

**Baldwin is back**

Happy ending to hotel fire tale

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**Chris Daly**  
 His record, ranking as a supervisor

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At the Alliance for a Better District 6 candidates forum Aug. 13: Incumbent Chris Daly, James Leo Dunn, Garrett Jenkins, Roger Gordon, Malinka Moye, Robert Power.

# Daly dodges barbs, opponents make their case

The election campaign train is gathering steam as candidates avail themselves of growing opportunities to meet the voters.

The Alliance for a Better District 6, ever active in Tenderloin voter education, organized a candidates forum Aug. 13 at the TL police station's community room that packed the house with a crowd of more

than 200 and featured all the supervisory candidates except Arthur Jackson, who was at the Health Commission meeting — he's a member. Supervisor Chris Daly spoke, as did candidates James Leo Dunn, Roger Gordon, Garrett Jenkins, Malinka Moye, Robert Power, Burke Strunsky, and Michael Sweet. People were packed three deep in the aisles. "My chief opponent is not these folks sitting to the side of me. It's the apathy we've experienced with several of the

were facing the people from behind a bank of tables. "I hope to engage those voters and bring them out," he said.

But the crowd that night was anything but apathetic. Representatives from the alphabet of heavyweight community organizations were there: NOMPC, SRO Collaborative, SOMPAC, TNDC, TAC and more. Unlike the sparsely attended forums of the 2000 campaign, now the activists are better organized and so are the opposition candidates.

Listeners were entertained: like when James Leo Dunn, replete in his three-piece suit topped by a hat with red feather, waved his Kombu seaweed, declared himself "re-mineralized," and said that while he may not be "strong enough to beat up Daly," he's certainly strong enough to "scare him." Even some audience members thought they were entertain-

ing: like the man sitting on the floor in front who grumbled loudly at whatever the candidates said.

The forum got under way with each candidate given a few minutes to make their pitch. "Consensus building" was a key-stone in many of their declared strategies.

"This campaign for me is about being a unifier, about bringing people together, the different areas of our great district," said candidate Burke Strunsky, an assistant district attorney.

Robert Northington Power, a Libertarian, said: "I don't think there's anything that anyone in D.C. or Sacramento can do to help us; we have to do it ourselves by building up our community. I think that's something the people in this room are perfectly capable of doing."

Malinka Moye, a novice on the campaign circuit, said, "Man, this is a mess down here, this is

a big mess, a big mess, and to change it, it's going to take a whole lot of people."

After the candidates' introductions, moderator Steve Conley, media rep of Alliance for a Better District 6, asked the candidates questions that had been submitted by audience members on 3-by-5 cards.

What are you going to do for the residents of this district who are tired of having this district a dumping grounds of the city's homeless?

Moye, who said he'd been "doing research" on the district, said: "Homelessness has been accepted in San Francisco a long, long time. They used to sleep in front of City Hall... What I'm going to do, I'm going to show you the heart of these homeless people."

Power's answer: "I'm a bit disturbed by the analogy. ... What we need for this district is for it to be a dumping grounds for new



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voters of San Francisco," said candidate Garrett Jenkins, seated at the front of the room flanked by his opponents. The candidates

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