

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library
Digital Library Collections

This is a PDF of a folder from our textual collections.

WHORM Subject File Code: HU010
Case file Number(s): 231167
Box Number: 1

To see more digitized collections visit:

<https://www.reaganlibrary.gov/archives/digitized-textual-material>

To see all Ronald Reagan Presidential Library inventories visit:

<https://www.reaganlibrary.gov/archives/white-house-inventories>

Contact a reference archivist at: **reagan.library@nara.gov**

Citation Guidelines: <https://reaganlibrary.gov/archives/research-support/citation-guide>

National Archives Catalogue: <https://catalog.archives.gov/>

Last Updated:
02/22/2023

See ID 231161 on 7/2/84
informal ltr.

SACRAMENTO ADDRESS
STATE CAPITOL
SACRAMENTO 95814
(916) 445-8253

DISTRICT OFFICE
1064 STATE BUILDING
350 MCALLISTER
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102
(415) 557-2253

Assembly California Legislature

- COMMITTEES
- AGING AND LONG TERM CARE
- ELECTIONS AND REAPPORTIONMENT
- LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT RULES
- WAYS AND MEANS
- SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILD ABUSE
- JOINT COMMITTEES
- REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT AND IMMIGRATION
- LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE
- CHAIRMAN
- WAYS AND MEANS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE



ART AGNOS
ASSEMBLYMAN, SIXTEENTH DISTRICT
CHAIRMAN
JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE

June 27, 1984

231167
HW010

Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Your voice is urgently needed on the vital issue of each American's right to participate freely in the political life of our nation without facing the indignity of discrimination.

This year voices are once more being raised seeking to link you with an appeal to prejudice against lesbians and gay men.

They urge a campaign to exclude people from exercising basic political freedoms because of their sexual orientation and blatantly seek to ignite hatreds to divide Americans one from another.

You provided leadership in stopping similar campaigns in 1978 when you opposed a California initiative to deny gays and lesbians jobs in the state school system.

You restated your opposition to discrimination in both the public and private sector during your 1980 campaign. Most recently, the chairman of the Republican National Committee joined with his Democratic counterpart in signing a "fair campaign practices" pledge that "opposes appeals to prejudice based on...sexual orientation."

These statements underscore your support for the worth and dignity of each human being, of respect for individuals, and a commitment that the right of each individual to speak for themselves should not be abridged.

But these are commitments which must be renewed whenever appeals to prejudice occur. We are in such a period now.

June 27, 1984

Page 2

Enclosed is a copy of one direct mail appeal that illustrates these appeals and a news article about the mailer which demonstrates how readily these appeals are linked to you.

Your voice is needed if we are to sustain the honored American tradition that the worth and dignity of each human being is not a political issue to be used to divide Americans.


We urge you to personally disavow any attempts to link your name or to make you a beneficiary of such goals, and to remind the American people that you will not equivocate on your commitment to justice.


There are many issues that moral, humane people are certain to differ over, but exploitation of basic human rights to a job and human dignity must not be one of them. Such actions taint all of us who do not speak up.

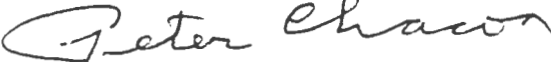
In your remarks to graduating class at the U.S. Air Force Academy on May 30, you said, "Jealously guard the values and principles of our heritage. They did not come easy."

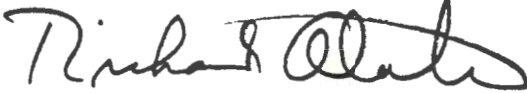
We believe that among the most treasured part of our heritage as Americans is our struggle to make real the guarantee of the Founding Fathers that this nation was inseparably united on the principle of the equal dignity and worth of each citizen. That principle will not be guarded without forceful leadership when it is threatened.


