



HIGH TECH GAYS

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Dear Friend of the Lesbian and Gay Community:

Our community has seen much change in the last few years. We were uplifted by the resounding defeat of the Briggs referendum; but then we were slapped down locally by the 2 to 1 defeat of Propositions A & B in 1980 in San Jose.

We worked hard to pass AB 1 through the California Legislature, only to have it vetoed by a callous and reactionary Governor, under the thumb of the "religious right." Where do we go from here?

Only one organization nationwide has taken up the responsibility to fight for our rights in Washington, to insist on adequate Congressional funding for AIDS research, to work for reform of immigration laws, to study violence against gays, to speak to the media with a strong voice, and to provide crisis advice to to gays across the nation. This organization is the National Gay Task Force.

But like most organizations fighting for rights, it needs all of our support and assistance. NGTF has far too few members these days to wield the clout needed in Washington. Despite a very tight fiscal policy and a reduction in staff, money is in very short supply to make NGTF projects go.

I have involved myself in the lesbian and gay community through High Tech Gays, BAYMEC, Silver Fox, The Arts Council of Gay and Lesbian San Jose and writing for Our Paper. I expect to remain involved locally.

But I have also been elected a Board member of NGTF and I know first hand how vital it is that we all look beyond our Valley at the national scene, and I am asking for your help.

I am available to speak to any interested group about NGTF and its projects: Civil Rights, The Violence Project, The AIDS Program, the Media program, the Crisisline and Information Clearinghouse.

In the meanwhile, won't you please join NGTF? The Falwells among us are well financed and have friends in the White House. We must not fall short of protecting ourselves when fanatics are calling for our quarantine, or worse, to halt the spread of AIDS. NGTF Membership begins with as little as \$30 although more would be most welcome (consider \$50, \$100 or more).

Please help. Use the coupon attached or mail your check to me and I will forward it to NGTF. Thank you for your support.

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