

# FAIRNESS

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## CFAIR Endorses Jonathan Miller for Governor

CFAIR, the political action committee of the Fairness Campaign, proudly endorses Jonathan Miller and Irv Maze in the Democratic primary for governor and lieutenant governor of Kentucky. Miller, a rising star in state and national politics, and Maze, a long-time Fairness supporter, are the first statewide candidates to receive CFAIR's endorsement.

The Miller-Maze ticket faces six opponents in the May 22, 2007 Democratic primary election. If no candidate receives 40 percent or more of the vote in the primary, a runoff election between the top two slates will take place on June 26, 2007.

Miller, currently the Kentucky Treasurer, supports equality for all citizens regardless of sexual orientation and/or gender identity. He favors including sexual orientation and gender identity as protected classes in state nondiscrimination laws and providing government recognition to same-gender relationships.

Maze, currently the Jefferson County Attorney, repeatedly has won CFAIR's endorsement because of his steadfast support for equality. As a Jefferson County Commissioner he voted in favor of a county-wide Fairness ordinance. Maze is in his third term as County Attorney, and CFAIR has endorsed him in each of his winning campaigns.

Miller's innovative work as state treasurer has included the creation of a prepaid tuition program for Kentucky citizens and of a Military Families' Bill of Rights aimed at providing financial relief for the families of soldiers deployed overseas. The driving force for Miller's first campaign for state treasurer was creation of an affordable college savings plan for Kentuckians. Miller's initiative became reality with the passage of legislation creating Kentucky's Affordable Prepaid Tuition (KAPT). More than 9,000 families have participated in the program, which allows citizens to prepay at today's rates for college attendance in the future. Please visit the KAPT website – [www.getkapt.com](http://www.getkapt.com) - to learn more about this program. You also may visit the Kentucky treasurer's website at [www.kytreasury.com](http://www.kytreasury.com) to read more about Miller's tenure in the office.

The Miller-Maze ticket offers a progressive vision for Kentucky. Both men are experienced public servants and have been innovators in their current elected offices. You

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## Domestic Partner Benefits Preserved

We sighed a breath of relief as the final gavel fell signaling the end of the 2007 legislative session in Frankfort. Because of the hard work of our members, allies and staff we successfully fought off several attempts to ban domestic partner benefits at Kentucky's state agencies and universities. As you may know, in 2006 the University of Louisville's Board of Trustees made the smart, progressive decision to allow the university to offer domestic partner benefits to its employees, both same-sex and unmarried couples.

Senate Bill 152 and House Bills 10 and 48 would have taken away these domestic partner benefits from employees at the University of Louisville who already receive these benefits. These bills would have also prevented other state agencies and universities from offering equal access to healthcare in the future.

While we won this battle, the issue is not laid to rest. Chances are good that we will be fighting similar attempts in 2008 as right wing extremist attempt to capitalize on anti-gay attacks to foster their agenda. In addition to U of L, the University of Kentucky is also weighing the proposal to provide domestic partner benefits to its employees. The Fairness Campaign is confident that with this victory lifting us up we will stand strong in the face of

