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Everyone Welcome: Sunday, October 18 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
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MARC ABRAMS SAYS NO ON 9

Measure 9 overshadows all the candidate choices people must make. It speaks to who we are as a people and as a community. Measure 9 is a moral choice. In a nation struggling to be an ideal, not just a political, state, the challenge is to be inclusive rather than exclusive. Measure 9 says *no* and because of that, we must say *No* to 9.

No to hatred, no to bigotry, no to divisiveness, no to being the first and only state to say to some of its citizens in this day and age — you stand alone. We will not say this. We will stand together.

We say to the OCA — this is not the Arizona of Evan Meacham, this is not the Louisiana of David Duke — this is Oregon — take your hatred and fear somewhere else.

MARC ABRAMS WILL ALSO WORK TO ...

- Sponsor a Domestic Partnership ordinance
- Expand teen health clinics to prevent the spread of AIDS and other sexually-transmitted diseases, as well as teen pregnancies.
- Fund a DA dedicated to prosecuting hate crimes.

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letters

Not the classic

To the Editor:

I want to second the letter to the editor in September's *Just Out* by Eris DeaArtio ("Broad-based values") concerning "single issue" organizing by the Left, and the specific need for anti-racist, as well as anti-homophobic and anti-sexist organizing. Portland, Ore., is the whitest U.S. city per capita.

Two dozen community groups in the Northwest, most in metro Portland, have endorsed the international Coke boycott against apartheid. The boycott was initiated by American Friends Service Committee and is supported by Pan Africanist Congress and African National Congress. The Coke boycott has received little attention either in mainstream or alternative media.

As Republican politicians from George Bush to Tony Meeker lift government sanctions against F.W. de Klerk's racist dictatorship, it is more important for grassroots sanctions, like the Coke boycott and the Shell Oil boycott, to put pressure on Bush and de Klerk to set a timeline for holding majority-rule elections in South Africa on the basis of one person, one vote. Mandela couldn't vote in his own country 30 years ago before he went to jail; Mandela and 27 million blacks in South Africa still cannot vote today.

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A view from mono-culture-land

To the Editor:

No on Hate has a secret agenda—and the gay community is not in its best interest. At a July speaker training session, the topic of homophobia was discarded to be replaced by three rambling hours of anti-racism discussion. The discussion was biased, flawed, anti-Christian and reeked of "political correctness" indoctrination. Anyone disagreeing with "politically correct" views were scorned and shouted down. What was disguised as a training session to combat the OCA was really an opportunity to promote anti-racism training, bash white males, all of Christianity (indiscriminately) and a predetermined agenda.

This is a war we're fighting, yet both groups are too obsessed with bureaucracy and procedure. They're too concerned with how many "politically correct" thinking minorities and castle-building egoists they have on their propagating committees.

Before giving money or human resources to these groups, take a very close look and see how these groups are using resources. Why are they taking in money and not spending it on a massive media campaign? I smell a scam! Perhaps No on Hate and No on 9 should get their heads and egos out of the clouds, get with the program and start serving the lavender community, instead of serving themselves.

Kyle Martin
Portland

White sheets

To the Editor:

My lover and I were guests in your fair city this past fourth of July weekend, and for the most part we had a wonderful time. My pleasant memories of said weekend were marred somewhat by the experience of walking into the Dirty Duck Tavern and seeing my old friend the rebel flag displayed in not one but two places. What could you people have been thinking of? While proudly declaim-

ing by way of your readerboard your unquestioned opposition to the efforts of the OCA, this historical symbol of hatred hangs with what I can only call a contemptuous flourish on the wall of your otherwise clean and friendly establishment. Needless to say we left after one drink and will be very slow to return.

I am a native of the state of Georgia. I know what this flag stands for. If you insist on flying a confederate flag, why not add swastikas and hand out white sheets at the door, affirming this evil that you so apparently support? I am disgusted and disappointed to have to confront this crap in a community that has never needed togetherness before as much as yours does now. Stop it!

G. L. Pate
Seattle

Update

To the Editor:

At the time I wrote my letter to the editor I was not aware of the racism workshop offered in conjunction with the speakers' bureau training of the No on Hate organization. This was conducted by Ann Sweet and Carol Steinel and is designed to have an impact on people trying to unlearn their racism.

It is my understanding that the racism workshop previously mentioned is now being offered through the No on Hate community meetings as well as through the speakers' bureau training, and I encourage *everyone* to take advantage of the opportunity to experience it.

Eris DeaArtio
Portland

Congratulations

To the Editor:

At the recent Pride of Portland Sports Festival I was honored as the 1992 recipient of the Richard E. Brown Memorial Award. Richard Brown was an individual from our community who envisioned a program of sports providing entertainment for our community. He organized Team Portland in preparation for Gay Games.

While bowling events have received their share of notoriety and awards over the years, this is the first time I have been honored directly for my involvement or leadership.

I wish to thank the committee members for honoring me and to thank our community for allowing me the opportunity and environment in which to promote our bowling association to continued success. We are the largest bowling league in Oregon, straight or gay!

I encourage community members to check out the sports program of your choice and get involved. You'll meet new friends, learn new ideas and broaden your horizons.

Tom Geil
Portland

Dear Friends

To the Editor:

If you haven't read the editorial by Pattie Ladd in the September issue of *Just Out*, I urge each and every one of you to get a copy and read that editorial. If you have read the editorial, I encourage you to reread it. Pattie makes some excellent points about intolerance and horizontal hostility within our community. Come on folks, let's get over ourselves and start working together. Only by working together will we get through this mess.

Maureen Carrsryn
Portland