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HIM ON THE PHONE AND,
WITHOUT AGREEING WITH OUR
POSITION, HE WAS VERY
RESPONSIVE TO THE CONTACT.
HE IS AT STANDARD INSURANCE
WITH ROSENBAUM AND TALKED
LIKE HE KNEW YOU.

DAVID

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MAYOR'S OFFICE

October 28, 1977

975 S.E. Sandy Blvd.
Portland, Oregon 97214

Neil Goldschmidt, Mayor
1220 S.W. Fifth Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Mayor Goldschmidt:

Your letter of October 20th is appreciated, but the wording is not.

I seriously object to your statement, "I feel such a reminder of this country's traditional Constitutional respect and tolerance for human rights, though it may be unpopular, is sometimes necessary."

You are avoiding the issue and you are trying to put something back on my shoulders which I will not accept. I was talking about Gay Pride Day or Week, or whatever you want to call it, and if you still feel that it is right to indicate there is pride in being gay and that everyone should honor that pride, then you are even farther off base than I felt you were.

If you wanted to have a day "supporting human rights for all citizens," that would be fine, but "gay pride," no way, my friend.

? The more I travel around this Country, the more I hear people say "that city of Portland and your Mayor must really be something." Of course, then I speak to people with traditionally straight dispositions, temperament and morality, and that's the way I prefer it.

You certainly have scored no points in replying to my letter in a way that seems to indicate that I, as the objector, do not recognize my Country's traditional Constitutional respect and tolerance for human rights; in fact, your letter has sufficiently aroused my ire that I feel more strongly than before initially writing

David talked to Ann ^{SDA} on phone, no response rec. ~~PS/A~~

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Neil Goldschmidt, Mayor

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you.

We'll see at the polls next time whether you are right, or whether I and most people I know are correct in our feelings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bob Rau". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name "BOB RAU".

BOB RAU

BR:j



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PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF
THE MAYOR

NEIL GOLDSCHMIDT
MAYOR

220 S. W. FIFTH AVE.
PORTLAND, OR. 97204
503 248-4120

WHEREAS, the best of American tradition holds the highest regard for individual liberty and human rights, and

WHEREAS, much of the nation's strength over the decades emanated from the diversity produced by the pursuit of liberty and the protection of rights for all people, and

WHEREAS, the struggle to define the limits of liberty and the shape of human rights has since this nation's founding energized and illuminated the spirit of our society, and

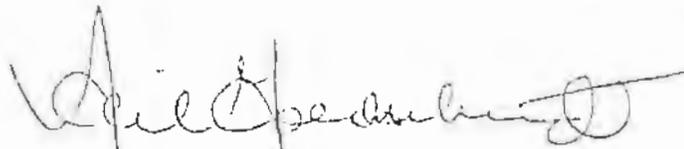
WHEREAS, Gay Pride Day affords us the opportunity to recognize and advance another frontier in this struggle, and

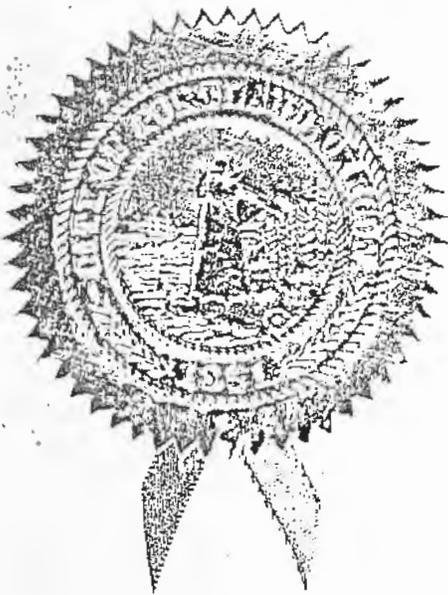
WHEREAS, each person's public life -- choice of employment, place to live, educational endeavor, social and cultural activities -- has the right to be protected by tolerance, non-discrimination and the law;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Neil Goldschmidt, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim the day of Saturday, June 25, 1977, to be

GAY PRIDE DAY

and urge all citizens to acknowledge that advancing the cause of freedom for any individual or group advances that cause for all of us.


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THE CITY OF
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OFFICE OF
THE MAYOR

NEIL GOLDSCHMIDT
MAYOR

1220 S. W. FIFTH AVE.
PORTLAND, OR. 97204
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I want you to know that I have received your letter. I appreciate your expression of opinion regarding the proclamation my office issued supporting human rights for all citizens. I feel such a reminder of this country's traditional Constitutional respect and tolerance for human rights, though it may be unpopular, is sometimes necessary.