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## PLAN TO ATTEND

- ★ **Come Together Kentucky**, April 13-15, Humanities building, U of L, statewide LGBT student conference, \$30, more info at [commong@louisville.edu](mailto:commong@louisville.edu).
- ★ **Dismantling Classism: We Are Worth More Than Money**, presented by Women in Transition, April 14, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Kling Center, 219 W. Ormsby, day-long interactive conference exploring issues of class and how class effects and connects us all. Info at [jjewell506@juno.com](mailto:jjewell506@juno.com) or 298-0462.
- ★ **Camp Wellstone**, Apr. 27-29, KFTC and Jobs with Justice host 3-day grassroots political skills training in Lexington. Register at [www.wellstone.org](http://www.wellstone.org) or call 582-5454.
- ★ **Metropolitan Housing Coalition Annual Meeting**, May 10, Executive West, 830 Phillips Lane. Andrea Levere, president of CFED will be the keynote speaker. Info at 584-6858.
- ★ **Jobs with Justice Solidarity Celebration**, May 12, 5-7 p.m., IBEW, 4315 Preston Hwy, with keynote speaker Fred Azcarate, director of AFL-CIO's Voice at Work.
- ★ **Election Day** – May 22, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Remember to VOTE!
- ★ **Louisville Youth Group** – support and social group for LGBTQ youth 14 – 21, weekly meetings. Call 499-4427.
- ★ **Sienna** – Transgender support and social monthly meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 7 p.m. Call 346-5298 for information.
- ★ **PFLAG** – Louisville - Monthly meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 3 p.m., 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran Church, 417 E. Broadway. Call 329-0229 for information.



## Derby Bash to Benefit Fairness

Mark England RE/MAX cordially invites you and your guests to Derby Bash V to benefit the Fairness Campaign. The Derby night party will be held Saturday, May 5, 2007 from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Mellwood Arts and Entertainment Center, 1860 Mellwood Avenue.

For the minimum donation of \$30 at the door, guests will enjoy an OPEN BAR and the music of DJ Tim Padgett.

Special thanks goes to sponsors Mark England Re/Max and Knob Creek whose generous support will allow 100% of your contribution to go directly to support the work of the Fairness Campaign.

To view your party invitation or for more information, see the Derby Bash link at [www.louisvillegayinfo.com](http://www.louisvillegayinfo.com). To secure your advance admission, use the PayPal "Make a Donation" button at the Derby Bash site.

## CFAIR Endorsement

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may find additional information and daily updates on the campaign at [www.miller-maze.com](http://www.miller-maze.com).

CFAIR's endorsement of Miller-Maze validates the years of successful work by Fairness voters and volunteers for candidates. The energy, financial contributions and votes that Fairness constituents have brought to Louisville and Jefferson County elections now can make an impact across the Commonwealth. **CFAIR encourages you to volunteer for, contribute to and vote for Miller-Maze** in the May 22, 2007 Democratic primary for governor and lieutenant governor.

## Facing Race: Define Justice, Make Change

Eight organizers from local social justice organizations traveled to New York City to attend the Facing Race National Conference sponsored by the Applied Research Center and the Center for Humanities, at City University New York (CUNY) Graduate Center in late March.

Among those organizations represented were Jobs with Justice, Kentuckians For The Commonwealth, Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, Anne Braden Institute for Social Justice Research at U of L, and the staff of the Fairness Campaign. There were also policymakers, advocates, journalists, researchers, and organizers from across the nation.

The Fairness Campaign's core values state that "we believe that dismantling racism is central to our work." Advancing racial justice is not only an idea we share; it is a mission to change the rules so that privileges and punishments are not based on hatred and fear. It is because of this core value that we are intentional about educating our local community's leaders so they may better engage and dialogue with our community about the deep affects of racism.

Phoenix Lindsey-Hall, volunteer coordinator at the Fairness Campaign said this of the experience. "Racism is a chameleon. It adapts to each era and generation in a different way. Today's racism is subtle and largely unaddressed by the mainstream. As activists we must be flexible enough to seek out and dismantle racism wherever it hides. Conferences such as Facing Race give attendees an opportunity to practice and hone these skills."

The Fairness Campaign is serious about anti-racist work and is inviting you to continue to challenge yourself around issues of power and privilege as well. We are currently in conversation about what next steps are. Perhaps there will be a training or community dialogues. We would love your input! How do you think LGBTQ people and allies would best be served so we can build a stronger anti-racist community and city? Please stay posted as we continue to explore meaningful ways to act upon our core value of dismantling racism, and check out [www.colorlines.com](http://www.colorlines.com) and [www.arc.org](http://www.arc.org) to learn more about steps we can all take to combat racism.

