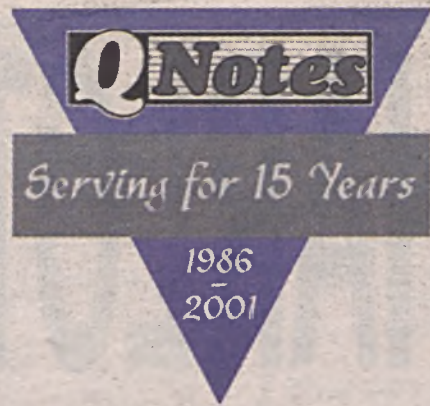


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Woolard wins presidency of Atlanta City Council

ATLANTA — In an amazing electoral triumph in the South, Cathy Woolard resoundingly won her race for Atlanta City Council President. Woolard, who secured her position as President with 55 percent of the vote in the November 27 run-off, is the first woman and first openly lesbian politician to hold this position in the history of Atlanta. Her recent victory exemplifies how an LGBT candidate can appeal to the larger constituency needed to win a citywide election. "This is a significant victory in the capital of the New South because qualified and capable gay candidates are building coalitions and winning based on the issues affecting all voters," said Victory Fund Executive Director Brian Bond.

"It was clear to the voters that Cathy had the character and commitment to represent the entire city of Atlanta and all of its diverse communities."

Woolard received 28 percent of the vote in the general election, placing second to Michael Julian Bond. She defeated Bond in a run-off election. Woolard became Atlanta's first openly lesbian elected official in 1997 when elected to represent Ward 6 on the City Council.

Woolard's bid for City Council President left

the Ward 6 position open for candidate Anne Fauver who also defeated her opponent with 55 percent of the vote in the run-off election. Even though this was her first election, Fauver was the highest vote-getter in the general election.

Though Woolard benefited from 61 percent of the LGBT community votes, she had already won powerful allies all over Atlanta, from neighborhood grassroots groups to high-powered business groups and from emergency services:

International Brotherhood of Police Officers Atlanta, Police Benevolent Association —Atlanta and the Atlanta Professional Firefighters endorsement:

"Cathy is the first person we go to on matters of legislation affecting the police department and public safety. She is a person of her word, a trusted friend, and the Council's most effective advocate for police and fire fighters."

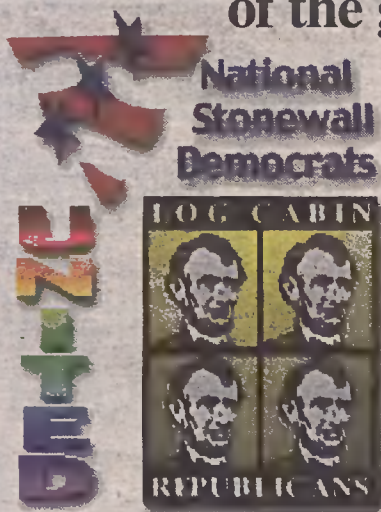
The *Atlanta Journal* and *Atlanta Constitution* both endorsed Woolard. The *Constitution* said: "She has demonstrated the kind of leadership the council president's job demands, as well as the inclusiveness and collaboration a new relationship between the mayor and council will require. Woolard as council president is what the city needs now."



Cathy Woolard, Atlanta Council President

Woolard was backed by the G/L Victory Fund, which has spent \$3 million nationwide helping LGBT candidates get elected since its founding. ▼

Log Cabin Republicans, Stonewall Democrats unite in support of the government's Victims' Compensation Fund



by Bob Witeck

WASHINGTON, DC — In a display of bipartisan unity, the leading Republican and Democratic organizations in the gay and les-

bian community have written a joint "public comment" to the Department of Justice (DOJ) concerning survivor benefits for those killed in the September 11 terrorist attacks.

"We at LCR and NSD are united in seeking to do all we can to console and assist those whose lives were forever changed by the losses suffered during the September 11 attack on our nation," wrote Rich Tafel, executive director of Log Cabin Republicans, and Chad Johnson, executive director of National Stonewall Democrats, in a letter to the DOJ Office of Management Programs, Civil Division.

Attorney General John Ashcroft issued a Notice of Inquiry and Advance Notice of Rulemaking seeking public comment on matters relating to the implementation of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001. The Fund, passed as part of the Air

Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, allows for compensation for survivors of victims of the September 11 attacks.

Under the Act, Attorney General Ashcroft will appoint a Special Master to administrate the Victims' Fund.

The Notice of Inquiry solicits comments from everyone to advise the DOJ on how to direct the Special Master in administering the Fund. "The issue of supporting all the families who were devastated by these attacks on America is so important that there should be no divisions between us," said Rich Tafel.

"Our goal is to be a resource for the Special Master in identifying legitimate survivors in a manner that transcends party politics," said Johnson. "By acting in unison, we hope to demonstrate that the questions we raise are concerns that surpass politics," said Tafel.

The government wants your input

The entire public is encouraged to urge inclusion and to send your recommendations to the Justice Dept. All comments become public record. Be politely loud. ▼

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Remind Winn-Dixie there is no profit in firing loyal transgender employees

RALEIGH, NC — There is a call to action against Winn Dixie Stores, a grocery giant in the South who last year fired a loyal employee of 20 years because he sometimes cross-dressed off-duty — despite the fact he repeatedly earned raises and promotions.

Peter Oiler was fired from his job as a truck driver because he might somehow damage the company's "public image." The company said they thought customers were "just going to shop someplace else" if they found out.

Last year's National Mobilization Against Winn-Dixie saw thousands who bought elsewhere — not because of Oiler, but because of W-D's own narrow, discriminatory policy.

On the anniversary of Oiler's firing, Equality NC suggests we do exactly that: shop someplace else.

Call and e-mail key Winn-Dixie management and tell them their own bigotry is bad for

the company's image.

Tell Peter Oiler's story to people, let them know about this Mobilization, ask for their support. This is the busiest time of the year in the grocery industry.

• **Do Not shop at Winn-Dixie Stores from now until January 5**, the anniversary of Peter Oiler's firing.

• **E-mail and call** the people responsible for Peter Oiler's firing, and tell them they were wrong.

• **Spread the word to friends, family, co-workers and contacts nationwide.** Ask them not to shop at Winn-Dixie until January 5 and let Winn-Dixie know why.

Winn-Dixie is down 22 spots on the Fortune 500 — now ranked 145. Its stock is at a 12-year low, and profits continue falling faster than others in the industry. ▼

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SHAME ON WINN-DIXIE

From all of us at Q-Notes



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