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**Can They We Do It?**

Facing crunch time, BRO must decide whether to stick to 2012 marriage equality goal

BY AARON SPENCER

For the past three years, gays and lesbians in Oregon have heard the now familiar line that come 2012, they could gain the right to be married.

Advocacy group Basic Rights Oregon has been working toward a ballot measure that, if approved by voters next year on Election Day, would make same sex-marriage legal in the state.

But as that goal approaches, BRO has doubts the ballot measure can win. Campaign leaders say they are on track, but their data show they need to sway 100,000 voters before the measure can succeed at the polls. BRO wants to make a dent in that number before it commits to the goal by filing a preliminary ballot in August.

The ballot campaign would be a heavy undertaking. It would cost millions of dollars and be rife with political mudslinging and personal vitriol. Those who oppose marriage equality have promised to fight the measure, and a loss would be devastating to gays and lesbians across the nation.

"This isn't the kind of issue where we could afford to go to the ballot every year until we win," says Jeana Frazzini, BRO's executive director. "The costs for our community—in terms of financial resources, the emotional toll, all of it—are absolutely too great of a risk."

Oregon is not the only state that could win marriage equality by 2012. New York, Rhode Island, Maine, Maryland, Washington and California could see same-sex marriage by then, according to the national group Freedom

to Marry. And several court cases, including one against California's Proposition 8, could eventually result in federal marriage equality.

But Frazzini believes these efforts are working in tandem. BRO is still in the stages of an "education campaign" that it hopes will persuade public opinion in favor of marriage equality. On Tuesday, March 29, the nonprofit made its biggest push to date, a statewide television ad campaign featuring straight, gay and lesbian couples talking about the importance of marriage.

For the education campaign to be successful and lead to the ballot initiative, BRO needs resources. The organization is asking for funding, volunteers and—most importantly—for people who support marriage equality to talk about marriage with others.

"It's not for Basic Rights Oregon alone to say 'Okay, everybody—charge!'" Frazzini says. "Folks need to be engaged. They need to be having conversations about marriage. They need to be stepping up to make the change in the world that's going to make it possible to have a successful vote."

BRO hopes to showcase these conversations in its new ad campaign. In a new spot, Shelly and Kristin Casteel, a Portland lesbian couple, sit side by side against a black backdrop. Soft music plays in the background.

"We've been together for 10 years," Shelly tells the camera.

"Getting married is about making that special vow in front of family and friends to be together forever," Kristin says, looking at

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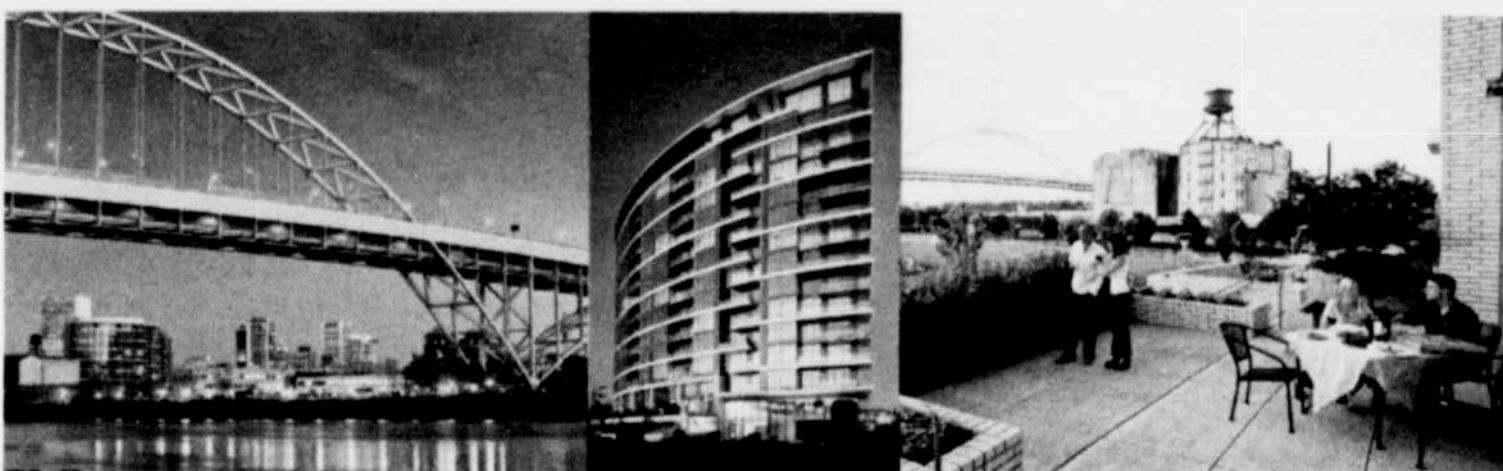
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