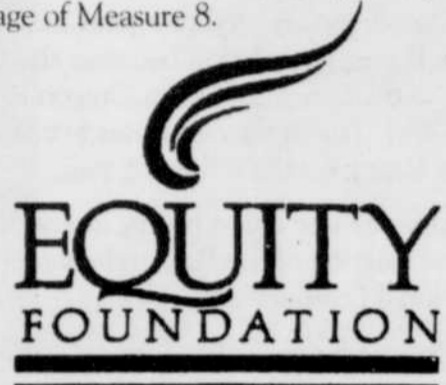


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The organization brings a confrontational style of politics to Portland—in sharp contrast to groups such as Right to Privacy PAC and Cascade AIDS Project, which work within the system. Michael Petrelis, a founder of the Portland chapter, claims the city is ripe for the confrontational style of politics, especially with the passage of Measure 8.



1989

☉ Equity Foundation is established, and within eight years the organization distributes more than \$430,000 in grants and scholarships throughout Oregon.

☉ Finally, there's a gay and lesbian float in Portland's Rose Festival Starlight Parade. It's part of the Lesbian Community Project's "From Margins to the Mainstream Media Project."

☉ A new state statute requires law enforcement agencies to report statistics on crimes motivated by hate—including hate directed toward gay people.



Other legislation adds sexual orientation to the categories protected under Oregon's intimidation law, making acts of intimidation based on bias against sexual orientation a misdemeanor and/or felony.

1990

☉ Unable to recover from a large debt and the debate between ideals and profit, A Woman's Place Bookstore closes.

1991

☉ Gail Shibley becomes the first out lesbian to join the Oregon Legislature. She is appointed to fill the vacancy in House District 12, which includes much of Southwest Portland.

☉ *Just Out* publishes a cover story on Portland Police Chief Tom Potter and his daughter, Katie. The story marks Katie's official coming out as a lesbian on the police force. The following month, *The Oregonian* runs a story on the Potters, and Tom marches in the pride parade. The OCA calls for his resignation.

☉ Several employees at Oregon Health Sciences University sign up their partners for health insurance by scratching out the word spouse and replacing it with domestic partner on the insurance forms. The act leads to the *Tanner vs. Oregon Health Sciences University* lawsuit.

☉ The Portland City Council approves a civil rights ordinance that bans discrimination

based on sexual orientation in housing, employment and public accommodations.

1992

☉ *NightScene*, a cable television show that calls itself "Gay TV for Everyone," celebrates its 100th show on Jan. 7.

☉ In May, voters in Springfield pass an OCA-sponsored ballot measure that prohibits the city from offering human rights protections based on sexual orientation. Voters in Corvallis reject a similar measure.

☉ An estimated 8,000 attend Portland's pride parade.

☉ Multnomah County becomes the first public employer in Oregon to extend health benefits to domestic partners of county employees, effective July 1, 1993.



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☉ In November, voters reject Measure 9, an OCA-sponsored measure that links homosexuality with pedophilia, sadism and masochism, bestiality, and necrophilia. It sought to require governments and schools to recognize homosexuality as abnormal, and would have prohibited governments from extending anti-discrimination protections based on sexual orientation.

☉ The Oregon Court of Appeals strikes down 1988's Measure 8 as unconstitutional.

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