Again, I appreciate you taking the time to write and express your feelings.

Sincerely,

Neil Goldschmidt

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*File
Gay & Lesbian*

from the desk of
PHIL McLAURIN

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Neil:

According to Dr. Wein, who assists Dr. Matarazzo (Dr. M. was not available), there is no specific exam or portion of an exam aimed at determining an applicants sexual orientation. The exam is geared to determine a well integrated personality. The past assumption that a person with homosexual tendencies is not a person possessing a well integrated personality is no longer accepted in the field.

The key thing is whether an individual has adequately adjusted to what ever sexual orientation he has homo or heterosexual and can perform adequately within the society.

In short although there are questions both in the attitudinal tests and the clinical interview which will show an individuals sexual tendency, they are geared more toward giving the psychologist an indication of the individuals ability to adequately cope with his or her personal inter-relationships.

Phil

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June 16, 1978

Jamie Bevson
Gay Rights March Committee
3942 N. E. 11th Avenue
Portland, OR 97212

Dear Mr. Bevson:

Thank you for writing to inform me of the Gay Pride Week activities and to express your concern for protection of the civil liberties of gay people in the City of Portland.

As my office has indicated to you by phone, I will be unable to attend the June 17 rally at Terry Schrunk Park as I will be out of town on that day. Additionally, our office will not be issuing the requested Gay Pride Day Proclamation for June 17. My reasoning for this decision comes not from a lack of support for civil rights protections; but rather from my strong belief that the best interests of the gay community lie not in attempting to force the process of acceptance and accommodation through ordinances, executive orders or official proclamations, but rather to develop a broader constituency of support for the protection of their civil liberties from the business, education, and leadership of the community-at-large. I say this especially in light of events that have taken place in other municipalities where the issue has been forced by official action and has been repealed or has caused an unfavorable ~~back~~ ~~and~~ ~~scare~~ campaigns that ultimately leave the gay community with less acceptance, less calm consideration of the facts, and more fear.

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While there almost surely will come a time again where the issues must be forced to a point of decision, in my judgment, that time is not now. I hope that this letter adequately explains my position on the matter and that you will understand the reasons for my decision.

Sincerely,

Neil Goldschmidt

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Noil: STAFF DISCUSSION

1. NO
 2. write back — ^{not in their} ^{best interest}
(use Angus' letter)
 3. Political limitations →
overwhelming
 4. Human Rights
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JUN 13 1978

MAYOR'S OFFICE

Gay Rights March Committee
c/o Bevson
3942 NE 11th
Portland, Ore. 97212
235-3433, 287-5203

Mayor Neil Goldschmidt
City Hall
1220 SW 5th
Portland, Ore. 97204

Dear Mayor Goldschmidt:

June 17, 1978 is Gay Pride Day in Portland. Various gay groups are planning activities during Gay Pride Week (June 17-23). On Gay Pride Day a fair is planned at Waterfront Park and a Gay Rights march and rally in the afternoon.

The repeal of the gay Rights ordinances in St. Paul, Wichita, and Eugene make the need to speak out against discrimination more urgent than ever. In the face of the growing backlash, the gay community needs political allies willing to stand up for human rights. You have come through for us in the past and we urge you again to:

- 1) declare June 17, 1978 Gay Pride Day, and
- 2) say a few words of solidarity at our rally in Terry Schunk Park, 1-2:30 PM, June 17 (saturday).

Awaiting your support, we are sincerely yours,

Jamie Bevson

Jamie Bevson
Gay Rights March Committee

endorsed
by:

Portland Coalition for Gay Rights
National Organization for Women
Women's Health Clinic
Union Women's Alliance to Gain Equality
Radical Women
Rape Relief Hotline
Radical Activists for Sexual Minorities
Woman's Place Bookstore
Woman's Place Resource Center
Men's Resource Center

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Doug?

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

FOR Doug
DATE 2/15 TIME 3:40 A.M.
P.M.

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M Jaime Benson
OF Com for Gay Rights March
PHONE No. 235-3433
Area Code Number Extension

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MESSAGE Q

home # 287-5203

SIGNED [Signature]

Doug

This letter expresses
my current position
w/ll
copies of book
circulate
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Kathy —

Please read Berson's letter —
re-work Stoops letter from
Nail to Fit.

I've talked to Berson about
Neil's non appearance at
rally/march and non-
proclamation — ~~so send~~
refer to that request.

