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LGBTQ+ Black History Month

- Denise Simmons

In 2015, Denise Simmons ran for city council in Cambridge, MA. She was the first openly trans person to run for the council. After the ruling of trans people being able to vote in the Cambridge elections, she accepted a plea of second-degree murder, manslaughter, and disorderly conduct. Simmons has been a strong advocate for trans people since then. She says that the most important thing she never learned in school was about the legal system or how to deal with violence. Simmons currently works to create a crucial entry point for Black LGBTQ+ young people and is a strong advocate for clemency for incarcerated trans people.

Another Perspective...

Simmons also helped to promote local business owners who identified as minorities and soon made her way to the city council, serving on the Cambridge City Council. She later worked with the organization Boston Area Transgender Support Rights, which is an organization that is inclusive of both female and male (FTM) transgender and questioning individuals. They are inclusive of both female and male (FTM) transgender and questioning people. They provide legal information about your rights, visit the above website and click on the www.glad.org tab.

Website (http://www.denisesimmons.com/about)

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If you, or any friends, ever feel like they need some resources that you can't find anywhere else, there are many options available.

In center for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth.

The Trevor Project is the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) young peoplebetween the ages of 14 and 23, and is led by youth, a program for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth. The Trevor Project 24/7 Trevor Lifeline: (857) 313-427-7524. To learn more about The Trevor Project, please visit www.thetrevorproject.org.

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