

LGBT Political Power Discussion



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The Exchange, 114 W. 5th Street, LA, CA

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Join Stonewall Young Democrats and Roots for Equality for a discussion on the history of LGBT political power from the deposing of homophobic L.A. City Council Member Paul Lampert to today's out LGBT elected officials.



Special guests, Former Senator Sheila Kuehl (to the right) and veteran activist

Torie Osborn (below), will be joining us to share their insight on the history of LGBT political power in Los Angeles and the present position the LGBT community has in the political landscape.

Sheila James Kuehl was appointed to the California Integrated Waste Management Board on December 1, 2008, after serving eight years in the State Senate and six years in the State Assembly. She was the first woman in California history to be named Speaker pro Tempore of the Assembly. She is also the first openly gay or lesbian person to be elected to the California Legislature. A former pioneering civil rights attorney and law professor, Sen. Kuehl represented the 23rd Senate District in LA and Ventura Counties. She was the chair of the Senate Health Committee and sat on the Agriculture, Appropriations, Environmental Quality, Joint Rules, Judiciary, Labor and Employment, and Natural Resources and Water Committees. Sen. Kuehl was chair of the Select Committee on School Safety and Chair of the Select Committee on the Health Effects of Radioactive and Chemical Contamination, Natural Resources and Water Committee from 2000-2006. She is currently a Distinguished Policy Fellow at the UCLA School of Public Affairs, a Horizon Institute Fellow, and a member of LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas' transition team.

Torie Osborn is a longtime progressive organizer, Senior Advisor to LA Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, and the United Way of Greater LA. She is also the former director of Liberty Hill Foundation, the LA Gay & Lesbian Center, and National Gay & Lesbian



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