



From left, Multnomah County Commissioner Serena Cruz, former Oregon Gov. Barbara Roberts, Human Rights Campaign co-founder Terry Bean and Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury cheer on Howard Dean during a presidential campaign stop May 14 at the Benson Hotel

**DEAN BEATS AROUND THE BUSH IN PORTLAND**

Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean greeted area supporters of his presidential campaign May 14 during a brief swing through Portland. Packed into a ballroom at the Benson Hotel were several leaders of the sexual minorities community, including Thomas Bruner, Cascade AIDS Project executive director; Jeana Frazzini and Harriet Merrick, current and former Basic Rights Oregon board co-chairwomen; and Terry Bean, co-founder of the Human Rights Campaign and co-chairman of Dean's Oregon campaign. Also spotted at the fund-raiser reception was former Oregon State University and National Football League player Esera Tualo, one of the only pro athletes ever to come out of the closet.

As governor Dean was a strong supporter of equal rights for all. In 2000 he signed the nation's first civil unions legislation even though most Vermonters were against it at the time.

During his speech he criticized President Bush for recently referring to University of Michigan's affirmative action program as a "quota" system, which Dean called "a race-loaded word that's designed to appeal to people's fears that someone else is going to take their job." Afterward while speaking with reporters, he also had strong words about the White House's reaction to anti-gay comments made by U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa.

"This president has been a divider, not a uniter, since the day he took office," Dean said. "He was never interested in uniting the country. He separates out people by race, he separates out people by sexual orientation. For him to put his arm around Sen. Santorum and say he was an inclusive person is a pathetic catering to bigotry and hatred and is not becoming of the president of the United States."

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**EX-OCA FIGURE GIVES ADVICE TO REPUBLICANS**

Scott Lively, former Oregon Citizens Alliance legal director, posted an editorial May 5 on his Web site offering pointers to fellow Republicans on how to "defend the pro-family position on homosexuality." He wrote it in reaction to the GOP's ambivalent response to offensive comments made by U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa.

Lively now serves as president of the Citrus Heights, Calif.-based Abiding Truth Min-

istries and as lead attorney of its Pro-Family Law Center, which trains anti-gay activists on how to debate the issue. Here is his step-by-step guide to get the Republican Party back on track:

- "Don't dodge the issue in fear of political correctness or pro-'gay' media bias. Stand confidently upon the essential pro-family presuppositions that resonate with people of common sense."

- "Contest the hidden false assumption underlying most pro-'gay' arguments that homosexuality is immutable. We have a strong case on this point."

- "Expose the deceptive terms, such as sexual orientation.... Does orientation mean 'state of mind' or conduct? If it includes conduct, which conduct? Does it include sodomy? Fisting? Rimming? Sadism?"

- "Get off the defensive and take the offensive on the homosexual issue by purging 'gay' activism from the Republican Party....

Instead of inviting into our tent the very constituency that many Republicans have spent years and fortunes opposing, why not conduct a meaningful family-values outreach to ethnic minorities? Let the Democrats continue to be the party of sexual deviance and let us exploit that identification to woo away their healthy families to the higher Republican standard."



Scott Lively

**BRO NEEDS YOUR STORIES**

Basic Rights Oregon needs people who are willing to share their experiences with state lawmakers who are considering two significant pieces of legislation.

Senate Bill 786 bans bias based on sexual orientation and gender identity in employment, housing, public accommodation, public assistance and education. Senate Bill 816 and its counterpart, House Bill 3356, add gender identity to the state's bias crime laws, which currently include sexual orientation.

BRO is seeking people who have experienced discrimination or who have been the victims of hate crimes, harassment and violence because they are queer. Staff members will provide fact sheets and background information about the bills.

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