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GUEST COMMENTARY

BY KATHLEEN M. SULLIVAN

Get involved!

Spread the word and vote no on 9

As you read this, 1.8 million Oregonians are receiving their ballots in the mail. This election year is all vote-by-mail—that means voters get their ballots Oct. 23 and have until Nov. 7 to turn them in.

With 26 other measures on the ballot, we must contact supporters and remind them to vote and that Measure 9 is the last measure on the ballot. We need your help!

In order to defeat the Oregon Citizens Alliance, we must talk to thousands of people and remind them to vote and that they need to mail in their ballot. The higher the voter turnout, the better our chances are for defeating Measure 9.

Proof of this can be seen in a comparison between 1992's No on 9 Campaign and 1994's No on 13 Campaign. In 1994, 197,000 fewer people voted against Measure 13—not because people switched their vote from no to yes but because 197,000 didn't vote!

We cannot let that happen again! The No on 9 Campaign is working to ensure this by putting together a strong effort to get out the vote. This effort includes you.

No other statewide campaign is getting out the vote with a volunteer effort like No on 9. The campaign volunteers who are active now are simply amazing, and we thank them, but we really need your help as well.

We will have just 11 times to talk to voters between when they get their ballots and when they cast their vote. Call us at 503-232-7176 to volunteer.

This campaign is going to be won by just a few percentage points. That means every volunteer who comes in and talks to between 50 and 70 people literally will be winning the campaign for us. We have day and evening shifts; contact us at www.noon9.org to volunteer.

Lon Mabon and the OCA continually count on us not voting so he can pass his anti-gay measures. As we all know, he is targeting youth and schools this time. If passed, Measure 9 would:

1. Set up GLBT or perceived GLBT students, teachers, administrators and all other public school and community college employees for unfair treatment. Measure 9 would eliminate Oregon values of tolerance and respect for others from our schools.

2. Prohibit AIDS education and put a gag rule on school counselors.

3. Allow the OCA to tell us what we can and cannot teach kids in our schools.

The latest poll showed we were in a dead heat with the OCA. The only way for us to win is to talk to voters one at a time and make sure that they are committed to vote no and that they turn in their ballots.

This is the year to turn the OCA back. Call the No on 9 Campaign today to volunteer, and definitely be a messenger to your friends and family to vote no on 9! **JO**

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KATHLEEN M. SULLIVAN is the No on 9 Campaign manager.

From the publisher

Old adages state that you never know the value of something until it's gone. Such has been the case of recent with the *Just Out* Internet site. Because of a major crash situation with the host, our site has been down for almost two weeks. Our frazzled and exhausted Webmaster is working diligently to restore the site and estimates it will be back up this weekend. Thank you for your patience, and we look forward to receiving your letters, ads and subscriptions at www.justout.com.

MARTY DAVIS
Publisher

REFLECTIONS

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• The National Freedom to Marry Coalition kicked off its activities with a press teleconference Oct. 2. Its aim is "to win and keep the freedom to marry for same-gender couples."

• The Sexual Minority Roundtable Crisis Response Team officially was launched Oct. 11, National Coming Out Day. The all-volunteer group—the first of its kind in the United States—works in partnership with Portland police officers who respond to calls for assistance involving sexual minorities.

• Former Oregon Gov. Barbara Roberts continued to actively work for gay and lesbian civil rights. In September, she joined the board of directors of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, a national gay and lesbian rights organization based in Washington, D.C.

• Bob Duehmig, a health care and education policy specialist for the Oregon Federation of Teachers, Education and Health Professionals, announced his candidacy for the Oregon House of Representatives District 12. The seat was held by state Rep. Gail Shibley, who was running for the

Portland City Council.

• On the eve of Coronation '95, "Pumps and Circumstance" took a look at the bejeweled history of the Imperial Sovereign Rose Court.

• *The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me*, a solo performance by Rob Buckmaster, opened Oct. 20 at the Main Street Playhouse.

• Steve Fulmer's guest editorial, "Our Kids, Our Schools, Our Future," encouraged gays and lesbians to support Measure 26-31, the Portland school bond levy. "As individuals and as a community, we must take our rightful place in the affairs of the greater village," he wrote.

• Unpaid spokesperson Martina Navratilova teamed with Subaru of America, Travelers Bank and Visa USA to market a new affinity card aimed at gay men and lesbians.

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