Doug

June 13, 1978

Michael A. Stoops
Workers' Coop Crew Boss
Bunside Community Council, Inc.
321 N. W. Couch St.
Portland, OR 97209

Dear Mr. Stoops:

Thank you for writing to express your concern for protection of the civil liberties of gay people in the City of Portland.

The Portland City Council is on record in opposing and prohibiting discrimination in City hiring practices on the basis of sexual preference. That Council policy, adopted on December 18, 1974, and embodied in Resolution No. 31510, is applicable to all City employees, including those hired within the City using CETA funds. CETA workers employed by outside agencies through contract with the City government would not be covered by this Council policy, nor would a policy statement by the Mayor carry such authority over the activities of private agencies.

I would suggest as strongly as I can that the best interests of the gay community lie not in attempting to force the process of acceptance and accommodation through ordinances, executive orders, and other legal stratagems, but rather to develop a broader constituency of support for the protection of their civil liberties from the business, education and civic leadership of the community at large. I say this especially in light of events that have taken place in other municipalities, where the issue has been forced by official action and has been repealed by scare campaigns that ultimately leave the gay community with less acceptance, less calm consideration of the facts, and more fear.

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where the issues must be forced to a point of decision,
in my judgement, that time is not now.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Neil Goldschmidt

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MAYOR'S OFFICE

May 15, 1978

Michael A. Stoops,
Workers' Coop Crew Boss
Burnside Community Council, Inc.
321 N.W. Couch St.
Portland, OR 97209
226-0354

Mayor Neil Goldschmidt
Office of the Mayor
1220 S.W. 5th
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Mayor Goldschmidt:

Dade County, St. Paul, and Wichita are three places that I am thankful not to be living in at this moment. By living in any one of these three cities, I would now be a second class citizen. In case you haven't heard, these cities all repealed a non-discriminatory policy toward gay people in these respective locales. Gay people in Eugene are facing a similar repeal effort. I hope the voters of Eugene will decide to stand up for the civil liberties of gay people.

I am writing to you, Mayor Goldschmidt, to ask you to support the rights of gay people as you have done in the past. I want to thank you for that past support. If gays were not welcomed or recognized as a viable part of this community, I would have fled this fair city long ago.

Specifically, I would like you to do one or all of the following actions:

- 1) To come out against repeal of the gay rights ordinance currently in effect in Eugene.
- 2) To issue an executive order (similar to what Mayor Koch did in N.Y.C.) banning discrimination against employees in city government.
- 3) To introduce an anti-discrimination ordinance to protect gay people at the next City Council meeting.
- 4) To issue a policy statement for the Bureau of Human Resources that will ban discrimination against gay people within the Bureau and with any agency that the Bureau has a contract with. I have tried to get the Bureau to state unequivocally that gay CETA workers (whether with a city agency or a private subgrantee) are covered under the intent of the City Council resolution of December 18, 1974, herewith enclosed. On this matter I have contacted Joseph Quinones, Faye LyDay, Edward Frankel, Saul Kelly and Erma Hepburn.

Page 2. Mayor Goldschmidt letter

Though understanding and supportive of my position,
they stated that only you could make such a decision.

I am hereby asking you to act on my above request. I am willing to discuss this request with you if you so wish.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,



Michael A. Stoops
Workers' Coop Crew Boss

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CC. Joseph Quinonnes
Faye LyDay
Erma Hepburn
Saul Kelly
Freddy Pettet

RESOLUTION NO. 31510

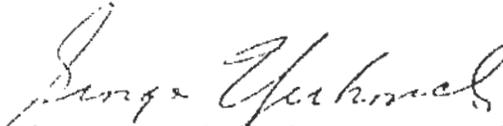
WHEREAS homosexual men and women, like many other groups in our society, have frequently been the victims of blind fears and baseless prejudices, and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that sexual orientation in and of itself, does not relate to ability in job performance and service;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council promote a policy of nondiscrimination in City employment relative to the personal sexual preference of any individual; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bureau of Personnel Services be requested to receive and investigate complaints of alleged discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Adopted by the Council DEC 18 1974


Auditor of the City of Portland

Introduced by Com'r McCreedy

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Oct. 25, 1974

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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 2, 1977

To: Commissioner Frank Ivancie

From: Neil Goldschmidt

Subject: KING NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITY

After discussions our office has had with your office, with Mr. Al Staley, and with School District No. 1 representatives regarding King Neighborhood Facility, it is obvious that we need to clarify the lines of responsibility for dealing with both the ongoing operations of the facility (under the control of the School District by contract) and with the issues between the City which arise from time to time in performing under the contract terms.

