

ALICE

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ALICE ENDORSES SUPERVISOR BRITT

The members of ALICE in a well attended (crowded) meeting voted overwhelmingly to endorse Supervisor Harry Britt for election in November. The evening began at 6:30 with last minute lobbying by candidates and their supporters. After 60 minutes of one minute speeches by the membership, the majority of which were in support of Harry Britt, the members turned in their ballot and anxiously awaited the results. The tally in District 5 showed Britt gaining 82% of the vote with 128 votes. Kay Patchner was a distant second with 12, followed by Howard Wallace (4), Kevin Wadsworth (3), Leonard Matlovich (2) and Terrance Halliman (1). Six members voted No Endorsement. Supervisor Britt expressed his appreciation and told the membership that he will be calling upon ALICE for help, both in the election and in the problems facing San Francisco.

In what can be considered a victory for David Scott, ALICE members voted to take "no position" in the mayors race. Mayor Feinstein, with 61, fell 14 votes short of 60% necessary for endorsement on the second ballot. Scott, who received 55 votes, was pleased that the Mayor's last minute appeal that included a promise of a Gay Police Commissioner did not sway enough votes for her endorsement.

Mike Hennessey received the highest number of votes of the night on his way to endorsement victory. Hennessey, who had campaigned hard for the endorsement, told the group, "This is my first campaign and this is my first endorsement." Hennessey out distanced his nearest rival, incumbent Sheriff Brown 137-16 giving him a comfortable 88% total.

District 6 Supervisor Carol Ruth Silver topped her opponents and received endorsements on the first ballot in her race for District Attorney. Silver had 116 while Arlo Smith and Joe Freitas tallied 18 and 13 respectively.

Other candidates that received the endorsement were Gordon Lau in District 1, John Molinari in District 3. Enola Maxwell received the endorsement of the club on the second ballot. Maxwell bested incumbent Supervisor Robert Gonzales in District 7. In the District 9 race Nancy Walker was endorsed over Supervisor Lee Dolson. Dolson who declined to appear at the ALICE candidates day had little support in the club. In District 11 the club made no recommendations since neither Pelosi nor Eric Moncur could muster enough votes for endorsement.

The membership also endorsed the Reasonable Growth Initiative and the SFAH housing initiative.

The endorsement process went extremely smoothly and Political Action Chair Frank Fitch as well as the members of the Candidates' Day panel and Political Action Committee should be complemented on a job well done.