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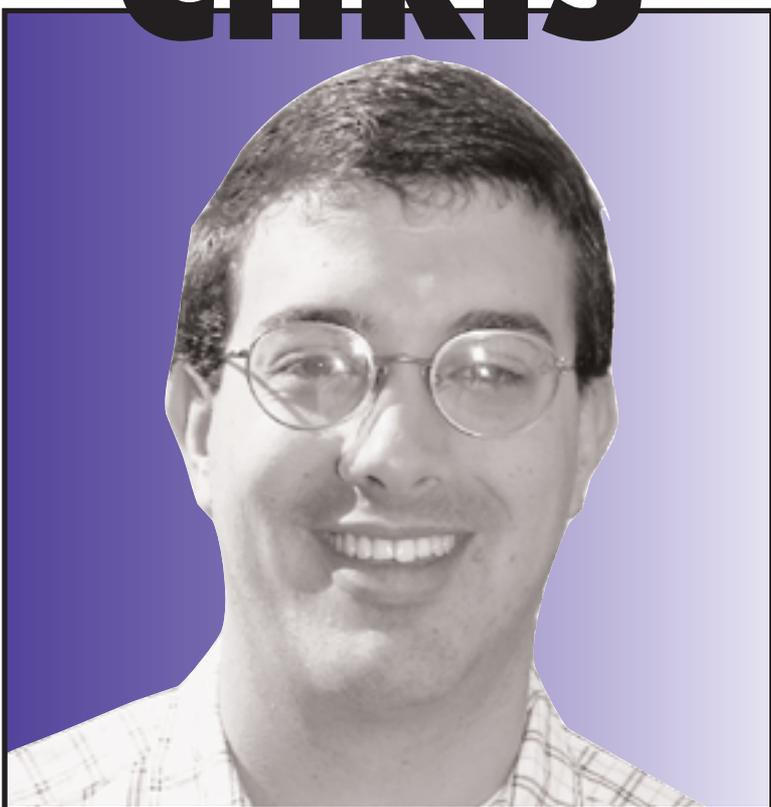


## District 6 Race for Supervisor

### RUNOFF ELECTION EXTRA

# Race may be closer than you think

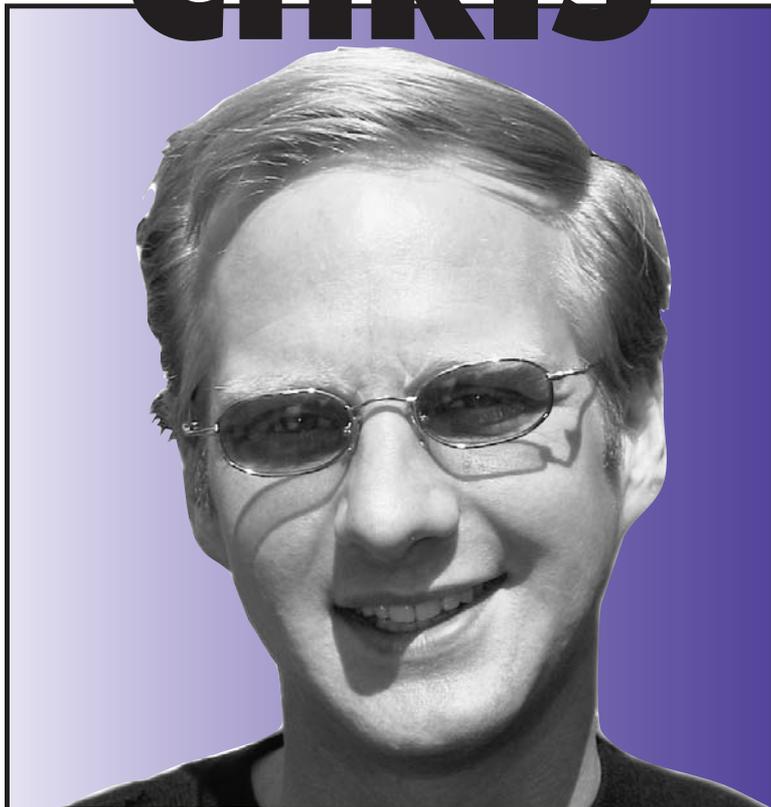
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## DALY

