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Billy's manager Robert & Casper @ Billy's



Sophia & Remy @ Billy's



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Billy Warr back @ 4 Seasons serving up Super Bowl brats



Billy's mgr. Robert & Steve @ 4 Seasons Super Bowl Sunday



4 Seasons Super Bowl Sunday bartenders Jerome & Chuck



BEAT IT's Bryan & Larry @ 4 Seasons Super Bowl Sunday



4 Seasons mgr. Mike welcomes patrons to Super Bowl Sunday



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Cricket & LA James @ Cutter's Super Bowl Sunday



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Bar Baron Toby, Amber Stone & DJ Eddie @ Club LAX Icons show



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commentary

LGBT National Leadership, Politic's 101

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Unfortunately, many so-called political leaders and journalists in our community seem to not understand the political system, but insist on commenting on it anyway. That alone would be OK, but when viewed by veteran politicians of the opposition (read: conservatives), it gives them the belief that we'll never accomplish our goals. And gives them a roadmap to block our attempts at equality — especially if we are fighting each other. We need to start that dialogue internally.

The first step is making it clear what our priorities are. In the run up to the 2010 election, it was pretty clear: the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," with a minor on marriage equality, and that was blurred by which road to take — repeal of the infamous Defense of Marriage Act in Congress or through the courts. The latter was confused by various lawsuits and tactics: the California Proposition 8 case working its way through the courts, the lawsuit brought by the Massachusetts Attorney General or pressuring the U.S. Attorney General to stop supporting DOMA.

That last one gives a major political clue. DOMA is by far the hardest fight we have on our hands. There's an old line that comes to mind here: Choose your battles carefully. Additionally, we need a strategy. But stating a strategy means leadership and, in that regard, our community seems to be lost between those who know how to work the system but are afraid to offend the other camp. That other camp's stance is that we deserve equality now and demand it, but have little knowledge of the political system and are willing to attack the other side. Of course, both sides take credit for the repeal of the military ban. The reality was that it was using the political system that got it done, and fast maneuvering by the administration that won the day.

So what's next on our road to equal-

ity? Again, we are all over the map. Here's the simple fact. Marriage equality, no matter what we do, will be won in the courts. It will eventually be won or lost in the Supreme Court. You can support that fight by supporting the organizations that understand that system, namely Lambda Legal and American Foundation for Equal Rights. But it's not an in-the-streets, chaining-yourself act. So masses here won't help move that along. It will move at its own speed and, honestly, do we want to go before this court?

The answer lies with those who know the system. Asking a politician who has to run for office his or her position is a waste of a question and time — both theirs and ours. Unless you're in a state or city that has lots of

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