

Homophobic Judicial Nominee Opposed

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U.S. Senator Pete Wilson (R-CA) has launched still another attack on our community. This time he has expressed his contempt for our views and our rights by nominating Vaughn R. Walker to fill a vacancy on the Federal District Court for Northern California.

Walker was the lead attorney representing the U.S. Olympic Committee in their infamous case against the Gay Olympics. He is currently a partner in the mega San Francisco law firm of Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro. He also argued on behalf of the Bohemian Club against the right of women to work at the exclusive male club. Walker is a lifelong Republican.

As attorney for USOC in its attack on Gay Olympics, Walker's attempt to attach the estate of Tom Waddell as he neared death suggests a cruel and punitive spirit which has no place in the American judiciary. Walker promised the media and the public that he would not proceed against Waddell or his property. *Walker lied.* While saying this, he *placed a lien on Tom's home.*

Sources close to Walker see him less as a Robert Bork than as a Roy Cohn or Terry Dolan. Walker's nomination, these sources believe, bodes ill for any gay person seeking justice before the court. Women can expect nothing better.

Alan Cranston has the power to put this nomination on ice. Senatorial courtesy allows Cranston to place a hold on the nomination. Cranston, then, can keep the seat open until a new president takes office or Wilson presents a nominee worthy of the Northern District.

**Let Cranston know that he can help:
Call his local office at 566-8847.**

Stonewall has been upfront in opposing homophobic and misogynistic nominees to the courts. [Bork, Ginsburg.] Let's continue to build on our success. **Call me if you want to help: 337-2061.** □

Gay Political Clubs Communicate

Alex MacDonald

Members of the three gay Democratic clubs met in the aftermath of last December's Mayoral election to consider the future role of the lesbian, gay, and bisexual community in the political life of San Francisco. Although not every segment of the community was represented (Polk Street, the Tenderloin, SOMA, and Nob Hill, for example, gave little input) participants nevertheless expressed and listened to an unusually broad range of interests and concerns.

Participants, included Richmond Young (Chair), Roberta Achtenberg, Tim Wolfred, John Wahl, Bill Paul, David Devereux, John Belskus, Maurice Belote, Alex MacDonald, Gene Enslin, Rick Hauptman, Wayne Moore and Ben Gardiner. They avoided the establishment of "litmus test" issues and a rigid set of articles of faith.

Instead, the meeting reaffirmed commitment to our historical goals:

- lesbian and gay liberation
- our right to participate in government at all levels
- the multi-valued nature of any lesbian or gay political candidacy
- the proper role of gay political clubs - *as instruments for action rather than as ends in themselves.*

Participants denounced efforts to trivialize and ridicule gay liberation as a single issue movement. They asserted the identifiability of gay culture and the common ground which that culture provides us. In the end, they achieved consensus that we share vital interests with other cultures and communities on such immediate, urgent, and compelling issues as political pluralism, health care, education, the environment, and the abolition of all forms of bigotry and discrimination.

An *ad hoc* committee of club leaders was designated to draft a working consensus document that will have a practical impact in building unity and communication. They are: Richmond Young & David Devereaux (Alice), Tony Travers (Milk Club) and Bill Paul (Stonewall). The working draft will be circulated among the clubs and several Lesbian groups. □