



Bio: Max Disposti

Max was born in Italy in 1968 and lived in Rome for 30 years. After college, he pursued his volunteer aspirations by working with different human rights and non-profit organizations.

Upon arriving in the United States in 1998, and after moving to Southern California in 2001, he soon began volunteering his time with local agencies where he noticed the need for a stronger North San Diego County LGBTQ community. In January 2008, he founded the North County LGBT Coalition, a non-profit organization that almost immediately increased LGBT visibility in the North San Diego community. After 4 years, he founded the North County LGBTQ Resource Center in 2011, where Max operates now as Executive Director. He is seasoned non-profit executive in organizational oversight, marketing/communications, development/fundraising, event planning, outreach, membership building and campaigns. Max's provides ongoing coaching, board governance, training on LGBTQ competency and support for others on the team through the continue sharing of his knowledge, and experience.

Education and Training:

Max earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 2011. He has graduated in 2016 in a Master's program for Non-profit Management and Leadership at Walden University. Since 2010 he is the author of a monthly column for Gay-SD called "North County News. He is a 2014 North County Leadership Class graduate (CSUSM).

Languages spoken fluently: English, Italian and Spanish.

Public Speaking: Numerous presentations throughout the San Diego County School Districts, Mental Health Providers, Hospitals, Colleges, Social Services, Women Resource Centers, Police and Law enforcements and other Non-profit organizations.

Trainer:. He has trained the Oceanside Police Department the Carlsbad Police and Fire departments and the north County Sheriff stations. He has trained schools, hospitals. Clinics, corporate environments and for profit organizations. He is often training for profit and non-profit staff to create LGBTQ cultural competent environment.

In addition to his Executive role with the Resource Center, Max is active in the San Diego community at large and the State of California board of behavioral science where he advocates for reducing the gaps and increase access to mental health.

Current:

- **Appointed California State Board of Behavioral Science (BBS)**
- San Diego Leadership Council since 2009
- SD County Sheriff LGBT Advisory Council since 2013

- FBI advisory summit
- Oceanside Library Board President (now) Since 2014
- Oceanside Martin Luther King Civic Award since 2013
- Oceanside MLK Scholarship Award since 2013

Former:

- City of Oceanside Community Relation Commissioner 2008-2011
- Advancing Compassion Board member 2012-2014
- Board member of the Oceanside Mainstreet Association 2012-2016

Awards and Recognitions:

- 2010 San Diego Harvey Milk Award
- 2011 Lambda Archives “Heroes, Pioneers & Trailblazers” Award
- 2012 Rotary Club Nominee for “Oceanside Citizen of the Year
- 2013 Martin Luther King Community Award by the City of Oceanside
- 2013 KPBS Local Heroes Award, along with Carolyn Bolton
- 2013 Stonewall Service Award, San Diego LGBT Pride
- 2017 Digna Ochoa Human Rights Defender Award Amnesty International #471