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C-SPAN
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Dear C-SPAN:

As an organization of gay and lesbian educators in the San Francisco Bay Area, we commend and applaud your decision to offer to the citizens of the United States of America complete and non-stop coverage of the recent March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation.

Although you will doubtless receive a great many letters protesting your brave and historic stance, there are just as many of us who are grateful for your capturing for all time the too-often media-ignored fact that we--lesbian, gay and bisexual citizens of America--DO exist in numbers across our great Nation, and that we are for the most part exactly like any other American citizens, except for the discrimination we encounter in so many areas, based only upon our affectional choice. Your bias-free reporting showed how we exist in all geographic areas and in all fields of endeavor!

We ARE on the side of the angels...and when future generations look back upon our era, C-SPAN's coverage of the '93 March On Washington, will be viewed as a significant break-through to the overcoming of hysteria and prejudice!

Thank you.

Yours truly,
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Accomplishments

- ♦ Advocacy for establishment of SFUSD support services for Gay & Lesbian & Bisexual youth (estab. 10/90)
- ♦ Joint scholarship established with PG&E Lesbian & Gay Employee Association for \$2000
- ♦ Social/support network for teachers working with United Educators of S.F. to write Legal Guide for Lesbian/Gay Educators
- ♦ Multiple in-services and workshops addressing the needs of Lesbian/Gay & Bisexual youth for teachers, counselors, administrators, health care and social workers
- ♦ Sponsorship of Pam Walton's film "Gay Youth"
- ♦ Establishment of a "Book Program" which has currently placed a Gay & AIDS sensitive book section in 23 Contra Costa High Schools.



Statement of Purpose

There is a pressing need for Gays and Lesbians in education to be able to support one another in the face of homophobia and intolerance within the educational system and society in general. Fostering support through monthly group meetings and other social events is one of primary concerns of the Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators.

The second major focus of [REDACTED] is to advocate for change in the educational system which will result in a more enriching environment for Gays and Lesbians in education, whether they are students, parents, teachers or administrators. In order to see that this change occurs, [REDACTED] is committed to a number of goals.

[REDACTED] is committed to:

1. Stop homophobic slurs and violence in the schools as well as intolerance toward Gays and Lesbians & Bisexuals.
2. Have information on Gays and Lesbians included throughout the curriculum.
3. See that textbooks in each discipline accurately portray the history and culture of Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals in the United States and in all world cultures.
4. Provide positive Lesbian and Gay role models for all youth.
5. Bring the issues and concerns of Lesbian and Gay youth to the attention of educators and the general public.
6. See that teacher training include information on the Gay and Lesbian community.
7. See that the school environment does not pressure any student into a lifestyle which is unnatural for that student.

8. Provide information on the legal rights of Gays and Lesbians in education.
9. Provide information on responses to discrimination due to sexual orientation.
10. See that accurate information on AIDS reaches all students, teachers, administrators and parents.

Membership

Yearly membership dues:
\$15.00 general membership
\$25.00 contributor

How Are Your Membership Dues Spent?

- Publication of the [REDACTED] newsletter
- Informational Literature
- Chapter Support and Outreach
- Miscellaneous Expenses

With a [REDACTED] Membership You Will:

- Be associated with a professional organization of Gay and Lesbian educators
- Receive the [REDACTED] newsletter
- Contribute to the maintenance of an organization which is advocating for your rights
- Have the right to vote at Steering Committee Meetings which chart the course of [REDACTED]

To Join [REDACTED]

Contact One Of The Chapters Listed Below

