

letting the Progress know that you ~~xxxxx~~ understand and appraicate thier move. It speaks well that this paper was the "first".

On the other hand the Bay Guardian after urging us to make the race, After supporting us in the race, And after we ran a pretty good campaign, pulled their support in the final week for the stangest of reasons. No longer will anyone ever be able to count ^{on the backing} of the Guardian, ~~in backing them~~ in any cause. That support could vanish overnight out of weakness or fear or whatever. The Guadian lost more then we lost ~~in votes~~.

Positive gains: the Firefighters careing less what the nationall image is gave full support and funds to a gay person. Where ~~sh~~ others were afraid or whatever of thier image this small group put their full support into the race.

The local Teamsters - a far different cry from the national ones - once again gave a maximumn effort. It was an exciting thing to ~~xxx~~ ^{hear} the vocal support of Jack Goldberger and Alan Baird. More on these people in a ~~later~~ issue. Positive gains. A handfull of Democratic clubs telling the power people "enough" and giving their support.

Positive gains. The number of new friends - people who cared more about the issues then about "who's going to win and let's join that side". The number of people who stood up in the face of all the political power on the other side should just who was who.

Positive side: Quentin Kopp - the only elected official in the city who understood the basic issues of the race. ^{Kopp} ~~who~~ had more to lose then anyone. ^{Kopp} Who felt it more important to join the race then to watch from the sidelines. Quentin Kopp who got fully involved. Kopp became ^{the} ~~the~~ winner. No matter what you may think about ^{him on} any one local issue - with him or against him - he had what no other elected leader had - the guts to get into a fight becasue of fundamental issues and not political sides or temportary issues. He entered because of the Right - anyone;s right - to runad the integrity behind that. That issue

surpasses^d all others. For once ^{your} the fundamental rights are lost then the other issues are meaningless. We owe a great deal to Quentin.

Governor Brown Breaks His Pledge

The most positive positive gain. With the endorsements of almost every major political person, with the endorsement of almost every organizations and club, with the endorsement of most of the "name" community leaders, with the endorsement of ^{many of} the so-called gay leaders, with unlimited funds, with ~~in reality~~ all the free printing ~~we~~ they needed, with Delancy street and others supplying the troops and workers, with people coming down from the speakers' staff in Sacramento to help, with the strong reminders to the uptight people that a homosexual was their opponent, they still almost lost! It took the Governor - breaking his word and pledge - entering the race in the last week to swing enough votes for them to win. Gov. Brown swept the district by an incredible vote. All it took was about 8-9 votes per precinct to swing from us to them for the win. Based upon the Gov.'s vote and the use of his name we feel that it was this last minute move that gave them the election. What that means is that a gay person - ~~if the issues are argued and the candidate campaigns hard with a core of excellent volunteers - can do it. And that it took making the Governor~~ ^{not other presidential candidate} ~~show that he is nothing more than~~ ^{just} ~~another common politician.~~ ^{made} ~~That speaks pretty well for the campaign. For the finances on our side were limited and most came in too late for proper spending. That against all the odds and with a lot of prejudice still out there it was almost done.~~ ^{without his endorsement we would have had the 1st gay person elected in our state.}

The map of the vote - especially laid out next to that of the supervisorial vote tells an incredible story. That the vote in both election - has leaped way beyond what many political commentaries think it is. (The strange thing is that so many people who have commented upon the vote we got have never taken the time to look at the ^{full} results on a map. Their ~~statements~~ ^{complete} ~~become a laugh~~ ^{can only} ~~for without looking at the final results they talk about their dreams.~~ ^{Maybe that is why they are}

~~not followed except by each other.~~

Our 'gay leaders' & their ~~methods~~ sell out

~~The negative side.~~ It was a tradijuc thing for the gay community to have ^{may of} it, so called leaders resort to Nixon's methods. Because of the fear of losing their self apppinted power they refused to support a gay person. They never came up with any issues that were wrong. They never came up with any statemen s actually made that were wrong. What they did were was to made up the lies, distirtions and inennuedose. They could not find ~~any~~ reasons to not support a gay person so they made up their reaosns. And they stuck to their lies. They stück to their lies in order to protect their own positions. They sold the gay movement out for their own p rsonal political gains. But at least we now know just who believs in the gay movement and who ~~xxx~~ uses it for their own personal gains.

How can a Jo Daley and a J_im Foster argue one week that it is important to send a gay peroon t o the nation convention for its few days and that it is not impotant to send a gay person to the state legislation for two years. The answer lies in the fact that they waneted to go to the convention and they were running and that they did not want anyone else to get elected to any offcie if they were not the power behind the cnadidate. Thus they stooped to the level of lieing ^{Nixon} and ~~Nixon~~ to undermin the camaping not for the sake of the gay movement but for the sake of their own political gain! The craven for power that David Goodsteond, Jim Foster Jo Daley and thier followers is sad. If they had facts against us that would be one thing, but for them to resort to lies to gain their place at the back of the bus of the political hacks is the sad thing for the movement. It will be interesting to see the long term results. For in spite of all their rottenness they could not deliver the vote anyway. They failed Bob ^Mendelsohn. They could not deliver their own politcal club to eithe Bob or Agnos. And a look at the voting maps showed that they failed to deliver at the polling place. With their inability to produce ~~xxxxxxx~~ on election day it became apparent just why they fogught do hard to prevent a gay person from winning.

If the gay community is to ever gain real political clout
it must first ~~get rid of~~ ^{remove from} put out of any leadership roles
those who do not believe in the movement - it must remove
~~those who~~ from leadership positions people who
are using the gay movement for their own personal gains.
The Jim Forsters ~~are~~ ^{once} played an important
role in the gay political movement. But they regarded themselves
as the only ones to run things. They lost track of what the
movement really means. They may still have a lot of clout
and a lot of following, but fortunately the gay community
as a large understand what the movement really means much more
than the Jim Forsters.

That really was not a negative side to the campaign. It was
a positive side for the gay movement for it spelled out just
who believes in the movement and who uses it.

The thousands of people who voted for us did so for many
reasons. Since I was the one out there and since I was the one
who talked to the people in the city I feel strongly that
most of those who voted voted because they believed in the
issues....my one-to-one contact with the voters and
seeing where the vote came from on election day reaffirms my
beliefs.

Results and lessons. We ended the campaign in debt. We learned
that there is no way you can stop those in the gay community
~~from~~ ^{the} who claim that they are leadership from selling out for
their own self gains. We learned that there is no way to
prevent the Governor from breaking his ~~own~~ word. We did
learn that one of the answers is to go out and buy our own
printing press...we already did that!