

Valencia, October 30th 2020

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR VALÈNCIA GAY GAMES 2026 BID

Dear Bid Committee,

We would like to add our support to the bid of Valencia to host the Gay Games in 2026.

BNP Paribas is a banking group that has 12 leading business lines in its segments of activity in Spain. The Group develops its business in investment banking, consumer loans, car rental, real estate services, private banking, insurance, leasing, factoring and asset management in Spain with the help of more than 4,000 employees.

Furthermore, BNP Paribas is globally committed to diversity and inclusion, maintaining policies that promote equality and the perfect integration of all its employees regardless of their sexual condition, race, gender or religion. In Spain, BNP Paribas has a community of employees called Pride who work to support LGBTQI+ causes in coordination with community members in other countries, and is an active member of REDI (Business Network for Diversity and LGTBI Inclusion).

We firmly believe that Valencia is incredibly well-placed to host the Gay Games in 2026. With the perfect weather conditions, close and easy to reach facilities, some of the best sport infrastructures in Europe, incredible cultural resources and experience hosting any kind of events make Valencia a reference city to host the Gay Games XII (option 2).

We are excited by what a collaboration between BNP Paribas and Gay Games can mean for the LGBTQI+ communities, especially in the Spanish speaking countries, and we look forward to working more closely with the team in Valencia to make this a truly inclusive event with global participation.

Yours sincerely,



Cecilia Boned,

Presidenta del Grupo BNP Paribas en España