## Media Training with GLAAD

Your story is your most powerful tool for helping to build a fair Kentucky. Learn how to tell it effectively, not just to reporters but also to your neighbors, co-workers, family and friends. The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) will present Media Essentials Training in Lexington and Louisville in April. The training will provide tools for developing your personal message to the media, building relationships with journalists, and conducting interviews with print, radio and TV reporters.

The workshop is interactive and will include a copy of the workshop outlining essential media strategies. GLAAD Southern Media Strategist Alex Shoor will facilitate the training.

On Saturday, April 21 from 1 to 5 p.m. Kentucky Fairness Alliance will co-host the training at their headquarters in Lexington at 431 S. Broadway, Suite 332.

On Sunday, April 22 from 1 to 5 p.m. the Fairness Campaign will co-host the training in Louisville at Central Presbyterian Church, 318 W. Kentucky Street.

The training is offered free of charge, but is limited to 30 participants for each location and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. If you'd like to attend either training session, please RSVP via e-mail to [shoor@glaad.org](mailto:shoor@glaad.org).

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Another clear victory from this session is the renewed strong working relationship between the Jefferson County based Fairness Campaign and the statewide Kentucky Fairness Alliance. Together these organizations planned and executed the largest statewide lobby day for Fairness in Kentucky, as well as working together in Frankfort day to day. A big thank you goes out to Fairness supporters all across the Commonwealth for all of their hard work and diligence.

So take a collective sigh of relief but remember that it is because of hard work and dedication that we can rejoice together. To ensure a brighter future for Fairness in Kentucky and to keep this energy from the legislative session alive, get involved with the Fairness political action committee, CFAIR – Committee for Fairness and Individual Rights. CFAIR works to interview, endorse and elect progressive, pro-Fairness candidates for public office. To get involved please call the office.

# Coordinating Committee Adds New Members

The Fairness Campaign's Coordinating Committee is pleased to report the addition of six new board members – Jaison Gardner, Lauren Heberle, Cyd Iyun, Mike Slaton, Dorene Stein and Nick Wilkerson. The new members of the Coordinating Committee, the leadership body that guides and directs the work of Fairness, have been participating in the strategic planning process over the last several months. Each member will take an active role in promoting and supporting the Campaign's mission and provide leadership for various committees, community building projects and special events. If you have questions, comments or concerns about the Campaign, please contact any member of the Coordinating Committee that also includes: Michael Aldridge, Aletha Fields, Darnell Johnson, Terry Mickler, K.A. Owens, Jeff Rodgers. We're always eager to hear ideas from Fairness supporters across the community.

Jaison A. Gardner is a third year student at the University of Louisville where he is preparing for a career in broadcast journalism. Previously a health education specialist in HIV prevention at the Lincoln Foundation, Jaison enjoys spending his free time developing positive and enriching social and education for the urban LGBT community. Jaison has been an avid social justice activist for more than a decade and has served on the board of directors of several local and national progressive projects and organizations including commonGround at U of L, the Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (SMYAL) in Washington, DC and the National Network for Youth. Delighted to join the FCCC, Jaison firmly believes that a threat to justice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

Lauren C. Heberle is a professor at UofL in Urban and Public Affairs working on environmental policy, environmental justice, community and economic development, and social movements. She has been involved with Fairness in one form or another between having two children since 1998. Lauren is committed to working toward justice for all and sees Fairness as a unique organization that recognizes that the intersections of oppression and inequality operate in a complex manner that need to be addressed in the form of coalition building. "I am honored to serve on the FCCC and hope to contribute to lasting social change."

Cyd Iyun has worked with the community outreach ministry at West Broadway Methodist Church. She's a seamstress who thanks her daughter for first getting her involved in the work for peace and justice. She noted her admiration for Fairness' work to challenge society that excludes a person that is different. She embraces differences in our community saying "being open to many has made me a better human being."

