

much of a chance to promote civil rights for the sexual minorities community. All my actions have been as a voter and citizen. I have strongly opposed all of the Oregon Citizens Alliance measures on the statewide ballot. I support civil unions for gay couples and would like to see them recognized just like marriage in our state and county.

2. Portland, as the largest city in the state of Oregon, must set the example for the rest of the state when it comes to the equality of all people, particularly minority groups. It is important that the staff of the city commissioners reflect the entire community. It would be critical for me to have someone that represents the sexual minorities community on my staff as a city commissioner.

3. I am not sure what the city can do to preserve the Burnside Triangle's identity. I think the most important thing to do would be to listen to the businesses in the area and support their needs as much as the city can. I wish I had a better answer since what I wrote sounds a bit lame, but that is it.

4. The comments Chief Kroeker made as an officer in Los Angeles make it clear to me that he was not the person to hire as police chief of our city. Considering the anti-gay comments he has made in the past, he needs to be particularly vocal in his public and private efforts to end anti-gay discrimination within the police ranks. He has not been vocal on this issue, and that is not acceptable.

just is. The vessel that hosts my spirit has little to do with the spirit. Looks, physical challenges, pigmentation, sex and age have nothing to do with the spirit. We are here on this planet to love, be loved and create love. Genuine, true and honest love is always a blessing and a positive energy to the people as well as the planet itself. Who we love and involve our self with is, and shall always be, a mystery left to the individual.

No one ever has the right to another person's pride. Any person taking another person's pride lacks his/her own. You do not have to take something you already have. Those individuals that choose to victimize another show a total disrespect to the ladies and gentlemen who, when they hear the word "help," courageously run toward the sound to help and not away to hide. They bring down humanity.

I think of community like a thick soup. Each carrot, celery, onion and potato has a flavor of its own but is only soup when it comes together blending, yet still preserving, each individual quality.

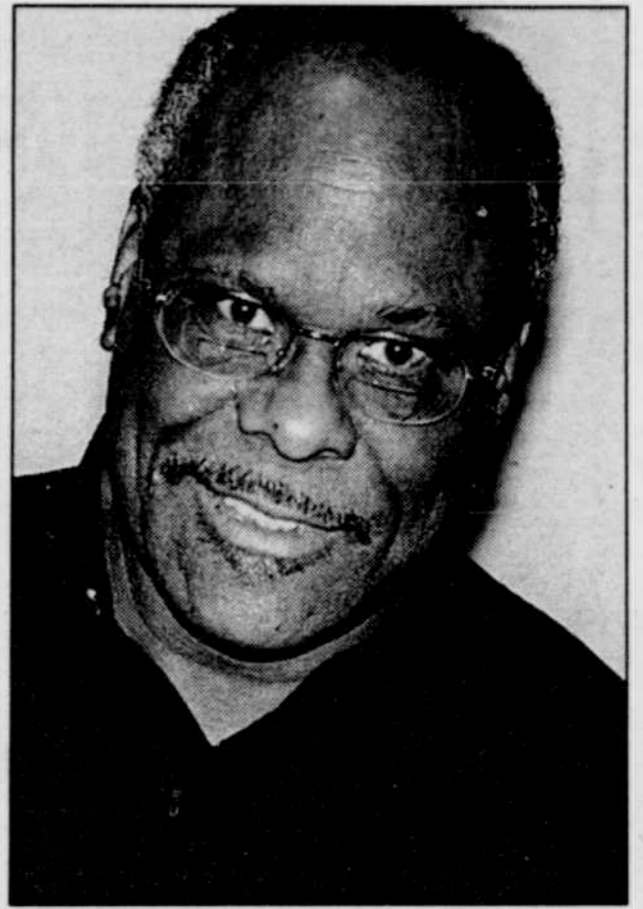
My mother honored me and all of humanity by not allowing degradation of people in any way. Less negative energy in the universe is a good goal for all of us to work toward. Remember, love's gift is fairness.

homosexual, heterosexual or no-sexual and my response has always been "no response." I am black and I have dealt with racism continually for more than 50 years now. My battles have all to do with race and racism. My efforts and sacrifices have put into place the civil rights laws that offer protection to homosexuals, bisexuals and all others.

2. I am a most "accessible" person. I concentrate on equity as opposed to equality. Equity is more about justice. As city commissioner, I will dialogue with various persons and communities. I will be open to suggestions and ideas aimed at enhancing involvement in this city. I expect to represent those of us who have heretofore been ignored, misrepresented and poorly represented.

3. I am not familiar with the Burnside Triangle; therefore, I need considerably more information to answer this question. If I do become city commissioner, I ask that you—the readers—contact me concerning same and the "needs" you perceive.

4. No and no. The Portland Police Bureau has a serious problem in "most" communities. As for Chief Mark Kroeker and the gay community, walking in a parade does not change the nature of our police state. Bringing on a new police chief will not necessarily bring about change. Accountability with consequences and more is needed if our police are to become partners to our communities.



CLIFFORD WALKER

1. Through my work as president of the Portland-Mutare Sister City Association and our Africa AIDS Response program, we have been very successful in raising awareness about those affected by HIV/AIDS, including sexual minorities, particularly among communities of color. As a longtime community activist, African American and parent, I have championed civil rights causes for many years.

2. As an elected official, it will be my responsibility to ensure that Portland's policies reflect equality for all citizens, including sexual minorities. This would apply to all areas of city policy, including contracting.

3. In all honesty, while not as knowledgeable about the issues surrounding the Burnside Triangle, I would be open to learning more and discussing the issue.

4. There are many contentious issues to discuss and resolve regarding the Portland Police Bureau, including racial profiling, homeless policies and, as your question indicates, anti-gay discrimination in the police ranks. As an elected representative, I would work to ensure that the stated policy of our police will be to root out discrimination. That would start with both currently employed officers and those in training. There is no place in the 21st century for homophobia, especially not within the police, whose goal is to serve and protect. [E]



SHARON NASSET

I believe I am a spirit having a human experience. My spirit has no beginning or end, it



LULU R. STROUD-JOHNSON

1. I, personally, have never seen sexual preference as an issue. I've been asked if I am



WAYNE TROSINO

Refused to respond.

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