

**Debra Shore holds re-election fundraiser**

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Judge Mary Trew, Brad Trowbridge, Brett Adams



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On the day that "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT) officially ended (Sept. 20), openly lesbian Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioner Debra Shore held a fundraiser focusing on the LGBT community. About 50 people attended the event at Hop Haus to hear Shore's re-election campaign plans and her vision for the future.

Ald. Tom Tunney introduced Shore, saying, "There is no better person with the knowledge, passion and desire to serve than Debra."

Shore thanked everyone and said, "In the 21st century we have a chance to change the culture and think about rain as a resource and not just a problem, try to capture rain where it falls instead of hustling it into the sewers, where it gets contaminated and sent down to the Gulf of Mexico."

Just moments after Shore spoke a surprise guest arrived: Iraqi war veteran Major Tammy Duckworth (who is running for Congress as a Democrat in the newly formed 8th District). Duckworth was there to show her support and tell the crowd how happy she was DADT had ended.

To get on the ballot Shore needs a minimum of 5,600 names; however, she is hoping to get 15,000 people to sign the petition and still needs the Democratic Party's endorsement. Tunney assured Shore that she would be getting that endorsement Oct. 6. Also, their campaign wants to raise \$350,000, having already raised \$150,000.

For more information on Shore and her campaign visit <http://www.debrashore.org> . See pics online at <http://www.WindyCityMediaGroup.com> .