

Magazine Ranks Spokane Third-Gayest City

The president of the Inland Northwest Business Alliance, an organization of gay-owned and gay-friendly businesses in Spokane, announced that Spokane, Washington has been ranked as the third-gayest city in the USA.

Top 10 Gayest Cities in USA* *as ranked by The Advocate.

1. Tacoma, WA

2. Springfield, Mass.

3. Spokane, WA

4. Washington, D.C.

5. Seattle, WA

6. Salt Lake City, UT

7. Eugene, OR

8. Madison, WISCONSIN.

9. Atlanta, GEORGIA

10. Twin Cities, MINNESOTA.

The nation's largest gay rights magazine has ranked *Spokane* as the third (3rd) gayest city in the nation. Two other Washington cities made the top five, including Seattle at No. 5 and Tacoma leading the way as the gayest city in the nation.

The news of a No. 3 ranking came as a happy surprise to Marvo Reguindin, general manager of the Inland Northwest Business Alliance, the chamber of commerce for gay businesses and those allied with them. "I think it's great," Reguindin said. "Knowing that we're No. 3, we'll definitely be able to use that to our advantage."

The rankings by The Advocate, assessed cities based on how many openly gay representatives the city has at local, state and federal levels, as well as whether gay marriage is legal in the state and how many companies on the Human Rights Campaign Foundation's Corporate Equality Index are based in the city.