

## Candidates' meeting fails to stir cynic's political juices

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Earth to melt. It's where those who are not wanted above go to start a new life below. And it is immortal. Anymore than you can kill a dead man, you cannot get rid of Us who live here.

Human politics is a refined wolf pack. There are alpha males and alpha females who, by virtue of their strength, aggression and intellect, are elected to lead the pack. Their thoughts are controlled by biological imperatives to facilitate survival for their species. And though we as humans, full of vanity, think ourselves different from wolves, we are not that different, though there is the option to rebel, and ascend to a wiser and more compassionate vision.

But individual rebellion in a wolf pack causes family problems. The alpha female murders her subservient sister after playing with her. No competition allowed. And the alpha male always has to compete with contenders. The wolves are politicians.

Then there is the lone wolf who looks at this scenario and decides that it is horse manure and takes off.

I am a human lone wolf who has been assigned to cover this story. And in my humble opinion none of the mayoral candidates has anything to say to me but good-bye. Gavin Newsom didn't even show up, probably because he is the ultimate winner, the number zero, which society defaults to when it is spiritually bankrupt.

As for Matt Gonzalez, who I like because he edited a book by the poet Jack Micheline called *Sixty-Seven Poems for Downtrodden Saints*, he came late, and looked like he didn't want to be in the same time and space as everyone else.

It has become apparent to me that the highly educated establishment of this society is going to push the envelope until it breaks. And it's not their fault. Most of the candidates at this meeting seemed like basically good people. But the one theme that was running through the show was money.

Now perhaps I am crazy. If so, put me on disability. But I have never understood the concept of money. Most of the jobs I've had, from cleaning up feces in an animal hospital, to standing around doing nothing for hours on end as a security guard, have been low-paying jobs. But they were painful and meaningless!

I am of the opinion that if you force someone into a meaningless life and cause him to become an existentialist, then you should recompense him for this in a favorable manner. Most of what these mayoral candidates spoke of was jobs,

safety, and the homeless problem.

But I got news for you, boys and girls, it's all about money, and there are a lot of angry people out there who don't vote because they know that you're a bunch of junkies. Heroin addicts internalize their rage and take it out on themselves. Money lovers, on the other hand, rage against others in their own best interests.

You see, money is the most addictive drug in the world, though on the surface, like all drugs, it is basically worthless. It's made out of paper, and is only a symbol for accomplishment and effort.

But symbols are powerful and deep and deceitful. And if you cannot understand them, then they can turn mean and kill.

So what is your life worth? What dollar amount would you put on it? For what price would you sell yourself out to a dominant dog?

As far as I'm concerned, politicians want you to sell yourself out cheap.

I asked the panel of wannabe mayors if there was any cogent reason why anyone living in the Tenderloin should vote for them, and they appeared like deer caught in the headlights. Ironically, I can't hear myself or the politicians answer this question on my tape recorder. Since I only interview people I like, perhaps the tape recorder, as an extension of myself, had a stroke.

But as I remember, the answer went like this: Bloop, bloop, bloop.

I've talked to a number of women in my zone about the mayoral candidates, and they essentially will vote for them on the basis of their sex appeal. So it's a prize fight between Gavin Newsom and Matt Gonzalez. But I have an idea that might make this election more interesting and fun.

Forget the issues. Base your vote on who you would want to be with in your bed at night when you fall asleep and have to wake up at 6:30 a.m. and go to work for him or her or it, while he or she or it stays in bed writing speeches.

And please, don't make them worry their pretty little heads about the issues anymore. ■

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## A Mayor for All San Francisco

### To My Central City Friends

#### Did you know where your tax dollars go?

Do you see your tax dollars at work in the Tenderloin, Polk Gulch and South of Market? Clean sidewalks, safe streets, reliable transit, adequate open space and recreation? My law office is located just north of Downtown and I hear complaints from my neighbors and supporters every day about crime, people sleeping in doorways, dirty streets and sidewalks, and lack of parking for both residents and businesses. The calls I get from your neighborhood are much the same.

With a \$5 billion dollar budget, I think San Francisco can do better, and not by raising your property or business taxes. I think we have too many city bureaucrats making over \$100,000 a year, (close to 3,000). I think there are too many sweetheart multi-million dollar patronage contracts. I think City Hall is for city business, not parties, and by moving city government back into City Hall we can save millions in office leases. I will get rid of costly employment perks, like the hundreds of City cars issued for personal (non-city business) use as well as costly related parking expenses.

I will use these cost savings to give residents and businesses of our District 6 neighborhoods the services you pay for and deserve.

#### Quality of Life

Crime affects our quality of life. Whether it be illegal garbage dumping or juvenile graffiti, or more serious crimes like assaults and home or auto burglaries, crime makes us afraid to leave our homes, makes us fear for the safety of our families, and does not make us proud of our neighborhoods and our otherwise beautiful city. Both my office and my car have been burglarized since I started this campaign, so I know how it feels to be a victim of crime.

Decent, affordable housing is another necessity affecting our quality of life. Building housing for working people and their families is not a priority of City Planning right now, but I think it should be. If you agree that we should be building more housing without displacing people and destroying communities, please join me. You can read my plan for creating more housing, as well as my plan for properly managing the crisis of homelessness, by going to my website at [Angela4Mayor.com](http://Angela4Mayor.com), or calling my campaign.

All My Best,

Angela Alioto is a candidate for Mayor of San Francisco. She has the experience and qualifications for the job, serving eight years on the Board of Supervisors, two years as President.

For the past six years, Angela has worked outside of government as a successful civil rights trial attorney, winning landmark discrimination cases against large corporations on behalf of individuals who have been wronged due to illness or racial prejudice. Angela is a small business person, managing her own law firm in North Beach employing 12 people.

Angela was born and raised in San Francisco and has lived here all of her life. Her father was Mayor Joseph L. Alioto. She is the mother of four children, and the grandmother of two. She knows first-hand what is important to San Francisco families.

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