

From Kerry Lobel (NGLTF):

Kerry Lobel Resigns from Millennium March Board

Dear Colleagues,

The reasons for my resignation stem from three basic issues, which have continued to grow over time. First, I have significant political disagreements with the March call and planning, which have not been addressed. Secondly, I have grown increasingly skeptical of the value of this event for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) movement at this time. And finally, I cannot endorse certain decisions made by the Board. Although I have great trust and affection for each of you individually, it does not assuage my concerns and questions. I now believe I will be most helpful to the community from outside the Board.

Since the initial call for the March, grassroots activists have consistently challenged us as national leaders. Their concerns address the credibility and legitimacy of the March and they have demanded an opening of the March process for greater discussion. The questions have been on whether to march, what agenda to march for, and how best to use the tremendous platform and visibility that such marches provide.

Despite my political disagreements with the call and process, I agreed to serve on the March Board, believing my participation could change the course of the process. I also felt that as a representative of the oldest national political organization, and one of the few explicitly progressive national GLBT groups, my voice was needed in the March planning process. I stated at the time that I would remain on the Board as long as my presence represented the best interests of Task Force members, our constituents, and the movement as a whole.

Since I joined the Board, my participation has been challenged by members and activists with whom we have deep and longstanding relationships. Individuals from all perspectives have intensively engaged me, the Task Force staff, and our Board. I took their concerns to heart and carried them in my work on the March Board. During my tenure, I voted in the minority on key resolutions on personnel issues,



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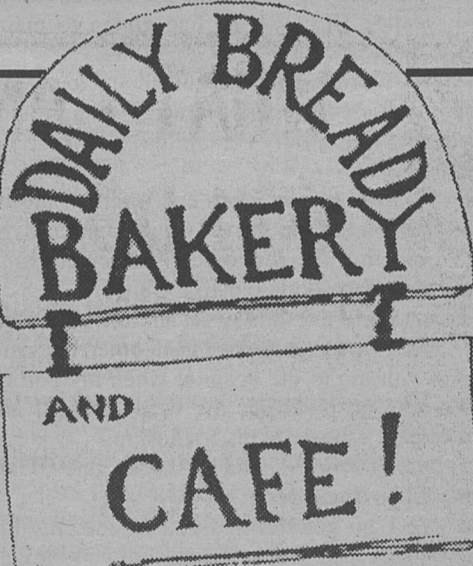
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