The Bureau of Facilities Management should have this responsibility. The King Neighborhood Facility is not subject to "assignment" as a bureau would be, but there needs to be an understanding by all parties that the Bureau of Facilities Management is ~~designated~~ as responsible for representing the City in carrying out and enforcing the contract terms. It is through Facilities Management that we expect any disputes, issues, payments, and expenditures to be handled with reference through the Commissioner-in-Charge on any matters requiring Council action.

While this is written without specific reference or review of the City-School District contract, this should clarify any uncertainty over performance by the City under the terms of the contract.

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THE CITY OF
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BUREAU OF
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

1020 S.W. FRONT AVE.
PORTLAND, OR, 97204

April 7, 1977

TO:

FROM:

SUBJECT:

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OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES

Room 400, City Hall (Bldg. #131)
248-4081

Date April 29, 1977

TO: Mayor Goldschmidt

FROM: Earl Bradfish

SUBJECT: King School

Would you assign the responsibility of
coordinating this project with the School
District to the Bureau of Facilities Management?

Please let us know your response.

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THE CITY OF
PORTLAND



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BUREAU OF
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

1020 S.W. FRONT AVE.
PORTLAND, OR. 97204

April 7, 1977

TO: Earl Bradfish
General Services

FROM: Allyn Staley *ast*
Facilities Manager

SUBJECT: King School Coordination

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OFFICE OF
GENERAL SERVICES

Facilities Management has been contacted by the School District, the Mayor's office and Commissioner Jordan's Office about our acting as the City's representative in dealing with the King School project.

As you are aware the King School is a joint project with the City of Portland owning the King School facility, and constructing the facility. The School District is responsible for the operation of the facility with a yearly budget that is supposed to be reimbursed by the rentals in the facility. To date they are operating at a loss, due to problems getting qualified renters to fill the space.

This Bureau in an unofficial capacity contacted Marleen Bayliss, School District #1 and worked out some temporary solutions to the continuing budget deficit. We would like to get formal or informal approval from Council to act as a City representative in this facility. The City is responsible for any deficit that occurs in operating the facility, even though the School District actually operates it. This leaves a big area for misunderstanding and mismanagement. The School District has been very responsive to our suggestions and have cooperated with us in everything we have suggested. I believe that a smooth working relationship is possible with this facility.

April 7, 1977
Earl Bradfish
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Would you determine whether or not we need formal recognition from Council to act as coordinator on this facility, or whether we should just assume the duties without formal notification. Coordination is very important on this project. The City of Portland, the School District, and the neighborhood must cooperate in order to effectively manage this building to provide services originally planned for. Your help and assistance in determining the best way to handle this will be greatly appreciated.

R C V E D

DEC 14 1977

MAYOR'S OFFICE

SOA
A/Dave

Willamette C. B. Assoc.
Political Issues Committee
1540 SE Ladd Ave.
Portland, OR 97214
November 29, 1977

Mayor Neil Goldschmidt
City Hall
Portland, OR 97201

Dear Mayor Goldschmidt:

In light of the increasing moral decline and breakdown of the family structure in the United States, the Willamette Conservative Baptist Association, representing 51 churches and 15,000 people in the greater Portland area, wishes to express its opposition to the future declarations from you honoring homosexuality.

Respectfully,

Steve King, Senior Pastor
Burlingame Baptist Church

Don Baker, Senior Pastor
Hinson Memorial Baptist Church

Jim Soden, Senior Pastor
Northwest Baptist Church

Ron Brown
Portland police officer
Political Issues Committee of
Willamette Conservative Bapt. Assoc.

Memorial Baptist Church in business session on
December 14, 19 77 ratified the above resolution
of the Willamette Conservative Baptist Association.

Fleming W. Newcomb
Fleming W. Newcomb
Pastor

December 1, 1977

Mayor Neil Goldschmidt
1220 S.W. 5th
Portland OR 97204

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MAYOR'S OFFICE

no reply

Mayor Goldschmidt:

This letter is in reference to the letter I received from you on Gay Pride Day.

Our land was made by our forefathers in God we trust, not in man we trust. The law that has been laid down for this land is clearly stated in the holy scriptures. These are God's words:

Romans 1;20-32

20 For the invisible things of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made,th even his eternal power and Godhdad; so that they are without excuse:

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became folls,

23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into and image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four footed beasts, and creeping things.

