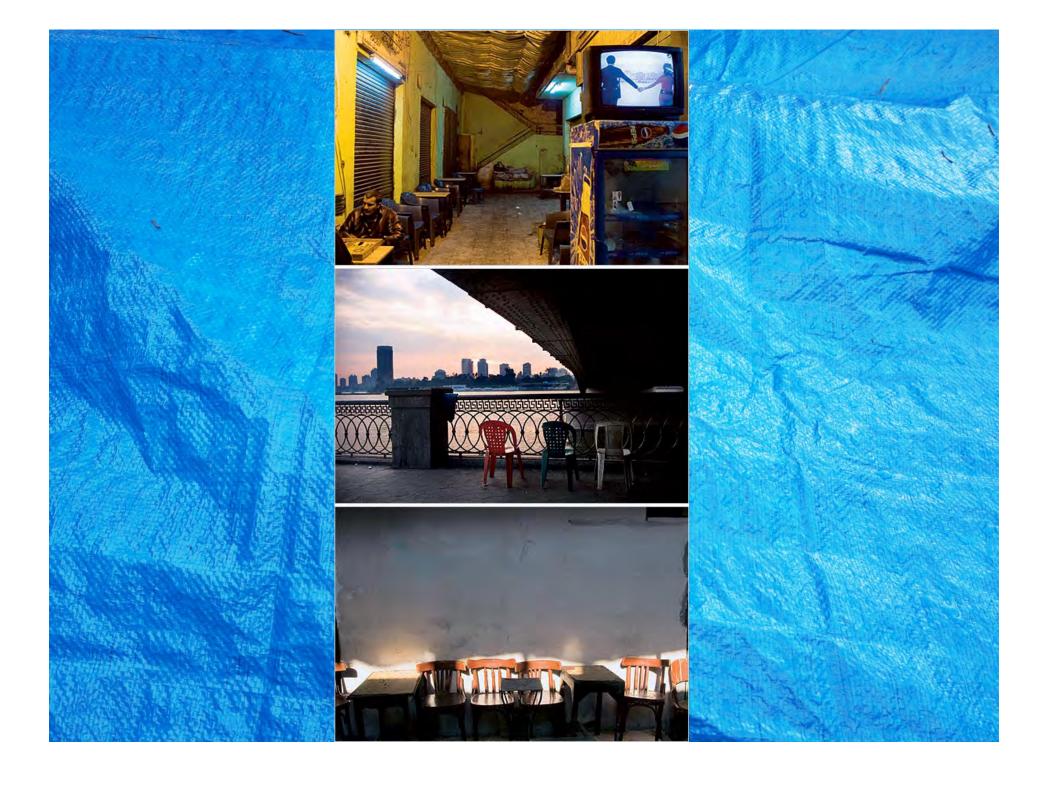


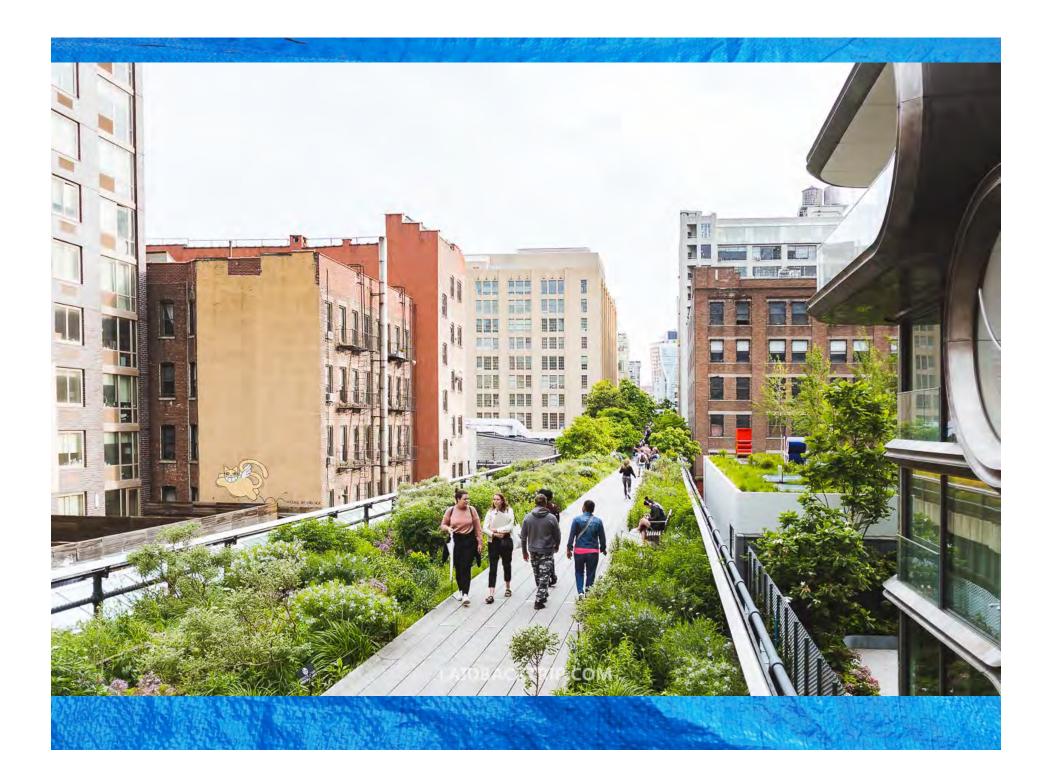


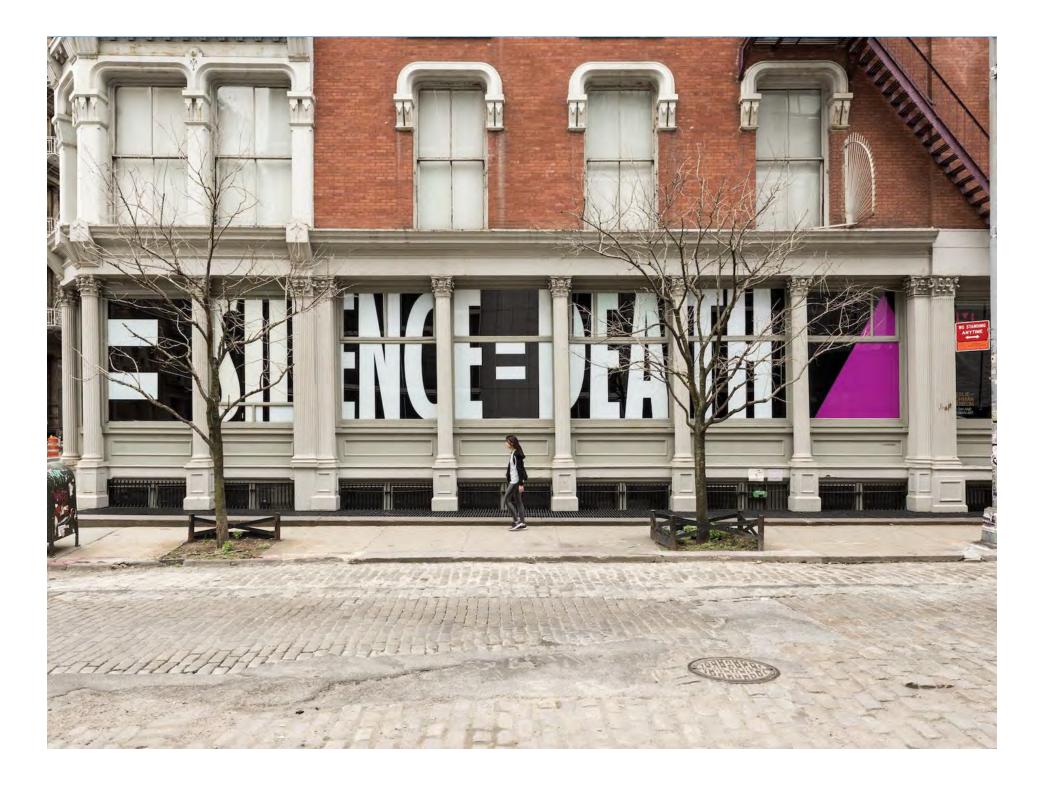




