

commissioners until each bureau is focused on job creation, a dramatic reduction in overhead and inefficiency, and on equity in hiring and in service delivery.

JO: What makes you different from the other candidates?

CH: Leadership and experience. ... What I've done for Portland is here for us to see every day. Folks can see, use and benefit from projects I spearheaded, whether it was building the airport MAX project (done 10 years ahead of time and under budget!), creating a wonderful new urban neighborhood in what we now call the Pearl District, or enjoying new community centers and pools in Gabriel Park, Mt. Scott and East Portland.

I know city budgets, and will go through ours line-by-line to make sure that it is being well managed, successful and administered equitably on behalf of all Portlanders. I have worked to make Portland the welcoming community it is today.

JO: What do you feel are the main challenges that the next mayor will need to overcome?

CH: We need to not only jumpstart the economy but have a long-term economic development vision that focuses on job creation and education. Our public schools are at a tipping point—renew them and Portland's success continues; lose them and we will fail. And we need to make good on our commitments to our underserved communities. From sidewalks to neighborhood parks, we need to make sure that every Portland neighborhood is a complete and accepting community.

All of these priorities need funding, and that starts with carefully managing our city budget. I will immediately conduct a line-by-line review of each bureau budget and eliminate unneeded overhead and inefficiencies, putting the savings into direct services for the people of Portland.

JO: How will you represent and work with all the diverse communities within Portland?

CH: I will represent Portland's diverse communities in the make-up of my office and

among my closest advisers. In addition, all of Portland's bureaus must have a workforce that is a reflection of Portland today. We are very lucky to live in a city with community values of equality, respect and diversity. The city needs to do a better job of reflecting those values.

JO: Why should readers and, in particular, LGBTQ voters support you over your rival candidates?

CH: *Just Out's* readers should know that I have stood with them before—on Measure 9, on domestic partner benefits, on making Portland a leader in civil rights and civic health. I have worked alongside the LGBTQ community for 20 years and I will be with you again, on marriage equality, in the fight against HIV/AIDS and in creating and sustaining a community of respect in our great city.

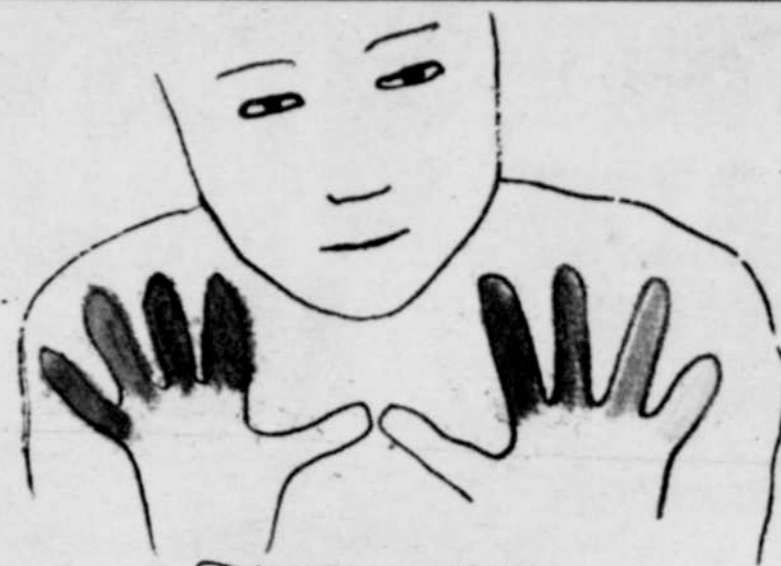
JO: How will you support Portland's LGBTQ community if you are elected?

CH: As mayor, I will be an advocate for the basic rights of all of our residents. I will be an active part of the public education campaign to bring marriage equality to our state. I am proud to be married to the woman of my dreams. As mayor I will be an outspoken advocate for the freedom to marry for all caring and committed couples.

I will take public steps to combat HIV-related stigma. ... I will work for universal access to testing. ... I will work to coordinate services between existing agencies and community partners, including service providers like the Cascade AIDS Project, communities of color and women's health service providers to increase access to, and the frequency of screening for our most at-risk populations.

JO: Which LGBTQ public figure do you find most inspirational and why?