24 Wherefore Goddalso gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections. For even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward

another; men with men working that which in unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was much.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, decent malignity; whisperers,

30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affections, implacable, unmerciful:

32 Who knowing the judgement of God that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Romans 13:9

9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

I Corrinthians 7:8-9

8 I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I.

9 But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.



Darrel Noyes

3330 S.E. Raymond
Portland OR 97202

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GRACE COLLINS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER

CHILDCARE - "INFANTS THROUGH KINDERGARTEN" - BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL - "LATCH KEY PROGRAM"
"TEEN RECREATIONAL CENTER"

128 N.E. RUSSELL ST. - PORTLAND, OREGON 97212 - OFFICE PHONE (503) 281-6930 - EVELYN COLLINS, DIRECTOR

January 24, 1978

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MAYOR'S OFFICE

Mayor Neil Goldschmidt
1220 S. W. Fifth Ave.
Portland, Oregon 97201

Dear Mayor Goldschmidt:

Just reread your reply to my letter regarding Gay Pride Day. I wanted to clarify my convictions regarding "Constitutional respect and tolerance for human rights, though it may be unpopular."

I'm not sure that you know I too have been personally involved with the Black struggle and neither afraid nor ashamed to be unpopular in a stand for right. My primary concern with the "Gay" situation is that God condemns it! Nowhere does God condemn but rather exalts the brotherhood of man - the One Blood creation.

My conviction remains, if we are to be "One Nation Under God" then let's keep it under God! We cannot flaunt His laws and expect His blessing can we?

Just saw the news cast of Hubert Humphrey's body being brought to D.C. (I lived in D.C. three years). My heart was melted as the band played, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." I prayed that our nation may again recognize Him as our Fortress.

It was a delight to see you on T.V. speaking to many of "my kids" at King. I raised many of them and one of the Administrators, (Mrs. LaVerne Davis) is one of "my girls". She is our bookkeeper and member of our Board. Was glad to learn of your former aid in voter registration in the South.

May God guide you daily.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Collins

Evelyn M. Collins, Director

Rights battle breeds vocal opposition

As homosexuals across the nation have become more vocal in their quest for civil rights, their opponents also have become a loud and recognizable force on the political scene.

Nationally, the anti-gay rights movement is personified by singer Anita Bryant and her successful fight against a gay rights ordinance in Dade County, Fla. The fight Miss Bryant led in her community helped spark the battle against gay rights movements in other localities across the United States.

In Oregon, the fight against homosexuality has been centered in the Willamette Valley, where groups have opposed most movements for gay rights legislation. The most vocal groups are Citizens United to Protect Our Children Committee in Portland, with 400 supporters, which last summer tried unsuc-

cessfully to recall Mayor Neil Goldschmidt when he declared Gay Pride Day, and Volunteers Organized and Involved in Community Enactments in Eugene, which successfully called for a referendum on a citywide gay rights ordinance there.

"We're not against homosexuals per se. They're people just like you and me," said Curtis McDonald, founder of the Portland group.

However, McDonald said, homosexuality is "contrary to God's law," as is "clearly stated in the Bible." Any legislation to protect homosexuals would be in opposition to divine law, McDonald said, and should be opposed by all Christians.

"America is basically a Christian nation and our laws are based on God's laws," McDonald said. "So we have to

see homosexuality as an attack on the basic premise that our country was built on."

The notion that homosexuals simply are seeking civil rights is "just a joke," McDonald said. They are protected under the U.S. Constitution like all Americans and need no special protection, he continued. Also, he said, a person is homosexual by choice and therefore cannot be called a minority.

"A homosexual is a minority like a person who smokes cigars is a minority — and there are no laws to protect people who smoke cigars," McDonald said.

While McDonald said he tries to show homosexuals he knows "God's way," he said his fight is not against individuals, and he is content to leave them alone.

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Portland, Ore. 97213

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Neil Goldschmidt
Mayor's Office
1220 SW 5th
Portland, Ore. 97201

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MAYOR'S OFFICE

Dear Sir:

I've been living in Portland for over a year and I must say I'm impressed with the goals you have set for yourself. You strive to help all people of the city of Portland, not just the chosen few.

Although I am personally against homosexuality, I think the courage you showed in declaring a Gay Appreciation Day was very commendable. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Roberta Stankuy

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MAYOR'S OFFICE

October 15, 1977

Neil Goldschmidt
Mayor of the City of Portland
1220 S.W. 5th
Portland, Oregon 97201

Mr. Mayor:

Thank you for your hard work and good intentions in making our city a great place to live. I am sure you are unaware of the seed of defilement and devastation that has been planted since June 25, 1977.

