

# ***Friends of Nat Bates***

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*Dear Friend and Supporter,*

*The City of Richmond is facing a crucial period in history where the council is being reduced from nine to seven members. There is also an attempt to gain control of the council by Mayor Gale McLaughlin together with Councilman Tom Butt who has stated in his email his intent to defeat me at the November election. In working with the mayor during the past two years, I have observed her strong dislike for big business. She has a no growth philosophy and want as much land designated for open space with little regards for economic development that create jobs and tax revenue for city services. That is one reason why this election is so important to the community.*

*Enclosed is a revised schedule in respect to the National Democratic Party Convention in Denver Colorado. I apologize for the changes but we forgot about this important conference in which many of you want to watch.*

*We have an exciting campaign planned and hope each of you can participate in some way. For those who have other commitments on the two dates, we have a headquarters located at 2544 Macdonald Avenue and we hope you will drop by, say hello and give us a hand in the campaign.*

*Thanks very much for your support over the years and I trust my voting record and accomplishments in working for the entire city is worthy of your continued support.*

*Respectfully,*



*Nathaniel Bates*

*P.S. Several of you have previously contributed to the campaign and have indicated a desire to attend one or both of the dinners. For those who have not, please be aware your contributions at your direction will be credited and applied to the dinner or dinners of your choice. However, you need to confirm your selection by calling 510-235-7044 or by visiting the headquarters after opening day September 1, 2008.*

*Thank You!!!!*