



Candidates so far get \$316,493 in city funds

Kim top money-raiser
among rivals for supe

BY MARK HEDIN

MONEY, as they sang in “Cabaret,” makes the world go ‘round. Certainly, it’s so in politics, where the city of San Francisco has given more than \$1 million to 22 candidates for the four Board of Supervisors seats up for grabs Nov. 2.

Of the 14 candidates vying for the District 6 seat, however, nearly half are feeding from the public trough. Nonetheless, it appears the pack — with the city’s help — may spend as much as three-quarters of a million just in the battle for Chris Daly’s office.

Jane Kim, Theresa Sparks, Jim Meko, Debra Walker, James Keys and Elaine Zamora have collected \$316,493 in matching funds from the city — about a third of the total — approved by the Ethics Commission, for their respective campaigns. A seventh candidate, Matt Drake, was turned away by the Ethics Commission because he had not filed the necessary documents by the Aug. 2 deadline.

**“The city
had disbursed
\$1,007,487 to
22 candidates
as of
Sept 28.”**

Ethics
Commission

To qualify for that public money, the six candidates raised a total just north of \$132,000. Disclosure documents filed with the Ethics Commission reveal approximately another \$105,000 in those candidates’ war chests. Four other candidates, Drake, Nate Payne, Dean Clark and Glendon “Anna Conda” Hyde, report a total of almost \$27,000 raised among them. Add to this that these disclosure documents, by and large, date back to June 30, well before the heat of the campaign, and that the latest figures are still being gathered

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Jane Kim (center), Debra Walker (right) and Theresa Sparks rank 2, 3 and 4 citywide in public funding.

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Popular,
needed, often
poorly run

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TENDERLOIN MOMENT



PHOTO BY TOM CARTER

A fireman reaches out to the man seated atop a seven-story building on Eddy Street. He sat there for 7½ hours, with police and firefighters on hand, before coming down safely.

Man on the roof

Third time he
has climbed a
building under
construction

BY TOM CARTER

HE was perched on a ledge a few feet below the roof of the Eddy Street Apartments across from Boeddeker Park, sitting sideways, facing east, looking comfortable like he was taking in the view. A fireman from 3 feet above talked to him, reaching down to offer his hand as a way up to the roof and safety.

The street between Jones and Taylor was cordoned off. Tenderloin police Capt. Joe Garrity and a contingent of cops and firefighters were gathered near the Eddy-Jones intersection on one side of the cops’ yellow tape. A small crowd, including Rev. Cecil Williams, pastor of Glide Methodist Church, was on the other side.

The man got up there about 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 3. The TNDC-owned, seven-story building at 249 Eddy St. is under construction and has a huge gray curtain hanging across the front.

“He just walked right in and past the workmen and took the elevator to the top,” said Garrity.

Early on, people in Boeddeker Park jeered at him and some yelled for him to jump. But the man just sat, ignoring them as well as the people trying to save him.

Jumping suicides are pretty rare. The

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says they comprise only 2% of suicides nationwide, based on records from 1999 to 2007.

Eighteen Fire Department personnel were on hand at varying hours. But a battalion chief, a lieutenant, a paramedic, an emergency medical technician and four others were there the longest, 7½ hours, right up until the man came down around 7 p.m.

“He came down because he got cold,” said Garrity.

The Fire Department estimates the cost of staff time at \$6,587. The personnel would have been working anyway, but on other duties. The standby ambulance is one of 18, on average, ready daily.

It was the department’s 23rd response this year to jumpers and would-be jumpers in the city. That number, with three months to go in 2010, could reverse a three-year decline of these incidents. The department was called for 32 jumpers or would-bes in 2007, dropping to 27 in ‘08, and 25 last year.

“It’s the third time he’s done it,” Garrity said of the man on the roof. “Once at U.C. Hastings garage about a year ago and once on Harrison Street about two years ago. He picks construction sites. He needs some follow-up.”

Capt. Gary Jimenez, who headed the TL station a year ago, remembers being summoned from home to the garage being built. The man had climbed the scaffolding to the roof and threatened to jump. Jimenez said he was talked down after four hours and taken to “a mental facility.”

“This tied up at least a dozen officers as it required blocking off traffic and posting off other areas,” Jimenez said in an email.

Garrity referred other questions to SFPD

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