By your stand on the "Gay Pride Day" you have agreed and declared that perversion is right. You are giving opportunity for the future leaders of our country to be examples of this learned behavior. As an illustration of what happens when leaders with this kind of perversion rule, the City of Sodom is an example to us:

The Dead Sea lies as a scar of the once prevalent City of Sodom. The leaders of that day were all "Homosexuals" as told in Genesis 19:4-5. God destroyed that city with such ferver that it is now the lowest point on earth reaching at its depth 2,600 feet below sea level. Nothing can live in the sea. It serves as a reminder to us that death and destruction are the fruits of such a land. Another example is Noah. God destroyed all the people on the earth because of its moral perversion thousands of years ago.

The Roman Empire did not fall because of outward foes but because of inward perversion as depicted in the art on the walls of the leaders of that time. The parallels of the Roman Empire and of our nation today, as you know, are striking and sobering. Are we going to learn from the records of history? We are right now making the same mistakes.

As overseer of this city, will you reexamine your position on this issue and stand alone for what is right? It is my hope and prayer that you will.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

II Chronicles 7:13-14,

Brenda Lynn Hartzell

Brenda Lynn Hartzell
2225 S.E. 58th
Portland, Oregon 97215

9166 S.E. Starks #4
City 97216

Dear Mayor Goldsmidt

This sincere letter is not intended to be an indictment of your character! It is simply a humble plea, begging you to put the future of our children above political expediency - and this ^{crime} mis-interpretation of Constitutional Law!

"Homosexuality" is against the laws of Nature - (So, even if one does not believe in God or the Bible - ;) it is still an act of perversion - even scientifically.

Please think about it! In the whole Scheme of So-called Humanity - we are but brief, small-time players on a stage that, that we do not ^{even} understand!
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You have children - These "little ones" are the future. Do we owe them a "star" - something to Reach for??

You are, (unwittingly, maybe →) Teaching them that they are lower than the animals that we kill + eat.

I am not angry with you!
Just feel sad inside that you cannot see the forest for the trees.

In the end - everyone's life is only a brief sunrise - + sunset! [Ego, be damned.]
Always, it is the children who are the future!

Just
Dorothy Parent

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Thanks, Neil Goldschmidt for your kind response to my critique versus "gays". I also believe in tolerance even as you, but Neil, are we to be tolerant of murder, perjury, embezzlement, and vice which destroy mankind?? Shouldn't we distinguish between good and evil and not confuse tolerance with indifference? Would you want to see me tolerate another fellow taking advantage of you? I just happened to run across the following from John Ruskin who says a condign word: "It is not by deliberate, but by careless selfishness; not by compromise with evil, but by dull following of good, that the weight of national evil increases upon us daily." What has given way in America is moral veracity--the most fundamental of all, which underlies and conditions all else.

October 5, 1977

Thanks
Paul Brinkman Jr.

PAUL BRINKMAN JR.,
BOX 10 STAR RT,
CANNON BEACH, ORE.
97110

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Paul Brinkman
2738 S. E. Clay St.
Portland, OR 97214

Dear Mr. Brinkman:

I want you to know that I have received your letter. I appreciate your expression of opinion regarding the proclamation my office issued supporting human rights for all citizens. I feel such a reminder of this country's traditional Constitutional respect and tolerance for human rights, though it may be unpopular, is sometimes necessary.

Again, I appreciate you taking the time to write and express your feelings.

Sincerely,

Neil Goldschmidt

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August 15, 1977

Honorable Neil Goldschmidt
Mayor
City Hall
Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Mayor Goldschmidt:

I am truly sorry to hear of the attempt to recall you. I know that in time it will all work itself out. You have been a wonderful example to all who are interested in equal rights and I am sure people will remember these valuable contributions which you have made.

If I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

ELAINE NOBLE
State Representative

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July 13, 1977

Hon. Neil Goldschmidt
Office of the Mayor
1220 S.W. Fifth Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Neil,

It was so good to meet with you in Portland, you are one of the most progressive Mayors I have yet to meet.

I have sent a letter over to Tom O'Neill, with your best regards, he should be contacting you shortly.

Once again my sincere appreciation for your support and kindness.

Best personal regards,

Elaine Noble

ELAINE NOBLE
State Representative

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