Sincerely,



ART AGNOS
Assemblyman, 16th District

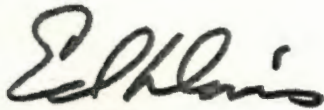

TOM BATES
Assemblyman, 12th District


PETER CHACON
Assemblyman, 79th District

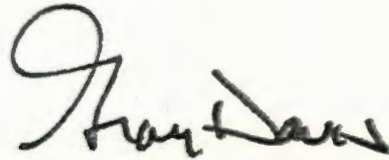

RICHARD ALATORRE
Assemblyman, 55th District


ROBERT J. CAMPBELL
Assemblyman, 11th District

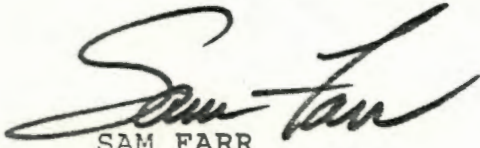

LLOYD CONNELLY
Assemblyman, 6th District



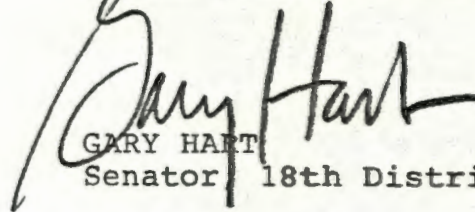
ED DAVIS
Senator, 19th District



GRAY DAVIS
Assemblyman, 43rd District



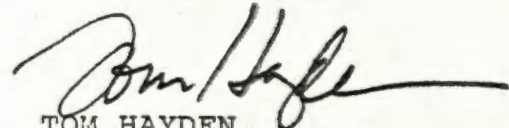
SAM FARR
Assemblyman, 28th District



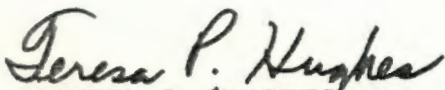
GARY HART
Senator, 18th District



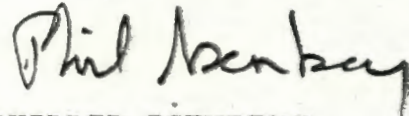
DAN HAUSER
Assemblyman, 2nd District



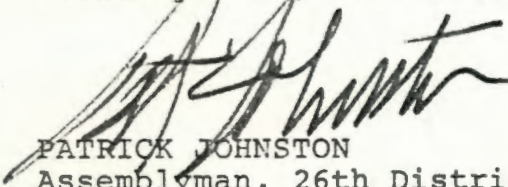
TOM HAYDEN
Assemblyman, 44th District



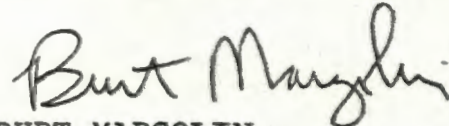
TERESA P. HUGHES
Assemblywoman, 47th District



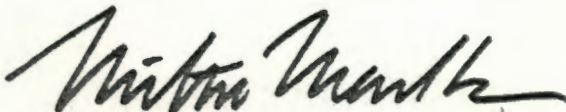
PHILLIP ISENBERG
Assemblyman, 10th District



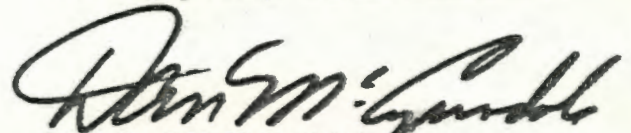
PATRICK JOHNSTON
Assemblyman, 26th District



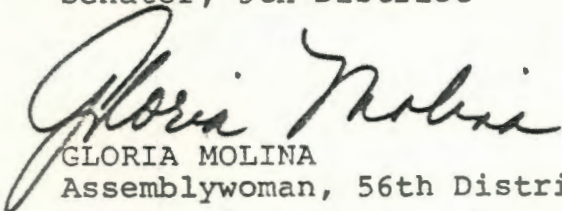
BURT MARGOLIN
Assemblyman, 45th District