CH: From single, spotlight bringing cases such as James Lake Perriguet's successful reinstatement of a student teacher (Seth Stambaugh) in the Beaverton schools to the thousands of volunteers and supporters who spoke out and got on the phones in support of marriage equality in the last year—the real heroes of the LGBTQ community are all of the everyday, real people who make up that community. ☐



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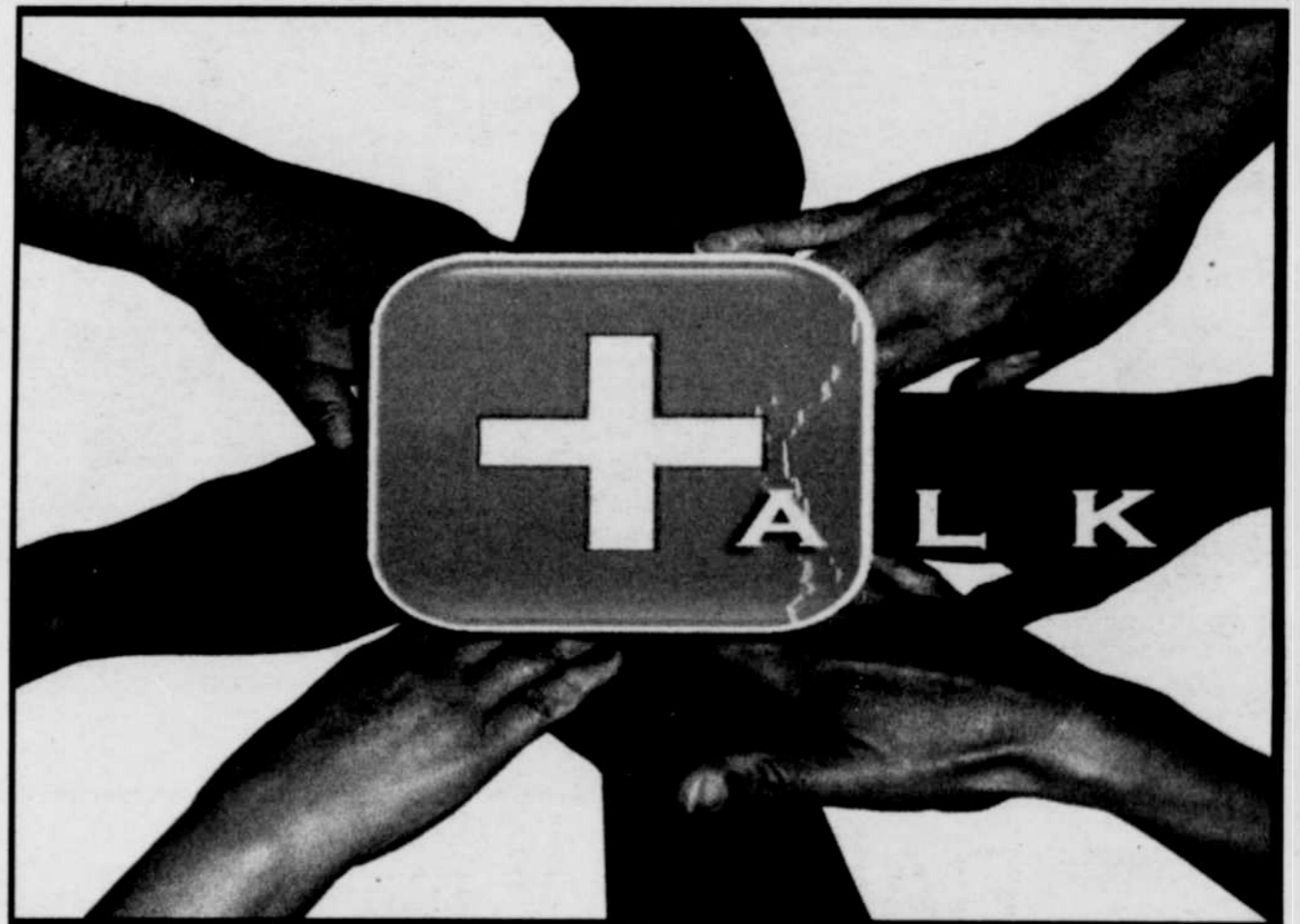
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