

amends by doing as good a job as I can moving forward.

It's humbling to have Portland's premier LGBT newspaper call for your resignation. It's a message that I've received very clearly. I've been very upfront about my mistake, and I don't intend to repeat it.

JRC: The next two questions were submitted by our blog readers: "I would like to know what advice Sam has for those of us in the community who have to up our defense against a gay stereotype."

SA: I think that because this is under investigation, and I welcome that investigation, I'm not at liberty to comment freely, but the great thing about Portlanders and Oregonians is, to a very great degree, they treat people as individuals. They base their judgments on the individual's intentions and action.

JRC: Also from a reader: "I want to know how Sam intends to encourage the gay and straight community to volunteer for causes with youth."

SA: The problems of this community are well known and severe. I think that everyone has a contribution to make

wherever they're at in their life for the betterment of the city. There are all kinds of opportunities for folks to get involved based on their interests and availability.

JRC: You have been very personable with Portlanders, from starting a blog as a city commissioner to introducing yourself to everyone as "Sam." Where is the line between your public and private life?

SA: I chose to run for public office, having worked for 23 years in public service and around elected officials in that time. I've been well aware about what

running for office entails. I knew going in it what the expectations are in terms of people's and the media's interest in public and private issues. I try to be as accessible and as open as I possibly can, and it's one reason I'm seen out and about so much. I love the opportunity of unscripted situations outside the bubble of City Hall to get a sense of what people are concerned about and have ideas about. And I try to have personal, private time, so I try to balance both. There are things I think are personal and others that are absolutely fair game. I knew going in what would be fair game for media and public interest and scrutiny. 10

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—Sam Adams

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