

For more than three decades, Willie Brown has been an effective champion for the empowerment of sexual minorities. His record is unparalleled:

- ◆ In 1977, flew at his own expense to Florida to fight against Anita Bryant and her anti-gay "Save the Children" initiative.
- ◆ Since the 1970s, he has helped build statewide coalitions that defeated bigoted ballot initiatives against gay/lesbian teachers (Briggs) and people with AIDS (LaRouche and Dannemeyer).
- ◆ He secured passage three times of legislation to ban

four bills vetoed by Republican Governors Deukmejian and Wilson).

- ◆ He has supported lesbian/gay candidates including Harry Britt, Tim Wolfred, Tom Ammiano, Cleve Jones, Susan Leal and Carole Migden.
- ◆ He helped make history by vigorously supporting the election of California's first openly lesbian Assemblymember, Sheila James Kuehl. He is the only mayoral candidate to support lesbian Supervisor Carole Migden's candidacy for the State Assembly.

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A gay time is had by all!

Historic F-Market Streetcar Service Opens in Castro

The long-awaited Muni F-Market Streetcar line opened with plenty of participation from the lesbian and gay community on the Friday before Labor Day.

The September 1st event included a parade of historic streetcars on Market Street, and a ribbon cutting at Castro and Market featuring Supervisor Susan Leal, Empress

History rides the rails on Market Street



Sabrina Sachet, Public Transportation Commissioner Jon Ballesteros and the Mayor of San Francisco.

The Merchants of Upper Market distributed product samples and coupons for businesses in the arena and "F-Market" souvenir buttons were passed out.

As the Lesbian and Gay Spirit Band played a rousing rendition of "San Francisco," the popular British "Boat" streetcar pulled up to the 17th and Castro boarding platform while a crowd of locals applauded and waved.

A red satin ribbon across the bow of the car was snipped by the dignitaries, signaling the beginning of free service on the line for the rest of the day. Ridership is expected to run around 10,000 daily.

The Board of Supervisors, led by Supervisor Carole Migden, had adopted the resolution necessary for the free service as a way of introducing the \$50 million line to residents. Funding for the project came from the County Transit Authority, the Federal Transit Administration and the California Transportation Commission.

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Supervisor Carole Migden, heading to Sacramento

While most lesbians and gay men are focusing their attention on the mayor's race, Supervisor Carole Migden has been methodically putting together a successful campaign to succeed Speaker Emeritus Willie Brown in the State Assembly. In contrast to past races for the Assembly that included lesbian or gay candidates, Migden is running unopposed. If elected, she would become the first openly lesbian or gay member of the State Legislature from Northern California.

As a second-term Supervisor she has emerged as the consensus candidate because she has earned respect as a diligent, thoughtful and intelligent lawmaker and Democratic Party leader. A 1994 poll of her Board colleagues, City Hall staffers and members of the press voted her the "Most Effective Supervisor."

She has been a leader on the Board of Supervisors in the areas of AIDS, women's health care, budget reform, clean water and water recycling, Muni improvement, welfare reform, and innovative new revenue sources like the soon-to-be-released San Francisco Credit Card, which was heralded on the CBS National News.

Supervisor Carole Migden has been a leading force in ensuring that not only are health care programs protected, but expanded and changed to reflect the emerging health care needs of the lesbian and gay community. Migden has put forth a number of innovative safe sex proposals, led efforts to save San Francisco from health care cuts from the state and federal government, pushed charter reform

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