

LESBIAN & GAY RIGHTS CHAPTER

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OCT 28th GENERAL MEETING

ACLU POSITIONS on November ballot propositions will be explained at the October 28th meeting by David Hamlin who handles publicity for the ACLU of southern CA. Find out why the ACLU supports the retention of the Supreme Court Justices and Prop 65 ("toxics"). Discover reasons for opposing Prop 61 (Gann), Prop 63 (English Only), and Prop 64 (LaRouche). Hamlin prepares press releases on these issues. Expose yourself to the facts from a well-versed source.

The Chapter's monthly meetings are scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of each month (except DEC's party). Meetings begin at 7:30 pm, in the multi-purpose room, or next door in the conference room, at Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood. Parking is plentiful and inside the park. There is no charge for attending, and everyone is welcome. Refreshments are provided for socializing afterward.

SEPT MEETING RECAP:

John Goldberg spoke in favor of Prop V. Goldberg represented Jobs for Peace which recommends: "The Good" - yes on V, 53 & 56 (pub school & college construction bonds), 65 (safe drinking water), and retaining the Supreme Court Justices; "The Bad" - no on 61 and 63; "The Ugly" - no on 64 (AIDS quarantine). You are invited to do precinct work against LaRouche in liaison with "Jobs for Peace" - simply call 213/384-5233.

TOM COLEMAN'S presentation was the highlight of the evening, focusing on domestic partnerships within the larger context of the "family." Coleman heads L.A. Councilperson Mike Woo's Family Diversity Panel which has fielded the following research teams: public policy (defining "family"); demographics; child care; fostering/adoption; runaways & homeless youth; family life education; immigration; domestic violence; single person households; disabled; elderly; L/G couples; employee benefits; insurance; media, and housing issues. Coleman's overview demonstrated the encompassing nature of the panel's research. The primacy of the issue of privacy was discussed. Coleman also brought copies of a legal guide ("Unlawful Discrimination: Your Rights and Remedies") prepared by the office of the CA Attorney Gen, as well as additional copies of Van de Kamp's report on violence against minorities in CA, which are available to loan.

Ron Stone was on hand to call for volunteers for ND on 64 to phone voters in these final weeks before voting on NDV 6. The phone bank effort will allow the ND on 64 message to reach thousands of undecided voters. To quote Ivy Bottini, CA needs to "send a thunderous message to extremists like LaRouche that CA will not support...the use of this health crisis as a political tool." If you can volunteer a few hours a week at a location near you, call Ron at 213/738-8240. A script and full support services will be provided.