

North Carolina News Notes

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Election endorsements shared

STATEWIDE — As election time grows near, Equality NC (ENC) notes that there are a number of important judicial elections pending on Nov. 7. ENC-PAC is not endorsing candidates in judicial races this year due to refusal from those running to answer questions about their positions on LGBT issue.

This should not stop voters from being informed about those on the ballot. Recently, the State Board of Elections mailed a non-partisan judicial voter guide to every registered voter in the state. Take the time to become familiar with those

candidates in these races and note their statements. Also, be aware of those who do endorse them to help make informed decisions regarding voting selections. For those who failed to receive one of the guides, visit the state's website to download one for viewing.

While not all candidates responded, the anti-gay, anti-equality NC Family Policy Council's voter guide (available at www.ncfamily.org) provides a revealing look at a number of the candidates. In addition to a number of other issues, it asks their positions on the right to privacy under *Lawrence v. Texas* and adoption by gay parents.

LGBT voters are reminded that One-Stop Voting is still available until Nov. 4 in select counties. Check with local County Boards of Elections to find the location and hours of an early voting site near you. The mid-term elections are critical this time as many municipalities, states and the nation are considering legislation on equal rights for the LGBT community.

The same-sex marriage issue had cooled as of late, but with the recent New Jersey decision (see page 27 for more details) the Republican Party is using this to refuel anti-gay sentiment during this campaign period.

Meck-PAC has endorsed the following: Parks Helms, Jennifer Roberts, Wilhelmenia Rembert and Dumont Clarke in the commission race. Other candidates who received warnings are Kaye McGarry and Jim Puckett, along with Karen Bentley, Debbie Ware and Clarence Puckett.

Attorney Connie Vetter endorses the following in judicial elections: Chief Justice, Sarah Parker; Associate Justices, Mark D. Martin, Patricia Timmons-Goodson and Robin Hudson; North Carolina Court of Appeals, Seat 1, Robert C. "Bob" Hunter and Seat 2, Linda Stephens. She adds that the NC Association of Women Attorneys also endorses them.

Organizations like the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and the Log Cabin Republicans are all looking for

grassroots volunteers to help in the last push before the election and on Election Day. Sign up now to help support your candidate of choice and to do your part to ensure that the electoral process is accurate, honest and fair.

Another organization on the forefront of working with volunteers is the Human Rights Campaign (HRC).

HRC encourages voters to get 10 friends to commit to voting for pro-equality candidates. They are also asking for volunteer help to get out the vote in the community to have a big impact on a local campaign.

People for the American Way (PFAW) is especially concerned about how some members of Congress and George W. Bush's administration who have tried to 'downsize' the Constitution and even write discrimination into it in the form of the Federal Marriage Amendment. This election is the best chance in years to stop them. PFAW will monitor voting in N.C.

For more information, visit www.sboe.state.nc.us, www.equalitync.org, www.hrc.org, www.pfaw.org, www.dnc.org, www.stonewalldemocrats.org and www.logcabin.org.

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PSL group organizing

CHARLOTTE — An informal social gatherings group, Professional Single Lesbians (PSL) has recently been formed for those in the Metro Charlotte area.

Activities for the group have included meeting in private homes for casual interaction with food and beverages to watch weekly episodes of Showtime's "Weeds."

In the coming months, plans are being made to visit museums, attend concerts and community events, as well as more "Weeds" watching.

For more information, email bluemoonmoment@hotmail.com.

ENC stands tall against vote

THOMASVILLE — On Oct. 16, the Thomasville City Council voted 5-1 in favor of a resolution in support of the anti-LGBT, anti-marriage state constitutional amendment. Several ENC members spoke out against the resolution at the council meeting.

"We are saddened that the Thomasville City Council has voted to endorse bigotry and discrimination," said ENC Executive Director Ian Palmquist (pictured). "However, we believe that voters will see through this

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