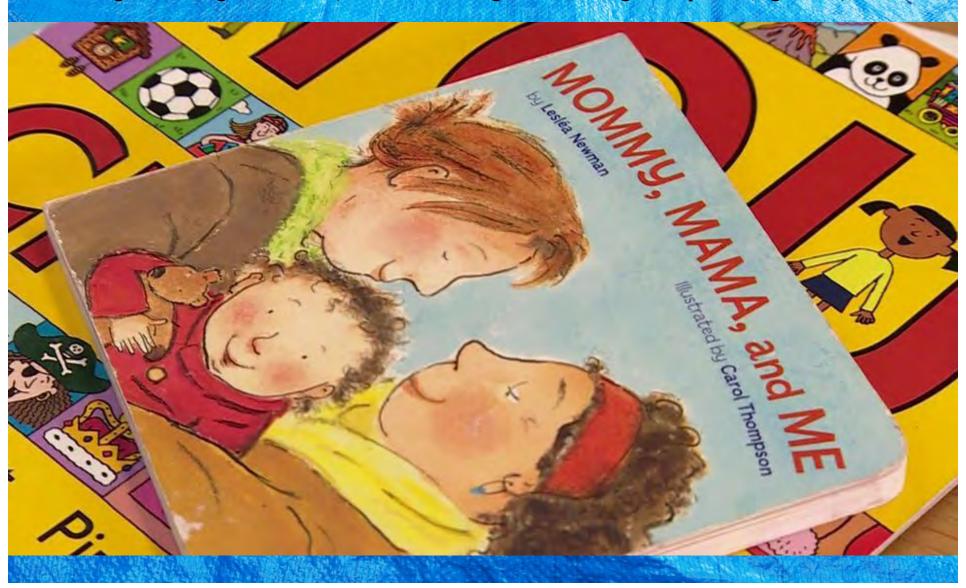
Gays in the park: Why a rainbow flag has become one of the primary symbols of Occupy Gezi















