



San Antonio
Gender Association

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SAN ANTONIO GENDER ASSOCIATION TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF KENNE McFADDEN

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS- The San Antonio Gender Association (SAGA) in conjunction with the Pride Center and Politiqueers, will be holding a candle light vigil on the Riverwalk tomorrow evening in memory of Kenne McFadden. Kenne McFadden was a transgender woman of color who was tragically murdered this April and found in the Riverwalk. She was the twelfth transgender person killed in the United States this year. To date, we've had sixteen reported murdered transgender people.

All too often the transgender victims of murder are trans women of color. We feel the need to pay special attention to Kenne's murder; not only was she one of San Antonio's own, but there are far too many women like her out there that have been targeted and have been lost. No one should have to go through the suffering being endured by her mother and her loved ones. No one deserves abuse for being authentically themselves.

In accordance with the wishes of Ms. JoAnn McFadden, Kenne's mother, we will be holding a social afterwards, to bring the LGBTQ people of San Antonio closer together. It is her hope that letting people know there are others like them in San Antonio will prevent the kind of isolation that Kenne faced in life, and protect the lives of other trans women of color. The Hermann Sons Ballroom has very kindly donated their space for the event.

Representative Diana Arevalo will be attending along with other community leaders. Press is welcome although we ask that those taking pictures be respectful of the privacy and safety of those attending.

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The San Antonio Gender Association has existed since its founding in 2002 by transgender rights advocate Christie Lee Littleton. We exist as a support group for- and operated by- transgender, non-binary, and gender nonconforming people. SAGA is one of the few local organizations that is actually helmed by transgender people, allowing the trans community to speak for themselves.