Mike Slaton is a graduate of the University of Louisville. He was a founding member of C-SAW (Citizens Standing Against War) and has been an active member/volunteer/supporter of several local peace and justice organizations over the years, including the Louisville Peace Action Community, the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist & Political Repression, Citizens Against Police Abuse, and the Young Democratic Socialists. When not leading chants, Mike is an active member of Louisville's theater community. Mike says, "Working for justice is a simple choice; all it takes is to reject fear, apathy, and hatred and to envision an inclusive world in which all people are free to live their lives with dignity. That world is not only possible, it is essential. I am honored to be a part of continuing Fairness's strong tradition of brave, thoughtful work towards this goal."

Dorene Stein is a retired Licensed Clinical Social Worker. She's married with two children, three grandgirls, two step-sons. Dorene regularly lobbies for Fairness in Frankfort. She noted, "The life and passing of my brother, Jack, inspires and empowers me to create a world where the LGBT community is embraced and celebrated."

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# Coordinating Committee

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Nick Wilkerson has a long history of working for LGBT rights in Louisville. He was a leader of GLHRC that lobbied the Human Relations Commission in the 80's to support local anti-discrimination legislation. Nick is a long-term supporter of the Fairness Campaign who has served on the board of CFAIR for many years. He also serves on several other boards including Kentucky Fairness Alliance and Pandora Productions. Nick is also an elder at Central Presbyterian Church.

If you would be interested in serving as a leader on the Coordinating Committee or taking on a Fairness project or committee assignment, please contact Darnell Johnson at the Fairness office – 893-0788.

# Staff Transition

The Fairness Campaign would like to wish Phoenix Lindsey-Hall our best as she moves forward to pursue and advance new personal and career goals. Last year, Phoenix joined the staff of the Fairness Campaign and successfully led us through the 2006 and 2007 legislative sessions, was an incredible special projects leader, and trained and encouraged our wonderful team of volunteers. Fairness has certainly enjoyed Phoenix's tremendous energy and talent, diversity of thought, insightful leadership and creativity. Phoenix will, without a doubt, be an incredible addition to any team in the future. The Fairness Campaign wishes Phoenix well as this great transition in made. Best wishes, Phoenix! With gratitude, your friends at the Fairness Campaign.

# Website Goes Under the Knife!

As Fairness works toward becoming more relevant and responsive to you, you will notice that in the coming weeks (and maybe months) our website will be undergoing an extreme makeover. We'll try to keep it as painless as possible and we promise our new look will be FLAWLESS! If you have any ideas for our new and improved look – or if you want to lend us *your* cyber skills — please drop us a note at [fairness@fairness.org](mailto:fairness@fairness.org) or call the office.





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## Join Us! Membership Makes a Difference

As if we needed reminding, the anti-gay attacks in this year's legislative session in Frankfort reinforced an essential element of our mission – to win full equality we must continue to build and grow the number of Kentuckians who will speak out for Fairness and justice. To do this, the Fairness Campaign needs you!

By renewing your membership in the Fairness Campaign and committing once more to join in the grassroots, community education work that has brought our community so far, we will defeat the anti-gay attacks and propel a progressive justice agenda forward.

By renewing your membership, you'll strengthen efforts to organize and train citizen lobbyists to advocate for a statewide Fairness law, aid and support victims of discrimination, provide speakers and myth-busting materials to religious and civic groups, identify and mobilize more progressive voters and build a stronger LGBT community.

Will you help us continue this struggle for equality by renewing your membership with the Fairness Campaign today? Would you consider joining at the Friends Circle level of \$75 or more? Every gift that's made, every action you take will help build a fairer Kentucky for all. Thank you!

### Get Involved in Your Fairness Community!

As we enter into spring and then summer, we have a lot of events and volunteer opportunities. Please check all that interest you below and send it back to the office. We will reach out to you when events near.

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