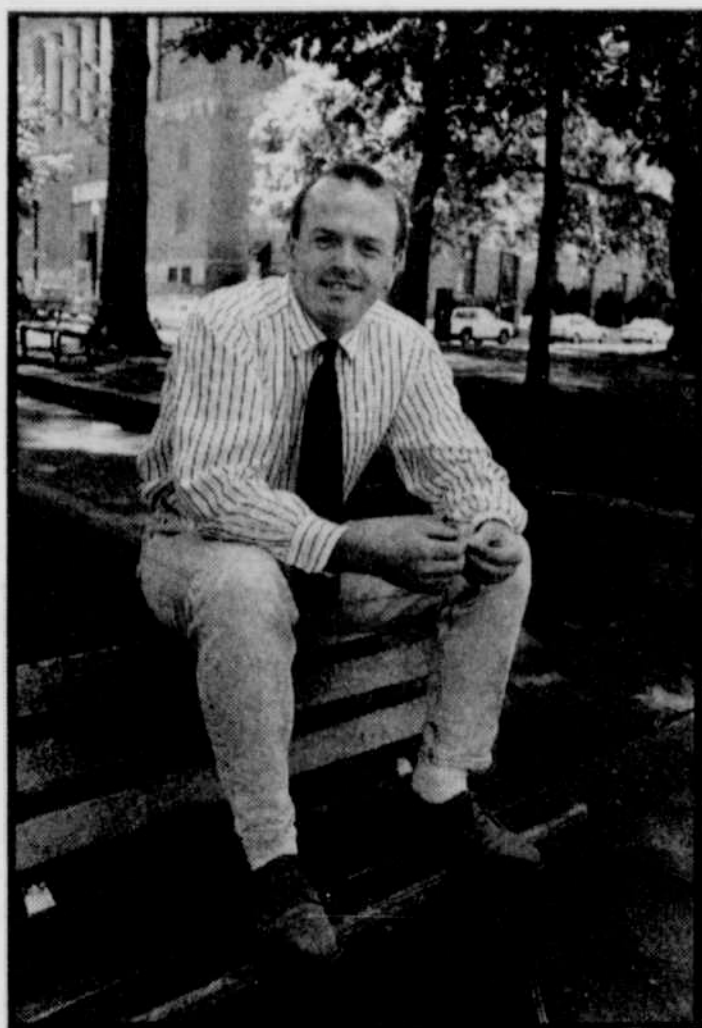


The new face at Right to Privacy may be a familiar one to some Portland residents. A former local television news reporter and producer, Greg Jackson became the executive director of the civil rights group in April. Right to Privacy advocates full civil rights, human rights and social equity for lesbians, gay men and bisexuals by informing and educating policy-makers and the public. It has been in existence 13 years.

Jackson says that civil rights work is very much like media work. "You're crafting a message, and getting it out to the public," Jackson said. He added that, with the radical right groups distributing information about gay men, lesbians and bisexual people, "Our job is to balance that effort, and to get the correct information out there."

Right to Privacy seeks to take a pro-active role in Oregon politics, Jackson said. The group supports gay and lesbian candidates as well as those straight candidates who are supportive of sexual minority rights. The group also writes legislative bills and works to get them passed.

"Change takes time," Jackson said. "It takes a long time to change the hearts and minds of people." But, he added, the five openly gay legislators in Oregon are proof that change is possible. "No other state has this level of elected officials,"



Greg Jackson

Jackson said. "And we have two more running."

Right to Privacy will continue education, lobbying and outreach efforts throughout the state under Jackson's leadership.

"My vision is to let people know that gays, lesbians and bisexuals are in every walk of life," Jackson said. "By being out, we can break a lot of stereotypes. For some people, that's spooky—but it's important to have role models, and to remain visible, to let people know that gays and lesbians are not so threatening."

Right to Privacy is planning a fund-raising event July 10. Tickets to the Garden Party are \$25, and Jackson expects 300 to 400 people to attend. Local politicians will speak, and the party is a chance for those in attendance to talk to their elected officials.

"You do have access," Jackson said. "I was lucky, in that people invited me to get involved in the political process—before, I was intimidated."

"But it's all of our responsibilities to become involved. Politically, the gay, lesbian and bisexual movement needs to have everyone involved in making phone calls, giving their time, stuffing envelopes, walking door to door. It's not a thing that's up to somebody else—it's up to every one of us."

Washington campaigns go all-out to keep initiatives off ballot

A statewide effort is underway to prevent discriminatory initiatives from getting on the ballot in Washington. Leading these efforts is Hands Off Washington, a group that learned from Oregon's fight over Measure 9, according to spokesman Robert Harkins.

"We're very excited at the energy and the progress we've been making," Harkins said. "We learned a lesson from the No on 9 campaign."

Harkins said the Washington group started their efforts early and targeted their campaign on nonurban areas. The statewide group has 30 coalition councils around the state, including a chapter across the river from Portland in Vancouver, Wash.

The Vancouver-based chapter is the Southwest Washington Coalition Council. Headed by Arlene Blair, the group welcomes Oregon volunteers for fund-raising efforts and voter-identification drives. For more information call (206) 696-1002.

Statewide, Hands Off Washington has aired some television ads during newscasts. The ads, which were also seen by viewers in the Portland area, define the two initiatives as seeking to promote and legalize discrimination against sexual minorities.

The recent efforts have been aimed at educating people about the initiatives, to try to prevent them from reaching the November ballot. If enough

signatures are gathered to get the initiatives on the ballot, campaign efforts will be switched to defeating them at the polls.

Two groups are organizing the initiatives. The Citizens Alliance of Washington, spearheaded by Lon Mabon's Oregon Citizens Alliance, is collecting signatures for one initiative, while the Washington Public Affairs Council is collecting signatures for another. Both groups must file their petitions with the state by July 8.

The two initiatives are very similar, Harkins said. Both would legalize discrimination by undoing current laws and preventing future protections based on sexual orientation. Both would prevent schools from presenting homosexuality in anything but a negative light.

In addition, Initiative 608, sponsored by the Washington Public Affairs Council, seeks to prevent gay men and lesbians from having custody of their own children. Initiative 610, sponsored by the Citizens Alliance of Washington, includes an attack on transgender people and is seen as trying to prevent same-sex marriages though its definition of "natural gender."

"We'll know after July 8 whether one of them, none of them, or both of them make the ballot," Harkins said. He added that Lon Mabon's group, the Citizens Alliance of Washington, had been very quiet during the signature-gathering process. The other group has been gathering signatures in churches and through organizations opposed to gun control, and recently has been showing up in malls, he added.

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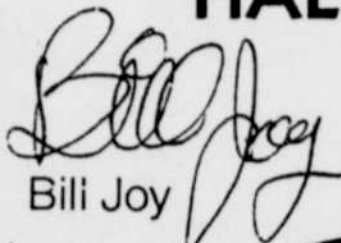
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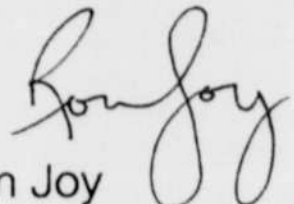
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