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AL GORE

EXCLUSIVE ALICE INTERVIEW

by Ted Reitz

After delivering a major economic policy speech to the Commonwealth Club of California in San Francisco, Democratic Presidential candidate and Senator from Tennessee Al Gore invited Alice member Ted Reitz to his room for the following interview.

Reitz: *Are you going to focus on AIDS facts and information or on people's reaction to what the disease is?*

Gore: There is much America can do to meet the challenge of AIDS. I believe immediate action is warranted in five areas: research for a vaccine and cure, public education, testing, international cooperation, and financing care for those with AIDS. We should launch a Manhattan-style project to speed the finding of a cure and a vaccine. We should also begin a massive program of public education about how to avoid the disease. AIDS is no doubt a major problem, but it is not something we need to fear irrationally. A nation as enlightened as ours should not be forced to live in the darkness this Administration has allowed to grow around AIDS.

Reitz: *What level of funding would you promote to develop and implement your concept of a "Manhattan Project-type" endeavor to solve the AIDS crisis?*

Gore: I would immediately convene a Presidential Conference of the best authorities in science and medicine to seek recommendations on the maximum amounts of research that could reasonably accelerate finding a cure. The saving of lives should be our first objective.

Reitz: *Both Senator Paul Simon and Rev-*

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ANOTHER ROUND

STILL NO POSITION ON MAYORS RACE OR ON PROP W

by Richmond Young and Lester Olmstead-Rose

MAYORS RACE

Alice members once again withheld an endorsement in the heated San Francisco Mayors race at the October 6 membership meeting.

With 723 members casting ballots, Supervisor John Molinari led with 383 (53%) of the vote. Assembly member Art Agnos followed with 335 (46%) votes. Cesar Ascarrunz and Warren Hinckle each garnered one vote, and two members opted for No Endorsement.

Although poll workers were met by a record number of eligible Alice members, and the polls were forced to move twice during voting, the process remained free of major controversy or problems.

Alice membership has boomed in recent months in anticipation of the vote. Just under 300 people were on membership rolls as of last winter, a number which burgeoned to over 1100 in October. A third of the membership

didn't show up to vote in the Mayor's race.

There are no plans for Alice to endorse a candidate before an anticipated December 8 run-off election.

PROPOSITIONS

Alice members voted October 6 on six ballot measures left over from our previous general membership meeting, giving easy endorsements to five of the issues and failing to make a recommendation on the sixth.

Proposition W, the Downtown Stadium policy declaration, received 334 votes (52%), falling 53 votes short of the 60% needed for endorsement. Although neither side received an endorsement, proponents of a stadium at 7th and Townsend improved their showing over the first vote in September, when "Yes" and "No" votes were divided at 47% each.

Proposition Q, the minimum firefighter

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ALICE RECOMMENDS

SHERIFF

RE-ELECT MICHAEL HENNESSEY

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

RE-ELECT ARLO SMITH

DISTRICT ELECTIONS

YES ON PROPOSITION P

VOTE NO ON

**PROP R Utility Users Tax Repeal
PROP T Public Land Voting Rights**

NO POSITION

**MAYOR
PROPOSITION W**

VOTE YES ON

**PROP A Police Facilities Bonds
PROP B Street Improvement Bonds
PROP C Health Facilities Bonds
PROP D Recreation and Park Bonds
PROP F Parking Revenue Bonds
PROP G Office of Citizen Complaints
PROP H Deputy Sheriff Probation
PROP I Deputy Sheriff Retirement
PROP J Union Pensions
PROP K Nurses Retirement Exemption
PROP L County Clerks Office
PROP N Election Filing Deadlines
PROP O Health Services Board
PROP P District Elections
PROP Q Minimum Firefighting Staffing
PROP U Nuclear Free Zone
PROP V Consumer Apartheid Boycott**

