

# Two supes eat humble pie

BY TOM CARTER

CHRIS Daly was not the only supervisor who had to make a public mea culpa on Nov. 23 for indiscretions during public hearings.

City Hall observers had anticipated some sort of response from District 6's volatile supervisor at the supes' weekly meeting. He was facing a highly publicized censure motion brought by colleague Michela Pier-Alioto for swearing at someone in the audience during a hearing earlier in the month.

But no one saw District 1 Supervisor Jake McGoldrick's faux pas coming.

Two hours before the full board convened, McGoldrick, the Richmond District representative, was chairing a Transportation Authority meeting. Muni's Inner Geary Transit Plan was on the agenda. The plan's proposed 38-Geary bus stop cuts in the Tenderloin have been hotly contested. Following several people who testified, a youthful-looking activist stepped briskly to the microphone to oppose the cuts.

"I am Michael Nulty and I represent a building consisting of the elderly and the disabled," he stated. "There are about 200 residents." Nulty advised city officials to continue talking with neighborhood representatives to reach a compromise on the stops.

McGoldrick asked Nulty to confirm that only seniors and disabled live in his building.

"Yes," Nulty said.

"Are you disabled?" McGoldrick asked Nulty.

"Yes," Nulty replied.

When testimony ended, public comment began. John Nulty, Michael's activist twin brother, came to the microphone to say he took offense at McGoldrick's asking his brother if he is disabled. "It's against federal law to ask that question," he said. "And you should be admonished by the supervisors or apologize."

Michael Nulty was right behind him at the mike. He said McGoldrick's question wasn't "appropriate" in a public forum; "in a private conversation, it's different."

McGoldrick, who had tried unsuccessfully to make a statement as the brothers laced into him, finally found his space.

"I apologize," he said.

The Nultys seemed satisfied and started to leave the room. For good measure, board President Matt Gonzalez got out of his chair to intercept them. He asked them privately if the apology was adequate. They said yes.

Later, at the full board meeting, Pier-Alioto's motion to censure Daly for boorish behavior and swearing at a lobbyist in a Nov. 8 meeting lost 8-2. She and District 8 Supervisor Sean Elsbernd voted for it. Censure, an official admonishment, carries no penalty.

Daly, who had more than a dozen supporters speaking up for him at the meeting, stood and delivered an extensive apology to Pier-Alioto. He explained that his bare-knuckled brand of argument was born of street confrontations. He was a tenant organizer in Philadelphia and here in the Mission before being elected supervisor, he said, and fiery oratory got results.

Pier-Alioto, who had said Daly frightens her, accepted the apology. But after the meeting, the Chronicle reported, she said that Daly had dodged the main issue - dealing decorously with the public - where the real apology was due.

Daly's detractors were as riled as his supporters were faithful. Davy Jones, a former candidate for District 6 supervisor, wanted retribution. Jones went to the microphone and demanded that Daly announce

before Dec. 1 that he would not run for re-election or, Jones said, he would start a recall process. (As of Dec. 7, according to the Department of Elections, no recall of Chris Daly had been filed.)

During the week the potential censure issue was in the news, one Chronicle letter to the editor suggested that instead of censuring Daly, the supes should have a "supply of diapers and pacifiers for him."

Daly seemed to take the challenge in stride and kept his sleeves rolled up.

"I felt the board did the right thing," Daly told The Extra. "The censure was defeated." ■



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**Date/Time:** Wednesday, January 26th, 2005, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

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**Topic:** HIV Medications 101

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**Date/Time:** Wednesday January 19th, 2005, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

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