

ISSUES FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

-Gary Miller

On Monday, June 2 the Board of Supervisors gave final passage to an appropriation of over \$10,000 for the sheriff's office, to fund deputy sheriffs; Alioto signed this into law on June 5. Also, the Board passed unanimously on setting up a special committee to advise the Human Rights Commission on gay concerns. Even though this sounds good on the surface, it will pit the gay community against other minority groups with whom we have been trying to build a coalition for a number of years. There is no special advisory committee for blacks, Chicanos or any other minority.

On June 9, the Board gave final passage to the appropriation of \$25,000 for voter registration funding by a vote of 7-4. Noes were cast by Feinstein, Barbagelata, Kopp, and Nelder. As we prepare for press, the Mayor has not taken action on this measure which would allocate payment of 35¢ per valid registration turned in by deputies. The Mayor has until June 20 to act. If you would like to register voters and maybe get paid to do it, call me and I will set up a class for you to learn how - call 431-3344.

HAPPENING THIS MONTH: ALICE'S CALENDAR

JULY 1: Toklas Executive Council, 7:00 PM at 3528 19th Street, near Valencia.

JULY 4: Annual Democratic League picnic on Angel Island. Meet Democratic politicians. More information: call 431-3344.

JULY 10: July general meeting of Alice at 6:00 PM, Corner Grocery Bar. Terry Francois, Bob Gonzales, and Quentin Kopp will be guest speakers.

JULY 12 and JULY 13: California Democratic Council board meeting at 10:00 AM at the Hyatt Edgewater Hotel, Oakland.

JULY 16: Formal announcement of Carol Ruth Silver's candidacy. 863-0467 for details.

JULY 17: Golden Gate Business Association fundraiser. A gay play, "Special Friends" at the Showcase Theater, 8:30 PM. \$5.00.

JULY 24: Open House at Carol Ruth Silver's headquarters, 68 Ramona. Meet Carol there!

JULY 26 and JULY 27: Democratic Telethon. Volunteers, volunteer! Call 431-3344.

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the effort. Fighting the referendum is more than a "gay issue", it is a matter of basic civil rights.

Our fight for freedom is perpetual. Our initial battle plans in this war against the CCC have been drawn; hopefully the war will be won in its initial phase. Should the referendum actually make the ballot, the war still is not lost. We simply will have to mount a drive to defeat the measure at the polls by countering bigotry with the truth: that *we are all human beings and yes, children of God.*

TEACHERS CAN NOW TEACH!

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This motion was immediately seconded by RV. REED, who argued in favor of it on very emotional grounds - saying that discrimination on this basis or any basis not related to ability to do the job is shameful. Reed continued, recalling incidents of teenage gangs that would beat up people who they felt were gay - explaining that it was just one more deplorable effect of prejudice.

Next, it was moved and seconded that the inclusion of 'sexual orientation' in the Board's nondiscrimination policy be taken up immediately, as an emergency measure. The motion passed, 7-0.

The original motion to amend the antidiscrimination policy was then put to the question, and also passed, 7-0

This was indeed a milestone for academic freedom and civil rights in general. Thank you, DR. HOPP and RV. REED, for your clear thinking. Also, thank you, Howard and the rest of B.A.G.L. and G.T.C., for showing the Board of Education that the issue of civil rights for gays means the issue of civil rights for *very large numbers of gifted moral citizens.*