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## DONNA HITCHENS



Donna Hitchens made history by defeating an incumbent judge and becoming the first lesbian ever elected to the Superior Court. The final vote: Hitchens 57,406 to Benson's 56,580. This close race was the result of a well-run coalition campaign that ALICE can be proud of having played a role in.

In remarks shortly after her victory, Donna attributed her win to the coalitions her campaign was able to build with labor and minority groups. This once again shows the power of honorable and equitable coalition politics in San Francisco and is an important message considering the candidacies of Roberta Achtenberg and Carole Migden, who must build these same types of coalitions if they are to be elected in November.

Both psychologically and politically, our community needed this win after so many defeats in recent years. **We couldn't have asked for a more universally respected or deserving person than Donna Hitchens!**

**Donna you've given us all a lot of hope for the future - Congratulations!**

*by Robert Barnes*