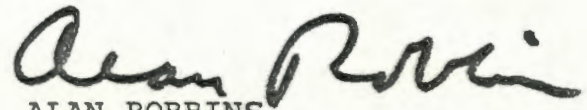
MILTON MARKS
Senator, 5th District



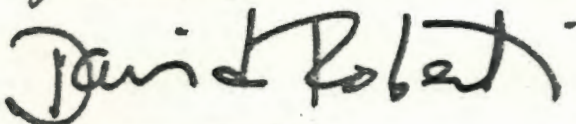
DAN MCCORQUODALE
Senator, 12th District



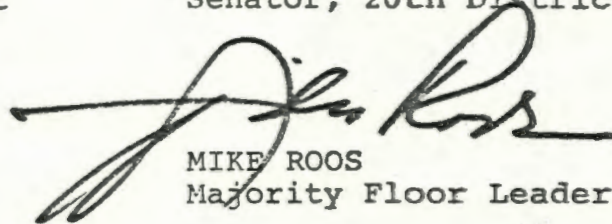
GLORIA MOLINA
Assemblywoman, 56th District



ALAN ROBBINS
Senator, 20th District



DAVID ROBERTI
President pro Tempore



MIKE ROOS
Majority Floor Leader


June 27, 1984
Page 4



HERSCHEL ROSENTHAL
Senator, 22th District



ART TORRES
Senator, 24th District



CURTIS R. TUCKER
Assemblyman, 50th District

Enclosures

Mondale, Hart are 'pro-gay,' circular claims

By Jeff Rabin
Bee Capitol Bureau

Democratic presidential candidates Walter Mondale and Gary Hart are accused of being "pro-gay" and "anti-family" in a recent mailer from a Washington-based organization that supports President Reagan's re-election.

The strongly worded mailer from a group called the American Family Association arrived in Sacramento this week. The low-budget organization, which lobbies against gay rights legislation, operates out of a house in a Washington suburb, according to its president, Daniel Villanueva.

The mailer signed by Villanueva warns that "in a few short weeks, liberal, anti-family and pro-gay forces will choose their candidate for president of the United States."

"No doubt the gay-lesbian forces will choose either Walter Mondale or Sen. Gary Hart," the mailer says. "If Walter Mondale or Gary Hart defeats President Reagan, you, your family and our country are in big trouble."

The letter requests contributions of \$10 to \$100 to "spread the news about the dangerous and destructive Mondale-Hart Gay Platform." An envelope addressed to a Washington, D.C., post office box is enclosed. No other address appears on the mailer, which was sent to 30,000 to 40,000 people nationwide, according to Villanueva.

John Buckley, deputy press secretary for the Reagan-Bush campaign committee, said the American Family Association is "new to us."

"We are not engaged in any activities aimed at Sen. Hart, Walter Mondale or Jesse Jackson. We are happy to let the Democrats chose their nominee on their own," Buckley said.

"We have found out about a number of groups that have been trying to raise money for themselves using President Reagan's name. We disassociate ourselves from any group

unfortunate that things like this always crawl out when there's an election. Most people reject bigotry and hatred, and that's clearly what this is."

"It has no place in American politics," said Mondale's national co-chairman, Duane Garrett, a San Francisco attorney.

The mailer includes an eight-point "platform" claiming that Mondale and Hart support employment of gays and lesbians in public schools, the armed forces, the FBI, CIA and private businesses.

Both Hart and Mondale support legislation in the U.S. Senate that would amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

"There is a broad consensus in the Democratic Party that ... civil rights should be extended to gays and lesbians," Garrett said. "In no way does that harm our strong stance on preservation of the American family."

Mondale has taken no stand on whether such a provision should apply to sensitive national security positions in intelligence agencies and the military, according to another top Mondale adviser.

Villanueva, a 30-year-old Republican, said his organization opposes Mondale and Hart because of their support for the federal gay rights legislation.

