



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Sixth Annual **Bayard Rustin Service Award** Presented by the Cambridge GLBT Commission

Bayard Rustin (March 17, 1912 – August 24, 1987) was an American, non-violent activist for social change. Bayard was a pacifist in the face of war, openly gay in a time of sexual repression and oppression, an African-American Quaker, a labor and human rights activist. He is credited as the chief organizer of the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.



The Bayard Rustin Service Award is bestowed to a member of the GLBT community of color and/or ally who has worked to advance the civil rights of all.

The Bayard Rustin Service Award was established by the City Council in 2010 (see official text below) and was bestowed posthumously to Peter Gomes in 2011.

Ordinance Passed In City Council August 2, 2010

- WHEREAS: Cambridge has long been an open and inclusive community that celebrates the diversity of all who live and work here; and
- WHEREAS: Cambridge has been at the forefront of acceptance and tolerance for both African Americans and the GLBT community and has resolved, ordered, legislated, and celebrated the gains in the Civil Rights Movement which have been individually and jointly undertaken; and
- WHEREAS: Bayard Rustin, a champion of civil rights for all, would no doubt acknowledge the foundational strength of the African American civil rights struggle upon which the GLBT community has proudly stood and continued to raise local and global consciousness of a movement that will someday provide civil rights to all with utter sameness regardless of any difference; and
- WHEREAS: Each year various awards are given at the GLBT Pride Brunch hosted by the GLBT Commission and the Office of the Mayor to acknowledge the activism and actions of individuals and groups that have advanced the GLBT cause; and
- WHEREAS: Fundamental reasons remain to bring together African Americans and the GLBT community as they continue to lead our nation toward ultimate civil rights; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to support the Office of the Mayor in appointing a committee of individuals to commence in June of 2011 an annual Bayard Rustin Civil Rights Award, to bestow upon a member of the GLBT community of color and/or ally who has done outstanding work on behalf of advancing the civil rights of all.

The mission of the **Cambridge GLBT Commission** is to advocate for a culture of respect and to monitor progress toward equality of all persons with regard to sexual orientation and gender identity. We are committed to promoting and monitoring policies and practices that have a positive effect on the health, welfare, and safety of all persons who live, visit, or work in the City of Cambridge with regard to sexual orientation and gender identity.

**CAMBRIDGE GLBT COMMISSION
SECOND ANNUAL
BAYARD RUSTIN SERVICE AWARD**

Nomination Deadline May 13, 2016

Award Presentation will be at the 2016 Cambridge Pride Event – June 11, 2016

Please complete all sections below to ensure the Award Selection Committee has the necessary information to process this application. Any missing and/or misinformation may delay/disqualify the nominee.

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Street		Unit/Apartment
City	State	Zip Code
Telephone Number	Email Address	

_____ State the nominee's past and/or present connection to the City of Cambridge

NOMINATOR INFORMATION:

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Street		Unit/Apartment
City	State	Zip Code
Telephone Number	Email Address	

_____ State your relationship to the nominee

Signature of Nominator	Date of Signature
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- 1) The Bayard Rustin Service Award is bestowed to a member of the GLBT community of color and/or ally who has worked to advance the civil rights of all. Please indicate how the nominee meets these qualifications and why you are recommending the nominee for this award.

Please provide complete answers to the questions so that the Award Selection Committee will have all the necessary information to review the candidacy of the nominee. If needed, please use the reverse side of this page or additional paper.

- 2) Please describe all the outstanding work that the nominee has done on the behalf of the GLBT community and/or how the community benefited from the nominee's efforts. Feel free to include or attach supporting documentation (articles, photos, pamphlets, etc.).

- 3) Please list other accomplishments the nominee has achieved that you think are important for consideration.

- 4) Is there anything else the Award Selection Committee should know about the nominee?

- 5) Please list the name and contact information for two (2) references that the Award Selection Committee may speak with regarding the background and accomplishments of the nominee.

Please email the nomination form to: Jwalker@cambridgema.gov , or mail to:

Jeff Walker
 Mayor's Office 2nd floor
 Cambridge City Hall
 795 Massachusetts Avenue
 Cambridge, MA 02139
 Attn: Bayard Rustin Service Award

Thank you for taking the time to help us recognize excellent community service!

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