

## "With Gratitude"

TO THE EDITOR:

On June 8, 200 Portlanders filled City Hall to support the approval of trans-inclusive health benefits for city employees (blogout.justout.com, "BREAKING: PDX City Council Approves Trans-Inclusive Health Care Proposal"). As members of Basic Rights Oregon's Trans Justice Working Group, we are leading a statewide campaign for trans-inclusive health care.

We want to sincerely thank the entire City Council for their strong support, and to extend a particular thank you to Mayor Sam Adams for his unfaltering leadership on this issue. Time and time again he has taken a stand to end discrimination against transgender Oregonians. In proposing this ordinance and leading the charge for its passage, he and his staff have made a profound impact on the lives of trans City employees, their partners and their families.

This victory makes Portland the third jurisdiction in the country to provide trans-inclusive health care to its employees, and it would not be possible without the work of Mayor Adams and Commissioners Fish, Fritz, Leonard and Saltzman. This is truly a monumental step towards trans justice in Oregon and nationwide.

WITH GRATITUDE,  
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» For more on the trans-inclusive health care coverage for city workers, read Erin Rook's story on p. 12.

## 12th Annual Bites for Rights Serves Up Benefit for Basic Rights Oregon

Start saving up that appetite now. Bites for Rights, set for Thursday, June 23, marks your annual chance to feast while helping fund the equality-minded efforts of Basic Rights Oregon. Now in its 12th year, the event will unite just under 100 establishments across the state for a tasty day of dining and donating. Coffee shops, bakeries, bars and even food carts will contribute a percentage of the day's proceeds to BRO, and its campaigns to ensure marriage equality, racial and transgender justice, and fairness for LGBT Oregonians.

Ellen Flenniken, BRO's community events specialist, says this year's fundraiser has corralled the most participants in the most cities since Bites for Rights started—an accomplishment she says is due in no small part to the excitement surrounding the organization's equality work in 2011 thus far.

"There's been so much buzz about it this year," Flenniken says. "There's a lot more energy from the restaurants and from supporters, which I think is a natural evolution because there's more energy around our work this year with our transgender campaign and marriage equality. I think all of that excitement is reflected in this event."

Participating restaurants donate a percentage of the day's total proceeds straight to BRO. After the last check's been paid, organizers are hoping to raise more than \$20,000, an increase from funds generated by Bites for Rights 2010 that's made more realistic considering around half of participating

establishments are donating 25 percent of the day's income. "It's a significant chunk," Flenniken says. "People who go are certainly making a difference in the amount that we receive as an organization."



Since its inception, Bites for Rights has brought in almost \$200,000 to support the work of Basic Rights Oregon, now gearing up to get marriage equality on the state ballot next year. And there's something for everyone's palate and pocketbook in 2011, from Local Lounge to the Original, Café Nell to Cupcake Jones, the Fish Grotto to Olympic Provisions. Whether breakfast, lunch, happy hour, dinner or a late night snack, folks are encouraged to make a day of it. Your stomach—and BRO—will thank you.

For a list of participating locations, visit [bitesforrights.com](http://bitesforrights.com).

## Oregonian Responds Regarding Failure to Cover Hands Across Hawthorne Rally

Oregonian editor Peter Bhatia said the newspaper's failure to cover the recent thousands-strong rally against anti-gay violence, Hands Across Hawthorne, was a "mistake" caused by "human error" and not a decision influenced by political ideology in a comment posted at Progressive Oregon on June 5, Daily Kos reports.

"It is simply inexcusable that *The Oregonian* would not cover this historic rally of over 4,000 participants holding hands against hate," said Noah Heller, executive director of Progressive Oregon. "Unfortunately, unfair treatment of progressives and our issues has become increasingly common at

## HIV/STD Testing for Guys Having Sex With Guys

If you have a medical provider or receive health care elsewhere, ask about being tested for Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) or check out the following locations. Call sites for questions about eligibility & fees.

### BEAVERTON

Washington County Health Clinic | 12550 SW 2nd St. 503.846.4734  
 Low cost rapid HIV testing . Monday 5:30-7:30pm

### HILLSBORO

Washington County Health Clinic | 266 W. Main St. 503.846.4734  
 Low cost rapid HIV testing. Tuesday 4-5:30pm. & Friday 9-11am

### OREGON CITY

Clackamas County Health Clinic | 1425 Beaver Creek Rd. 503.655.8471  
 Rapid HIV testing. Tuesday 3:30-6:30pm

### ST. HELENS

Columbia County Health Clinic | 2370 Gable Rd. 503.397.4651  
 HIV & syphilis testing & STD checks. By appointment.

### VANCOUVER

CAP-Clark County Health Clinic | 3701 E. Fourth Plain Blvd. 360-750-7964  
 Rapid HIV testing. Tue 11-1pm & Thurs 4-8pm

**MORE ? Call: 1.800.777.2437**  
**(español 800.499.6940)**

Visit: [www.man2manpdx.us](http://www.man2manpdx.us) or [www.oregonaidshotline.com](http://www.oregonaidshotline.com)

### PORTLAND (Multnomah County Health Department)

CC Slaughter's 1st Thurs | 9-11:30pm. Free HIV (standard) testing for patrons.  
 Syphilis & Hep C testing available for those who qualify.

Scandals 2nd Fri | 9-11:30pm. Free HIV (standard) testing for patrons.  
 Syphilis & Hep C testing available for those who qualify.

STD Clinic 426 SW Stark St, 6th FL. | 503.988.3700  
 STD screening, treatment & standard HIV testing.  
 Mon - Fri | 9 - 5:30pm (Wed 11 - 5:30pm). By appointment.

Downtown Test Site 426 SW Stark St, 6th FL. | 503.988.3775  
 Free HIV (rapid / standard) testing.  
 Syphilis & Hep C testing available for those who qualify.  
 Mon, Thurs, Fri | 9-5:30pm. By appointment.

NE Test Site 5329 NE MLK Jr. Blvd. 2nd FL. | 503.988.3030  
 Free HIV (rapid / standard) & Syphilis testing. Tue 5:30-7:15pm

### PORTLAND (Other Sites)

Pivot (formerly Men's Wellness Center - CAP) 209 SW 4th Ave. | 503.445.7699  
 Rapid HIV testing & STD screening. Tue 5-9pm & Wed 1pm-4pm  
 Rapid HIV testing only. Sat 5-9pm

Outside In 1132 SW 13th. 503-535-3800 | HIV & STD testing. Mon-Fri 9-5pm

Steam Rapid HIV testing for patrons. 1st Wed 8-11pm. & 2nd Sat 9pm.-12am

Westover Heights 2330 NW Flanders St. Ste. 207 | 503.226.6678  
 STD screening, treatment & HIV (standard / rapid) testing.