**Satrang Raises $3,000 to Participate in LA Pride Parade**

By a Staff Reporter

LOS ANGELES — Satrang, a volunteer organization that serves the needs of the South Asian lesbians, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer and questioning population in southern California, organized the ‘Mr. and Ms. Satrang’ event May 8 to raise funds for its first ever float at the Los Angeles Pride Parade and booth, said a press release.

The event was attended by more than 80 people and raised $3,000 in funds.

Salman Husainy, who works at an HIV/AIDS Comprehensive Service Agency, won the contest, while Komal Bhojwani, an attorney and comedian, finished as the runner-up at the pageant.

“Our visible participation in the LA Pride Parade will empower South Asian LGBTQ communi- ties to share and raise the visibility of our sexual and cultural identity by incorporating cultural symbols, music, dance and costumes in our parade entry and float,” Vimmi Jaggi, Satrang’s event co-coordinator, said.

A participant at the ‘Mr. and Ms. Satrang’ pageant organized by the volunteer organization Satrang, to raise funds for its first ever float at the Los Angeles Pride Parade.