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Just Ahead

A recall, an update, and Pride

On Thursday evening, May 14, a group of people gathered in a Southeast Portland tavern for the first official "kick-out" meeting in the campaign to recall Portland Mayor Sam Adams. The tavern was small and quickly filled with recall supporters, media and a smattering of the casually curious. Conservative radio talk show host Victoria Taft broadcast live from the front corner window booth. Barkeepers hurriedly filled pints of draft. It seemed like any busy night in any popular neighborhood watering hole – until the speaker, Jasun Wurster, stood on a table and laid out, in easy-to-understand detail, exactly who, when and why an effort was being made to recall Adams. *Just Out* attended the meeting, but with only minutes to spare until deadline for this May 15 issue, our coverage of the event will be found at www.justout.com and in the May 29 print edition.

This recall campaign might well be more organized than naysayers are willing to credit. Whatever your personal beliefs along the Sam Adams credibility spectrum, you must consider the possibility that a recall could actually happen. Everyone needs to be aware of the facts and circumstances that have brought Portland residents to this uncomfortable and sad place in our shared history.

As I left the meeting, a television reporter asked me if *Just Out* would be involved in the effort. The answer was then, is now, and will remain an emphatic NO. *Just Out* will cover the Adams recall effort. We will gather facts and opinion on all aspects of the story, and we will report back to our readers. *Just Out* will cover the story, not be a part of it.

For 26 years, one of *Just Out's* mainstays has been our community outreach pages. It is within these

group and organization listings that those searching can find the heart and soul of the complex and colorful diversity of the gay, lesbian, bi and trans community.

People who are new to town, new to themselves, new to being single look to these listings to discover places of acceptance, friendship and welcoming activities. Over the years, the Outreach section has so swelled in size that sometime back the decision was made to divide it between the print and online versions of the publication. Portland-area listings appear in print, in each issue of *Just Out*. Listings for other locales – Salem, Corvallis, Eugene and throughout the state – appear at www.justout.com. The spirituality resources, statewide and for metro Portland, have also been relocated to the web.

So, you're wondering, what's the purpose of this little conversation we're having here? The point is, it's time to clean up the Outreach section (pg.40-41 in this issue). Groups come and go; phone numbers change; web sites switch addresses; items become outdated and useless. Material that is not current or correct detracts from the value of these pages. So each year about this time, everyone with a free Outreach listing is asked to provide updated information. This is also an excellent time to send in your new listings for groups, organizations or services. Outreach listings are offered as a community courtesy by *Just Out*; there is no charge to be included.

The plan is to have the pages cleaned up and presented in a slightly revised format by the June 12 issue. This means we need to hear from everyone with a current listing by Friday, May 29. All of you will be receiving a phone call from Jack, the friendly *Just Out* Outreach update fella. He's going to tell you what to do to keep your listing in the paper. It's pretty simple: Write out

exactly what you want, in 50-75 words, and email it to marty@justout.com.

If we don't hear from you by May 29, your listing will be deleted.

Just Out has made an adjustment to our publishing schedule for May and June, due to the scheduling change for this year's Portland Pride. For many years now, Pride has fallen on the third weekend in June, with the parade on Father's Day, to the disgruntlement of many. For 2009, Portland Pride happens a week earlier, with Waterfront Festival activities June 13-14 and the grand Pride parade on Sunday, June 14 – not Father's Day.

What this means for *Just Out* is that we're publishing three times in May, with our special statewide Pride Issue hitting racks on May 29. We follow this with a June 12 issue, our annual *Just Out* Amateur Photo Contest edition. The deadline to submit your photos is May 29. Complete details and rules can be found on p.14 and online at www.justout.com.

After Pride weekend we're happily taking a week off and will return, back to a normal publishing schedule (every first and third Friday), on July 3.

Our big monthly event, Gay Skate, is coming up on May 18. We'll be giving away a pair of tickets to see Lady Sovereign in concert May 23 at the Doug Fir. I must admit, I have no idea who this performer is (read about her on p.22), but many others are excited at the notion of winning. So, if you want to be in the running, head on down to Oaks Park for Gay Skate. Please don't forget to bring canned food for Esther's Pantry. And if you like to win prizes and get freebies, check us out often at www.justout.com. That's where I give the good stuff away. I'll see you there. JO

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