The 104-unit Triangle Square in Los Angeles offers yoga, acupuncture, and access to nearby theaters *Photograph by Elizabeth Weinberg for Bloomberg Businessweek*



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Infrastructure for LGBTQ2S populations as part of ecological life support (in a climate emergency)

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After COVID and as gentrification intensifies, the 'name of the game' for the majority of LGBTQ2S populations will be survival, housing, economic and professional development, and migration away from environmental emergencies.

verified 📀

profile id: 1064124 build: Defined height: 6' 0" weight: 155lb private password:

Show!

waist: 76cm (30") chest: 81cm (32") biceps: 36cm (14") body hair: Some Hair facial hair: Clean-Shaven

cock size: Large his cock is: Cut United States of America: California: Seascape

tattoos: None

preferred role: Versatile

interests: Underwear, Muscle worship, Web cam, Role

play, Sportswear, Groups

practice safer sex: When appropriate

last here: 18 Mar 2021



I am currently trying to find a place to rent in LA area. I am an IHSS worker and will be trying to make amateur/onlyfans/justforfans porn while in LA so if you can help me out with finding a place to rent please message me.

Like many Californians right now, I have lost my home to a fire and am currently homeless. Several family members also lost their homes, so we are sharing hotels. I'm not going to be able to post much for a while until life settles back into whatever my new normal is going to be. Thanks for the likes and the fun Dudesnude guys. Hopefully I will see you on the other side.

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Queer life support as decolonial & reparative processes

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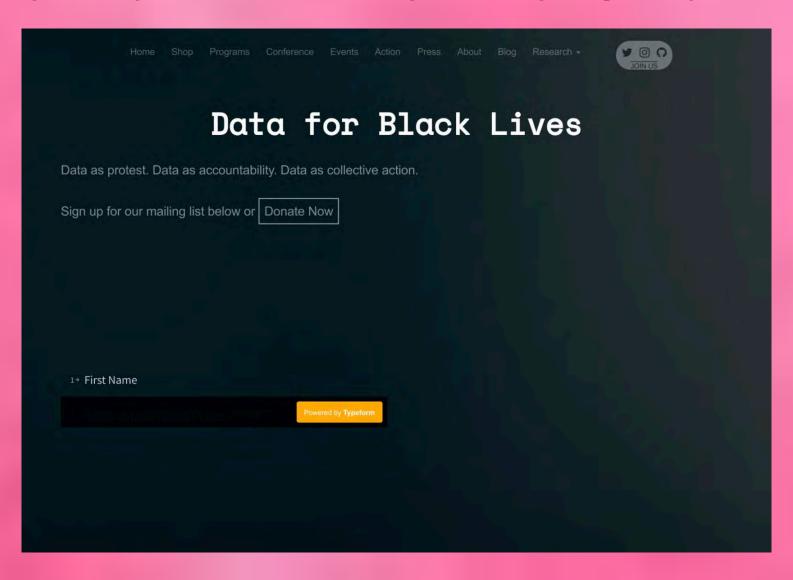
Decolonial and reparative initiatives (and liberation movements) have been working, and often successful, for over a century. But repair has often been slow for both the most under-served and vulnerable of LGBTQ2S populations and for minority erotic communities more generally. How can planning for queer infrastructure be part of more squarely challenging chronic violence and inequities?

