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Harvey Milk

Today we're going to talk about Harvey Milk...in just a minute.

Harvey Milk was the first out gay person to be elected to public office in California.

In 1972, Milk moved to San Francisco and opened a camera store on Castro Street, the heart of the city's gay community. His warm, welcoming personality earned him the unofficial title "mayor of Castro Street."

Milk's vision of a local government that fostered safe, close-knit _____ led him toward politics. He refused to minimize his sexuality while campaigning, believing it was the only way to properly _____ for LGBTQ people and other _____ communities. After running and losing twice, Milk won a seat on San Francisco's Board of Supervisors in 1977.

At the time, anti-gay movements were gaining _____ across the country. In California, a piece of _____ called Proposition 6 aimed to make it illegal for gay people to work in schools. Milk fought hard against Prop 6, stressing the importance of pride and representation. The measure was defeated in a _____.

But only 20 days after this _____ victory, tragedy struck. Dan White, a former city supervisor, assassinated Milk and San Francisco Mayor George Moscone in their offices.

30 years later, in 2008, a statue of Milk was unveiled in San Francisco City Hall. The following year, he was _____ awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Where do you see the legacy of Harvey Milk today?