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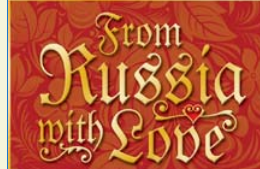
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LB Pride Week Continues With Art Exhibit Dedicated To Harvey Milk



by Joe Mello, **LBReport.com** Community Correspondent

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(May 19, 2011) -- Long Beach Pride Week continued with an art exhibition displaying works dedicated to Harvey Milk.



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Approximately seventy five people attended the Exhibit [A] Gallery opening for the works created by 25 Long Beach LGBTQIA youth in conjunction with the AMP Organization, a local non-profit dedicated to promoting creativity and culture in the gay and lesbian community.

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The event was the designated day for Long Beach's celebration of Harvey Milk Day because this year's LB Pride Parade falls on the Sunday May 22, the official Harvey Milk Day.

Annie Parkhurst, Executive Director of the AMP Organization, told *LBReport.com* that a workshop was held at *The Center* where youth and young adults worked with the theme "Got Milk" to create art on numerous milk cartons inspired by what Harvey Milk's impact meant to them personally. Many of the milk cartons had Milk's face and quotes on them and hanging art work included a Harvey Milk cartoon.



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1st district Councilman Robert Garcia spoke at the event about Tuesday's night (May 17) City Council vote that [as agendized and voted] asked City Hall's Parks & Recreation Commission and Housing and Neighborhoods Committee to consider naming a future park at 3rd St/Promenade as "Harvey Milk Park" and report back to the Council with a recommendation.

Councilman Garcia said he had received numerous emails opposed to naming the park for the late San Francisco Supervisor (assassinated with SF Mayor George Moscone in 1978 by a disgruntled former SF Supervisor).

"We thought it may have seemed simpler than it really was and that was the fight to get the first public park in the City of Long Beach named after an LGBT person," he said.

"Why was it such a fight? One of things that I realized over the last two or three weeks in putting this proposal forward is there were a lot of people opposed to it, a lot of people from our community that were opposed to it. There were a lot of people that for a variety of reasons weren't supportive...I can't tell you how many emails I got saying 'why would you name something after Harvey Milk, he's not from Long Beach.' My response was neither was Rosa Parks or Cesar Chavez and we have parks named after them."

He added, "As long as I've been in Long Beach, I don't remember there ever being as much opposition to a park as this one, which is interesting to me but it's also the first park named after a gay person."

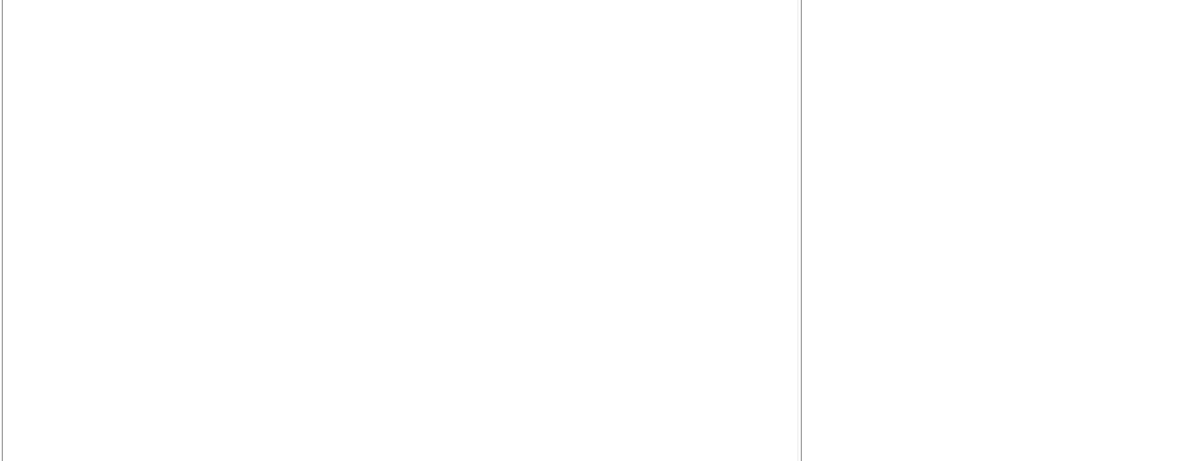
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Keynote speaker of the art exhibit event was John Cleary of the Stonewall Democratic Club. Mr. Cleary recounted Mr. Milk's journey both of coming out and his life of activism...and how Milk learned from his defeats.

Mr. Cleary summarized Milk's lessons as giving hope, coalition building, activism for

the good of all Americans and for gays to come out telling the crowd, "We need your truth, we need your life stories, the closet is a dangerous place."

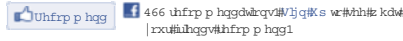
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