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by Nicole Murray-Ramirez

Coming up on Tuesday, **Nov. 7**, will be one of the most important elections in our lives. If you don't know who to vote for, look in next week's **Gay & Lesbian Times** and check out the *GLT's* endorsements, which will be listed along with **San Diego Democratic Club** and **GLBT Vote 2006** endorsements.

I urge your support for 'America's City of Life'

When San Diego lost the **Republican National Convention**, then-Mayor **Pete Wilson** came up with the term "America's Finest City," and many uplifting events took place.

As a then-Republican and proud San Diegan, I agreed with this slogan, but it has

to have joined this effort and will be reaching out to many of you for your support.

For more information, visit www.city-of-life.com.

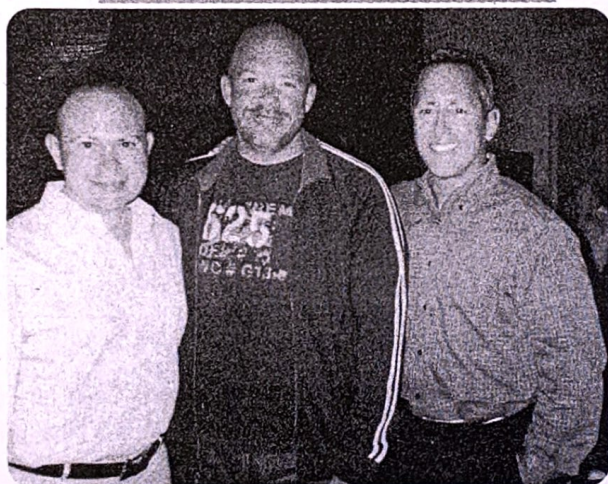
You're invited to have lunch with Mayor Sanders

Next Friday, **Nov. 3**, there will be a GLBT luncheon with our popular and hard-working **Mayor Jerry Sanders**, and you're invited. The event will take place from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. at the beautiful new home of **Bob Lehman** (chair of GLBT Vote 2006) and **Tom Felkner** (who serves on **Congressmember Bob Filner's** advisory board).

Their new, big Banker's Hill home has been a **San Diego Historical Society** "Showcase Home" and has been on the front cover of **San Diego Home/Garden** magazine.

This luncheon with the mayor is to support him and his campaign to reform City Hall. Thus, it's a fundraiser for "Yes on City Propositions B & C." Personal or business checks will be accepted.

For more information, call (619) 692-1967 or (858) 342-6272.



The mayor's lavender staff members:
(l-r) Jeff Gattas, Fred Sainz and George Biagi

not caught on like other cities' slogans have: New York's "The City That Never Sleeps," Los Angeles' "City of Angels," Philadelphia's "City of Brotherly Love," San Francisco's "City by the Bay," etc.

We all know people do not think "America's Finest City" when San Diego is brought up. In reality, it's a self-glorifying slogan and does not sell outside of our city.

Thus, I've joined a citizens' campaign to create a new, world-class image for San Diego that will firmly establish our city as a unique destination for centuries to come: San Diego, "America's City of Life."

One of our city's outstanding citizens, the well-known artist and community activist **George Mullen**, is leading this campaign, which has the support of leaders and activists throughout our city. I am proud



Mayor Jerry Sanders (far right), shown here at AIDS Walk San Diego, will be a guest of honor at a GLBT luncheon on Friday, Nov. 3.