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editorial

We literally cannot afford to lose this battle

Our community will be spending hundreds of thousands of dollars and hundreds of thousands of hours to defeat Ballot Measure 9.

In the midst of gearing up our resources and creativity to fight this war with the Oregon Citizens Alliance, a man's voice rang clearly, asking, "Is it too late to get an obituary in?" The man's lover had died of complications of AIDS just days before. It was the kind of bone-jarring reality check that we needed to bring about some perspective.

This struggle against the OCA's attempt to legislate discrimination at the state level isn't going to bring back our loved ones who have died from complications of AIDS. It is not going to generate funds for health care and hospices. It is not going to generate funds for lesbian and gay community service programs. But it will be taking hundreds of thousands of dollars and hundreds of thousands of hours from our community merely to maintain the status quo.

Losing this ballot measure will leave our community bankrupt. No money, no energy, no time. We literally cannot afford to lose this battle.

We have to fight this initiative with everything we've got. We cannot rely on any one strategy to win. We all have to use our creativity and energy to do whatever we can to convince voters to vote no on 9 and eliminate the need to have to fight this level of discrimination ever again.

There have been many civil-rights victories throughout history. We need to look at the successful strategies, see what worked, see what we can do, then do them.

During the civil-rights struggles of the '60s, bus loads of African-American people risked their lives traveling to various cities in the South going door-to-door registering voters, getting people organized and informing them of the issues. They

attended church services, town meetings, public forums, sat in restaurants and were present any where that helped the cause.

We need to take our show on the road. Our show of solidarity and commitment. Gay and lesbian communities in southern, central and eastern Oregon need bus loads of lesbians and gay men traveling to their communities to bolster their strength and numbers and show the community-at-large our commitment to defeat the OCA and its hate-filled initiative. There are plenty of buses and lesbian and gay bus drivers in Portland. Call *Just Out* if you are willing to participate in this project and we'll try to help facilitate it. Call especially if you can access a bus.

Another idea we are implementing is to mail *Just Out* to non-gay community newspapers throughout the state so the editors of those papers will know about our struggles and victories and, hopefully, report them. This is going to cost us an additional \$200 per month. If you can make a contribution to this project, please do. We are willing to shoulder the expense alone, but we could use your help.

What are you doing to fight the OCA? *Just Out* invites you to send us a couple of lines about how you are fighting the OCA. We are committed to printing all responses and your names. We all need to get our creative juices flowing to win this fight in November. With a strong popular win, we will never have to fight this level of discrimination in Oregon again. We can go back to the business of living, playing and healing in our community. We are going to win this battle with the OCA, and then we are going to win our battle with HIV. We are just that kind of people.

Amanda Colorado, Advertising Representative

I get to talk about the OCA with a wide variety of people because I am openly lesbian at board meetings and 12-step meetings. I wear "lesbian" T-shirts and buttons everywhere, have queer stickers on my truck and stamp "Queer Money" on my checks. I write and phone thanks or feedback to businesses and groups, spend money in my community and take good care of myself.

[Congratulations to Amanda for winning a blue ribbon at the Multnomah County Fair for her hand-woven towels. Another way she is fighting the OCA.]

Meg Grace, Advertising Representative, Calendar Editor

I try to be an out lesbian wherever I go and engage people in discussions about the OCA and Ballot Measure 9. I encourage my new friends to vote against the measure and to talk about this with their friends.

Jim Hunger, Staff Reporter

Whenever the subject of the OCA comes up, I don't back away from it. I address it in the general context of hatred and bigotry.

Jeff Williamson, Staff Reporter

My personal effort to combat the OCA really rests on information-sharing, here at *Just Out* and with personal contacts, at work and beyond. A lot of that relies on being even more "out" than in the past. When straight people know what the OCA stands for, they want to fight them; when they really know lesbians and gays, they usually want to stand by them. Getting the word out is key.

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