

Churches endorse gay rights measures

The Santa Clara County Council of Churches has endorsed local ballot Measures A and B, the Santa Clara County and San Jose gay rights referendum issues.

"To do otherwise is to persecute a segment of society in the name of Christianity," said council spokeswoman Marian Elkerton.

"It is not just gay rights that are on the firing line in this issue," she said, "but Christianity as a whole. The board (of the Council of Churches) reaffirms its support of human rights for all members of the community and recommends that churches study and act on this issue in the light of our faith."

Santa Clara County Measure A, like San Jose City Measure B, bans discrimination based on sexual orientation.



Political notes

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Supervisor Dominic "Dom" Cortese has been endorsed in his Democratic bid for the 24th Assembly District seat by the Santa Clara County Fire Fighters, Local 1165, and the California Organization of Police and Sheriffs.

Ann Clifton and Barbara Walker will review the June ballot propositions for their fellow members of the Los Altos-Mountain View League of Women Voters today at a 9:15 a.m. meeting at Foot-hills Congregational Church, 461 Orange Ave.

On Thursday, the league will join the American Association of University Women in co-sponsoring a forum of candidates from the 5th Supervisorial District (North County) and the 22nd Assembly

District. The 7:30 p.m. meeting will be held in Loyola School in Los Altos.

All legislative and supervisorial candidates in the West Valley will appear Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the California History Center at De Anza College.

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