



HIGH TECH GAYS

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April 25, 1988

Supervisor Tom Nolan
c/o Committee to Re-Elect Tom Nolan
824 Winslow Street, Suite 214
Redwood City, CA 94063

Dear Tom:

It must have already come to your attention, but I feel I must write officially to express our concern over the way invitations to your May 6 fundraiser at the Club St. John were handled.

High Tech Gays agreed readily to co-sponsor (along with BAYMEC and the Club St. John) the event and to loan you our mailing list for sending out the invitations. However we did not anticipate that the full name "High Tech Gays" would be printed on the outside of the envelope as a return address; and your staff should have known better.

It is an unfortunate reality that NO gay organization puts the words "lesbian" or "gay" on their envelopes, we all use initials like HTG, NGRA, NGLTF, etc., out of respect for the privacy of the recipient, especially in these days of hysteria over AIDS.

I received, and BAYMEC Board members received angry phone calls the moment these invitations were delivered. Some even threatened to withdraw their support from BAYMEC. This whole incident is unfortunate, was wholly unnecessary, and will not reflect well on you and your re-election campaign.

"Mistakes" happen to all of us, but this particular error will undoubtedly be perceived as a lack of sensitivity from a candidate, of all candidates, who should be the most sensitive. We would appreciate a written response from you on this incident.

HTG, of course, continues to consider you a good friend and an important public representative of our issues, and so despite this immediate concern, we send our best wishes for a successful campaign.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rick Rudy', written in a cursive style.

Rick Rudy
President of HTG
Board Member of BAYMEC

cc: BAYMEC