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Dear Friends of Pride,

The Boston Pride Committee is pleased to announce the first ever MASSACHUSETTS DEMOCRATIC GUBERNATORIAL GLBT FORUM to be held on Tuesday, September 12 from 1:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Austin Hall, Harvard Law School, Cambridge. Please see below for details.

Also remember to regularly check www.bostonpride.org for news and updates. Please feel free to forward this newsletter to other members of the community and allies. If you have any question or comments, please contact us at info@bostonpride.org or on the PrideLine at 617-262-9405.

Thank you,
The Boston Pride Committee

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- 1- MASSACHUSETTS DEMOCRATIC GUBERNATORIAL GLBT FORUM

Boston Pride, the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA), HLS Lambda (Harvard Law School's LGBT student organization) and In Newsweekly announce a forum on GLBT issues for the Massachusetts Democratic gubernatorial candidates on Tuesday, September 12, from 1:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. This pioneering forum will be held at Harvard Law School's Ames Court Room, located on the third floor of Austin Hall in Cambridge.

Deval Patrick and Chris Gabrieli are both confirmed to attend this important event. The third Democratic candidate, Thomas Reilly, is currently unable to attend, but has not ruled out participating in the forum if circumstances change. Dermot Meagher, the first openly gay judge in Massachusetts, recently retired, and a founding member of the MLGBA (Massachusetts Lesbian and Gay Bar Association), will moderate.

With the polls so close, and with GLBT voters faced with choosing between candidates who are strong on GLBT issues, the forum promises to help shed light on topics that could influence the outcome of the primary on September 19. The GLBT Forum is a joint effort between Boston Pride, HLS Lambda, the NLGJA and In Newsweekly.

"That our gubernatorial candidates are so keen to outreach to the LGBT community in this unique forum is testament to how far we have come in the gay-rights struggle in Massachusetts," says Linda DeMarco,

president of Boston Pride. "We see this event as the first of many where key members of our government take time to specifically address LGBT concerns. Boston Pride is proud to be involved in year-round efforts to keep LGBT issues in the forefront."

See www.bostonpride.org for directions to Austin Hall at Harvard Law School.

2- How you can get involved

Nominations are being taken for positions on the Boston Pride Committee! We are always looking for talent and drive, so let us know that you want to jump in and contribute to the planning of one of Boston's largest events.

The Committee is looking for a new Parade Chair, a new Festival Chair, and a new Faneuil Hall Day Chair. The Committee is also looking for additional members to work on the Parade, the Festival, Media, Fundraising, Outreach, the Block Parties, and Logistics. If interested, come to one of our meetings or contact info@bostonpride.org.

If you are interested in being on the Board of Directors of the Boston Pride Committee, please contact Linda DeMarco, President of the Board, at president@bostonpride.org.

3- Pride Meetings

The Boston Pride Committee meets on Tuesdays, at 6:30pm, at the Wainwright Bank Community Room, 155 Dartmouth Street in Boston (next to Back Bay T Station). Meetings are open to anyone, and we welcome your participation. The next meeting will be on September 12th, 2006.

4- About Boston Pride

The Boston Pride Committee is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, registered in the State of Massachusetts. Members of the Committee include:

Keri Aulita	- Vice President, Board of Directors < vp@bostonpride.org >
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Gordon K. Burns	- Volunteer-at-large
Malcolm Carey	- Parade
Linda DeMarco	- President, Board of Directors < president@bostonpride.org >
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"The Boston Pride Committee, Inc., serving the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) and ally community, works to enhance the visibility of Boston's LGBT community through a week of events each June, in conjunction with year long activities, to promote LGBT awareness, dignity, and understanding."

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