

Advocacy Tactics:

Attending Public Meetings

A few things to keep in mind

Public meetings offer communities a chance to hear updates from policymakers about important issues that impact the community.

- Public meetings include in-district meetings, Third House meetings, town-halls, school board meetings, city council meetings, etc.
- Rules of decorum, including how to submit a question or volunteer to offer public comment, will be available online.
- PFLAG members that attend public meetings should keep comments and questions before/during/after a public meeting nonpartisan and kind.



Attending a public meeting

Guidance for attending public meetings is very similar to guidance for meeting with policymakers in-person. Be sure that you:

- Decide what you'll discuss and what your goal for the meeting will be.
- Educate yourself on the issue or topic you will be discussing.
- Plan your questions or comments ahead of time and be concise.
- Take notes during the meeting so you can share information with others and use it to develop a more detailed advocacy strategy.
- Send a thank you note to the person that you met with; be sure to include any follow-up info that you promised.



Work in coalition

If your PFLAG chapter does not have the capacity to track and monitor when and where public meetings are being held, consider working in coalition with other organizations.

- There are organizations that track these meetings, like the United Way and League of Women Voters, who can inform your chapter about these events.
- If your coalition partners have developed a plan to increase visibility for your cause (e.g., wearing the same-colored shirts) communicate that to PFLAG chapter members.
- Many coalitions will develop a media plan and may ask your chapter to participate. If you need any support, contact comms@pflag.org for more information.

Remember: Your voice is needed!

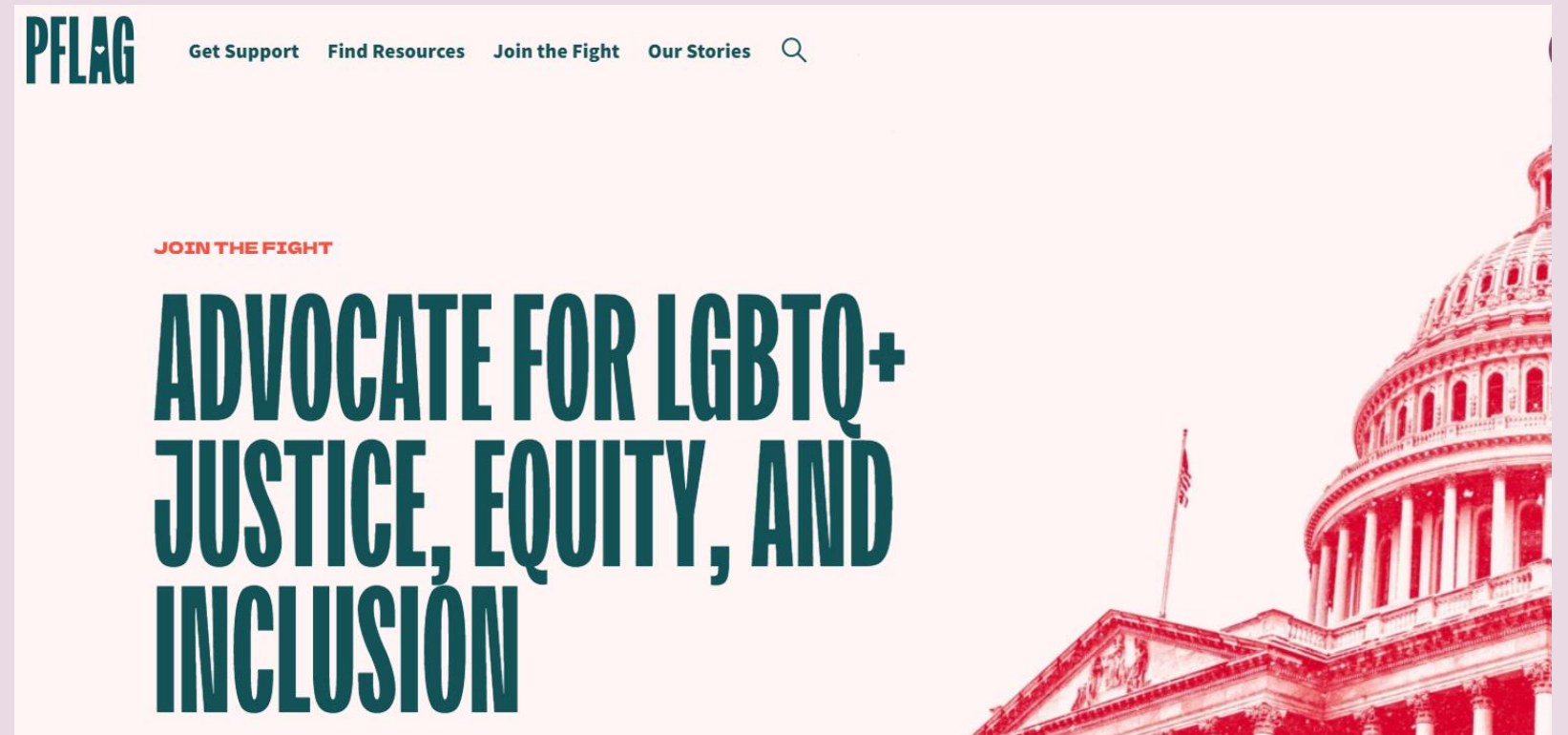
UNLESS SOMEONE LIKE YOU
CARES A WHOLE AWFUL LOT, NOTHING
IS GOING TO GET BETTER. IT'S NOT!

-Dr. Seuss



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THANKS YOU

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