



Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman (right, with Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber) is rallying support for his Burnside Triangle proposals

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Saltzman is troubled because he still hasn't heard back from agencies such as the Portland Development Commission regarding his action items. "I have a hunch they may have some concerns."

Additionally, the West End issue covers a lot of topics, among them low-income housing. Saltzman hopes a large group turns out for the meeting to ensure his proposals "don't get lost in the debate."

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### SEATTLE COMMUNITY CENTER SECURES SITE

Queen City Community Development announced June 18 that it has signed a lease to open a center for Seattle's lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans community.

The group will occupy 2 1/2 floors and more than 3,700 square feet in the three-story building located at 1115 E. Pike St., according to the agreement with Anne Michelson Properties. The center is scheduled to open in early fall.

"For nearly 30 years Seattle has gone without a center for its LGBT community," said Darian Shaw, Queen City Community Development board co-chair. "As the only major metropolitan city without a LGBT community center, this moment is long overdue."

Facilities will include offices for nonprofits, public conference rooms and assembly space, an exhibition and reference area, and a reception and referral center. Services provided will include educational, social and cultural programs developed and managed cooperatively by Queen City Community Development and queer organizations.

The signing of the lease concludes a seven-month search to locate the property, according to Shaw. Queen City Community Development will begin remodeling the building in August.

Capital costs are being underwritten through the city of Seattle Neighborhood Matching Funds Grant Program in partnership with area donors. More than 400 individuals, community groups and corporations made contributions to renovate the structure, including a major gift from Gay Community Social Services, the founding organization of Seattle's first gay community center.

### SEATTLE BISHOP SUSPENDS TWO GAY MINISTERS

Woodlawn Park United Methodist Church booted a pastor shortly after he came out of the closet, *The Seattle Times* reports June 18.

The Rev. Mark Edwards Williams, who has been a pastor at Woodland Park since 1999, revealed he is gay June 15 at the annual conference of Pacific Northwest United Methodists in Tacoma. Two days later, Bishop Elias Galvan declared he would not get appointed to a church because the denomination's rules bar homosexuals from serving at the pulpit.



Bishop Elias Galvan

Williams wrote in a letter: "I chose to do this in order to live with more integrity. I chose to come out in order to bring more honesty and openness in my relationship with the church that has nurtured me throughout my life."

Galvan also announced that Williams' predecessor, Karen Dammann, would get denied appointment because earlier in the year she told the church she is a lesbian. Katie Ladd, another former pastor who revealed her homosexuality at the conference, has gone on disability leave even though she asked for an appointment.

During a vote at last year's national Methodist conference, delegates reaffirmed the

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