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## DITTENHAFER

# Voters who backed other 15 candidates key to runoff

Chris Daly won the first round of the District 6 supervisor's race by more than a 2-to-1 margin over his nearest opponent, Chris Dittenhafer, in the Nov. 7 election. It was a significant victory, but not the 50% plus 1 vote needed to be elected without a runoff. At first glance this result appears to make Daly a shoo-in to become District 6's first supervisor when the votes are counted after the Dec. 12 runoff election.

But Daly had 16 opponents in the race who collectively pulled more than 12,000 additional votes. How these voters go will determine the outcome of the vote.

Former Supervisor Carol Ruth Silver, who finished a close third behind second-place finisher Dittenhafer, has endorsed Dittenhafer. Beryl Magilav, who also wound up with more than 2,000 votes, has not endorsed either Daly or Dittenhafer. These top four finishers accounted for almost 75% of the vote in District 6.

Dittenhafer was picked by

Mayor Willie Brown to replace Supervisor Leslie Katz, who intended to run for re-election in District 6 until she discovered how much it would cost to move her residence within the district boundaries. Besides Mayor Brown and former opponent Silver, Dittenhafer's list of endorsers includes: Assemblywoman Carole Migden, Supervisors Leslie Katz, Barbara Kaufman, Michael Yaki, Mabel Teng, City Treasurer Susan Leal, City Attorney Louise Renne, the Rev. Cecil Williams of Glide, the S.F. Police Officers Association and the Alice B. Toklas Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club.

Daly is endorsed by District Attorney Terence Hallinan, San Francisco Tenants' Union, Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Local 2, California Nurses' Association, Latino Democratic Club, Irish American Democratic Club, Harold Washington Democratic Club and a lengthy list of individuals whose affiliations lean

toward housing and homeless advocacy and numerous other organizations.

Although the endorsements do not appear on Daly's web site, the *San Francisco Chronicle* reported recently that Supervisors Tom Ammiano, Gavin New-

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by Stan Hutton

som and Sue Bierman have thrown their support to Daly.

So the Daly-Dittenhafer race turns out to be another Brown-Ammiano test of strength. Daly's housing activism with Mission Agenda, the organization he founded, gives him a strong edge in a district populated by mainly low-income renters. Daly won in the Tenderloin as well as Hayes Valley

and SoMa.

And when you look at the race more closely using late but not certified numbers, Dittenhafer didn't win a single Tenderloin precinct. Daly's showing was strong in all precincts except Cathedral Hill and northern Hayes Valley, the area between Geary and Grove and Van Ness and Laguna; and in SoMa, where he lost only four precincts, including two to Silver in the area east of 1st Street to the Embarcadero. In other words, Daly lost in the "high-rent" areas of the district.

But, taking the vote on Propositions K and L as a test of Brown vs. Ammiano support, District 6 is apparently more evenly divided than the results of the Nov. 7 supervisorial race suggest. Prop. K, Brown's proposal, lost citywide with 39% for and 61% against; in District 6, the K vote was closer with 47% of the voters saying yes and 53% turning thumbs down.

Voter turnout could be an

issue. Turnout in the Tenderloin was only 44.5% compared with 51.1% in SoMa and 61.2% in Hayes Valley. SoMa precincts, 3412 and 3413 where Daly lost to Silver, were near the bottom for voter turnout with about 39% of registered voters voting.

Overall, voter turnout in District 6 was the lowest of the 11 supervisorial districts in the city; 52.7% compared to a city-wide turnout of 66.1%. Department of Elections spokeswoman Christiane Hayashi was reluctant to predict voter turnout in the runoff election. "I don't own a crystal ball," she said, "but if I had to give a ballpark answer I'd say around 40%."

Presidential elections traditionally generate the highest voter turnout but sometimes runoff elections get more voters. The last mayoral election, for example, saw a 45% turnout for the general election, then climbed to 49% for the runoff, according to Hayashi. ■