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opinion. Hardman continues to closely watch church - related political activity in the current referendum effort.



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In addition to his successful effort with the FCC against Dr. Mansdorffen, Mr. Hardman has also filed a formal complaint with the Internal Revenue Service naming the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter - Day Saints (Mormons), Faith United Methodist Church of Sacramento, North Star Chapel of Grass Valley, and Church of the Nazarene, with documented proof of participation by said churches in political activity including the current referendum drive. Also Mr. Hardman has four distinct legal moves planned for the *invalidation* of the signatures collected in the CCC drive. These legal actions have been backed by the California Committee for Equal Rights and by the Pride Foundation. *Please submit any information you have about church activity in political areas to the California Committee for Equal Rights, 1782 Pacific Avenue, San Francisco 94109.*

The CCER is also interested in encouraging the recall of State Senator H.L. (Bill) Richardson (19th Senate District), of Arcadia. They want to hear from anyone in SD 19 interested in launching such a recall of Richardson, who has been active with the CCC and is letting the CCC use State legislative facilities and manpower.

On June 16, Paul Hardman and a number of gay leaders from across the state met to set up plans for a large drive against the referendum effort, should such action become necessary. The group included people from Bay Area Gay Liberation, California Committee for Equal Rights, San Francisco Human Rights Commission, Society for Individual Rights, Toklas, and Whitman-Radcliffe.

It was decided to retain outside, professional management for the effort and to organize an umbrella to coordinate activity statewide in order to avoid any duplicating of efforts and expenditures. This avoidance of duplication is most important because expenditures on the *single issue* of defeating the referendum are limited by law.

A two - phase program was agreed on: the pre - qualification (of the referendum on the ballot) phase and post - qualification phase. Pre-qualification action is to be mostly signature disqualification efforts, legal action similar to that described above, and the formation of a committee structure for the possible carrying out of the second phase. Post-qualification activity (if the measure gets to the ballot), will be mostly educational, being targeted to strategic sectors of the voting public, under the guidance of professional political management consultants; this second phase, if necessary, will be the most expensive since the large-scale use of media would be involved.

The meeting selected an interim operating committee of 13 people from around the state, to raise an initial kitty for the possibly-necessary drive, and to organize further work. A tentative name of Concerned Voters of California has been given to