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	Middle Name(s)
	Place of Birth
Male	Commonly Used Nickname

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Data sets for identifying emerging needs & desires for new queer infrastructure



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Bartlebooth



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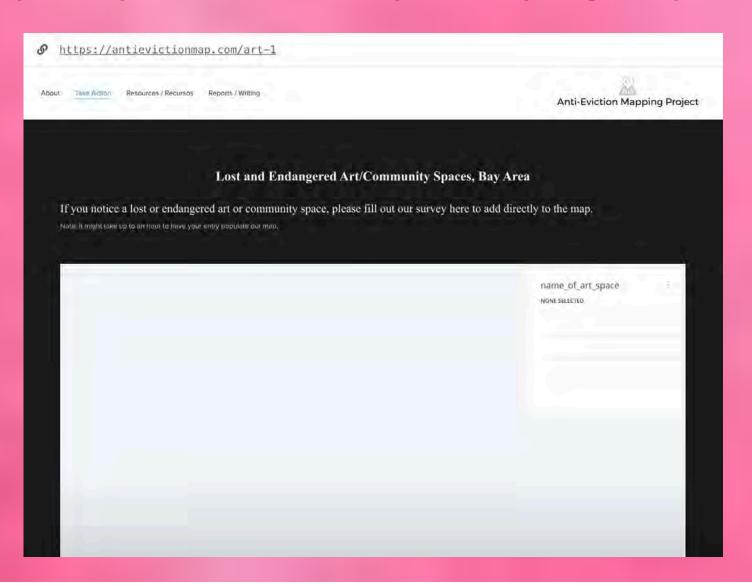
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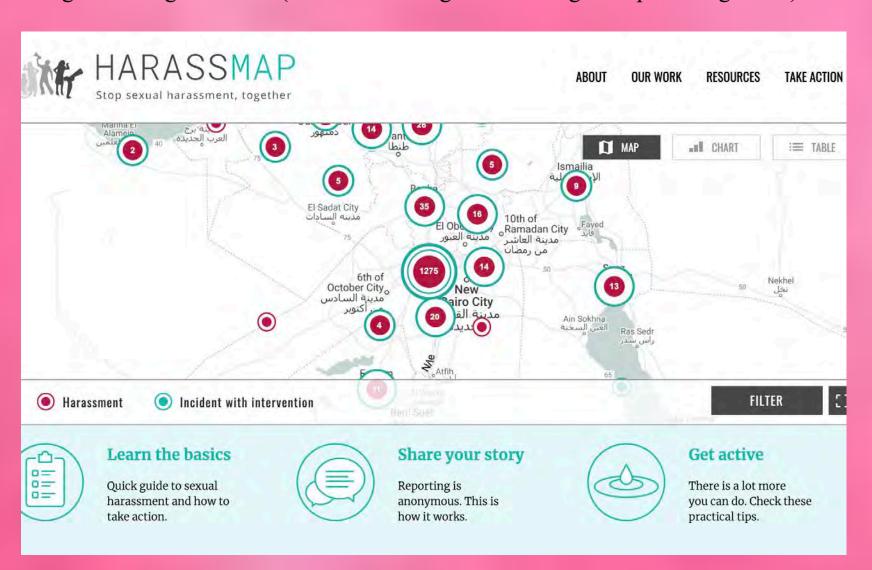
Mirar a la cartografía desde las disidencias sexuales posibilita un proceso de resignificación que habla en otros términos, trata otros







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Re-imagining for planners:
Contemporary culture

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In the kinds of pressurized contexts where expanded queer infrastructure is desperately needed, fantasy and other forms of cultural express can function to make conceptual and experiential 'space' to find, defend, transform physical space, fiscal resources, and organizational frameworks.

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Imagining queer infrastructure as "Regenerative Interactive Zones of Nurturing"

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Guggenheim at Large

H.O.R.I.Z.O.N. (Habitat One: Regenerative Interactive Zone of Nurture) by the Institute of Queer Ecology

Inspired by the ethos of utopian communities such as Lavender Hill, a queer commune established in Ithaca, New York, in 1973, H.O.R.I.Z.O.N. or Habitat One: Regenerative Interactive Zone of Nurture, is a downloadable, participatory artwork taking the form of a social simulation game. The

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Planning consultation as communal reimagining

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Communal imagining exercises, as planning workshops, are increasingly necessary and involve more creative and community-based events and ongoing relationships. These exchanges will be well-documented, on-line, but post-COVID, there are increasing pressures for more physical contact.

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Advocating for new queer infrastructure: Some goals & practices

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We can envision new queer infrastructure as mutual aid. "Mutual aid projects are a form of political participation in which people take responsibility for caring for one another and changing political conditions, not just through symbolic acts or putting pressure on their representatives in government, but by actually building new social relations that are more survivable." Big Door Brigade

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Conclusions:
Infrastructures of queer repair & imagination

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If we are going to protect the queer communities that have nurtured us while providing more space and services to the most vulnerable and under-served LGBTQ2S communities, we will need to listen more carefully to each other, find deeper inspiration and compassion through

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the exchange of experiences embodied in contemporary culture, use a wider array of data sets more precisely and creatively, and find new ways to celebrate life together (and in ways that won't make us sick)...which means that we have a lot of creative and collective work ahead of us in the coming months and years.

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