

**Danforth to address gay GOP group** (9:30 a.m., July 14)  
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Former Sen. John C. Danforth is continuing to wade into the region's touchy political waters. He's agreed to speak before the Log Cabin Republicans at their next meeting on Aug. 25.

Local chapter president Charles Stadtlander said it will be a luncheon event. Some national leaders of the group, which represents gay Republicans, are expected to fly in to hear Danforth's address, Stadtlander added.

"I believe Sen. Danforth is the much needed voice of reason within the Republican Party," Stadtlander said. "He stands for limited government, but not intruding into people's lives."

Danforth, who retired from the U.S. Senate in 1995, is the latest in a string of state and local Republicans who have agreed to address the Log Cabin group at a time when gay rights has become a major point of controversy in the state. In fact, Stadtlander said that the group now "is booked up" for speakers