"When it comes to sexual orientation, that is something that goes beyond the bounds of race or religion. We're moving into something that rank and file Americans just do not believe in. It's immoral. They feel like it's distasteful and it's destructive," Villanueva said.

Villanueva is not related to Danny Villanueva, former placekicker for the Los Angeles Rams and Dallas Cowboys who is a partner in a Los Angeles television station and is boxing commissioner for the Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.

The one-time boxing promoter



American Family Association
Washington, D.C. 20070-1003

Dear Friend of the American Family Association,

There are at least eight (8) good reasons why concerned Americans should vote against Walter Mondale and Gary Hart.

The eight (8) good reasons are part of what I call "The Mondale--Hart Gay Platform".

(Your personal copy of "The Mondale--Hart Gay Platform" is enclosed.)

As you know, on July 16, 1984 in San Francisco, the gay capital of the United States, thousands of homosexuals and lesbians will gather for the National Democratic Convention.

Yes, in a few short weeks, liberal, anti-family, and pro-gay forces will choose their candidate for President of the United States.

No doubt, the gay-lesbian forces will choose either Walter Mondale or Senator Gary Hart.

If Walter Mondale or Gary Hart defeats President Reagan, you, your family and our country, are in big trouble.

That's why I've sent you a copy of "The Mondale--Hart Gay Platform".

The Mondale--Hart Gay Platform shows eight (8) good reasons to vote against Walter Mondale and Gary Hart.

The Mondale--Hart Gay Platform also gives you eight (8) good reasons to continue your faithful support of American Family Association.

We need your generous contribution today, to help more Americans discover the truth about Walter Mondale and Gary Hart.

More Americans need to know that as President of the United States, Mondale and Hart will support:

1. Passage of the "Gay Bill of Rights."
2. Gays and lesbians as school teachers in our public schools.
3. Forced hiring of gays and lesbians in private industry, factories, stores and large and small businesses.
4. Increased federal funding of gay-lesbian organizations with your tax dollars.
5. Forced hiring of homosexuals in our law enforcement agencies like the F.B.I.

But I also need your most generous contribution of \$15, \$25, \$50 or even \$100, today.

Without your financial help, I cannot continue to inform other concerned Americans about the danger of electing a pro-gay rights President.

Few Americans know about the immoral gay-lesbian alliance between Walter Mondale, Gary Hart and the National Gay Task Force.

The liberal-media like: CBS, NBC, ABC and others are covering-up the facts about Mondale and Hart.

So it's up to you and me to do something about it.

Will you help me?

Can I count on your support this month?

San Francisco is a city that clearly illustrates the danger of electing a pro-gay/lesbian President.

In San Francisco, over the last 10 years since the passage of "Gay Rights" laws, sexual disease has gone rampant!

Infectious hepatitis "A" increased 100%
Infectious hepatitis "B" increased 300%
V.D. clinics saw 75000 patients per year. 70-80% were homosexuals.

Yes, the gay-lesbian forces threaten your family with physical disease and "moral disease."

In San Francisco, in 1970 9% of normal men and 3% of normal women reported being homosexually raped.

Can you imagine how much worse it must be now, 14 years later?

In America today, 65% of all sexually related mass murders, involve homosexuals.

And now, the Democratic Party and the National Gay Task Force are supporting Walter Mondale and Gary Hart, who both want homosexuals in our schools, military and our government.

I need your help to reach other concerned Americans with the news about the "Mondale-Hart Gay Platform".

I can only turn to you.

Your contribution of \$15, \$20, \$25, \$50 or even \$100, will help keep this report moving throughout America.

Take a moment now to do three things:

- (1) Remove your personal copy of the "Mondale--Hart Gay Platform" and keep it out, to show to your voting age friends and family.
- (2) Send a generous contribution to American Family Association today.
- (3) Get the word out, about the "Mondale--Hart Gay Platform". Share the news so more people can vote pro-family in November.