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**CAP ELECTS NEW BOARD OFFICERS AND MEMBERS**

Cascade AIDS Project has elected new officers for its board of directors and added three new board members.

The new president is Kathleen Cosgrove, owner of Skyline Art Source; vice president and development chairman is Tom Imeson, a principal at Imeson and Carter; secretary is Joanne Gholston, vice president of customer service at the Regence Group; treasurer and finance chairman is Tony Melaragno, vice president and chief of research and cancer services at Legacy Health Systems; and public policy chairwoman is Eva Kripalani, vice president and general counsel for KinderCare Learning Centers.

New members elected to CAP's board include Andy Davis, a managing partner at Davis Business Centers; Michael Smith, president and CEO of Mahlum Architects; and Pam Strickfaden, a community volunteer and business consultant.

"The board of CAP has never been stronger, more

resourceful or better connected in the agency's history," executive director Thomas Bruner said. "This group of seasoned community leaders positions us for continued growth, maturation and effectiveness in our HIV/AIDS work and leadership in the nonprofit sector at large."

Returning board members are Sam Adams, Kathleen Lewis, David Martinez, Mary O'Connor, Billi Odegaard, Jackie Thomas, Thom Walters and Mike Winslow.

**SCORECARD DOWNGRADES DEFAZIO, HOOLEY**

The Human Rights Campaign released its annual congressional scorecard Oct. 15 rating U.S. representatives and senators on gay, lesbian, bi and trans issues in the 108th Congress. The scorecard was mailed to nearly 225,000 members of HRC throughout the nation prior to the election Nov. 2.

"Learning where members of Congress stand on equality issues is a crucial tool for fair-minded voters," HRC president Cheryl Jacques said. "We hope that all Americans who support equality will learn where candidates stand and vote for fairness."

The scorecard rates co-sponsorship of HRC supported bills as well as votes on important legislation including the Marriage Protection Act and a bill against employment discrimination.

For the first time, the scorecard double weights the Federal Marriage Amendment to underscore the importance this vote had for the queer community.

The scorecard also notes co-sponsorship of a bill to extend domestic partner benefits to federal employees, a bill to extend the Family and Medical Leave Act to same-sex couples and a bill to end the unfair taxation of domestic partner health insurance benefits.

"While we have focused tremendous energy and resources on defeating the Federal Marriage Amendment, this scorecard reinforces that HRC has a comprehensive and robust legislative agenda to achieve equality at all levels," said Jacques.

The queer vote in 2000 was estimated at 4 percent to 5 percent of the electorate—making the sexual minorities community a powerful constituency at the voting booth. "Our voices and our allies' voices can and must be the deciding factor in close elections," Jacques said.

Three members of Oregon's congressional delegation aced the test: U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden and U.S. Reps. Earl Blumenauer and David Wu, all Democrats.

U.S. Reps. Peter DeFazio and Darlene Hooley, both Democrats who had perfect scores in the last session, didn't fare as well this time. DeFazio earned a 77 out of 100 for failing to

co-sponsor the Early Treatment for HIV Act and for refusing to make a personal pledge not to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity and expression in his congressional office employment decisions. Hooley flunked out with a 55 because she also blew it on those two criteria and because she won't co-sponsor a hate crimes measure and a bill granting immigration equality to binational couples.

U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., dropped from an 86 to a 63 for supporting a procedural vote on the Federal Marriage Amendment, and U.S. Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., continues to swim at the bottom of the barrel with a score of 11—six points lower than his rating for the 107th Congress.



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U.S. Rep. Darlene Hooley, D-Ore., who once had a perfect rating on queer issues, now earns an F from the Human Rights Campaign

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