

# Exhibit A

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

KRISTIN M PERRY, SANDRA B STIER,  
PAUL T KATAMI and JEFFREY J  
ZARRILLO,

Plaintiffs,

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO,

Plaintiff-Intervenor,

v

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, in his  
official capacity as Governor of  
California; EDMUND G BROWN JR, in  
his official capacity as Attorney  
General of California; MARK B  
HORTON, in his official capacity  
as Director of the California  
Department of Public Health and  
State Registrar of Vital  
Statistics; LINETTE SCOTT, in her  
official capacity as Deputy  
Director of Health Information &  
Strategic Planning for the  
California Department of Public  
Health; PATRICK O'CONNELL, in his  
official capacity as Clerk-  
Recorder of the County of  
Alameda; and DEAN C LOGAN, in his  
official capacity as Registrar-  
Recorder/County Clerk for the  
County of Los Angeles,

Defendants,

DENNIS HOLLINGSWORTH, GAIL J  
KNIGHT, MARTIN F GUTIERREZ, HAK-  
SHING WILLIAM TAM, MARK A  
JANSSON and PROTECTMARRIAGE.COM -  
YES ON 8, A PROJECT OF CALIFORNIA  
RENEWAL, as official proponents  
of Proposition 8,

Defendant-Intervenors.

No C 09-2292 VRW

PRETRIAL PROCEEDINGS AND  
TRIAL EVIDENCE



CREDIBILITY DETERMINATIONS



FINDINGS OF FACT



CONCLUSIONS OF LAW



ORDER

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1 Plaintiffs challenge a November 2008 voter-enacted  
2 amendment to the California Constitution ("Proposition 8" or "Prop  
3 8"). Cal Const Art I, § 7.5. In its entirety, Proposition 8  
4 provides: "Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or  
5 recognized in California." Plaintiffs allege that Proposition 8  
6 deprives them of due process and of equal protection of the laws  
7 contrary to the Fourteenth Amendment and that its enforcement by  
8 state officials violates 42 USC § 1983.

9 Plaintiffs are two couples. Kristin Perry and Sandra  
10 Stier reside in Berkeley, California and raise four children  
11 together. Jeffrey Zarrillo and Paul Katami reside in Burbank,  
12 California. Plaintiffs seek to marry their partners and have been  
13 denied marriage licenses by their respective county authorities on  
14 the basis of Proposition 8. No party contended, and no evidence at  
15 trial suggested, that the county authorities had any ground to deny  
16 marriage licenses to plaintiffs other than Proposition 8.

17 Having considered the trial evidence and the arguments of  
18 counsel, the court pursuant to FRCP 52(a) finds that Proposition 8  
19 is unconstitutional and that its enforcement must be enjoined.  
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#### 21 BACKGROUND TO PROPOSITION 8

22 In November 2000, the voters of California adopted  
23 Proposition 22 through the state's initiative process. Entitled  
24 the California Defense of Marriage Act, Proposition 22 amended the  
25 state's Family Code by adding the following language: "Only  
26 marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in  
27 California." Cal Family Code § 308.5. This amendment further  
28 codified the existing definition of marriage as "a relationship

1 between a man and a woman." In re Marriage Cases, 183 P3d 384, 407  
2 (Cal 2008).

3 In February 2004, the mayor of San Francisco instructed  
4 county officials to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples.  
5 The following month, the California Supreme Court ordered San  
6 Francisco to stop issuing such licenses and later nullified the  
7 marriage licenses that same-sex couples had received. See Lockyer  
8 v City & County of San Francisco, 95 P3d 459 (Cal 2004). The court  
9 expressly avoided addressing whether Proposition 22 violated the  
10 California Constitution.

11 Shortly thereafter, San Francisco and various other  
12 parties filed state court actions challenging or defending  
13 California's exclusion of same-sex couples from marriage under the  
14 state constitution. These actions were consolidated in San  
15 Francisco superior court; the presiding judge determined that, as a  
16 matter of law, California's bar against marriage by same-sex  
17 couples violated the equal protection guarantee of Article I  
18 Section 7 of the California Constitution. In re Coordination  
19 Proceeding, Special Title [Rule 1550(c)], 2005 WL 583129 (March 14,  
20 2005). The court of appeal reversed, and the California Supreme  
21 Court granted review. In May 2008, the California Supreme Court  
22 invalidated Proposition 22 and held that all California counties  
23 were required to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. See  
24 In re Marriage Cases, 189 P3d 384. From June 17, 2008 until the  
25 passage of Proposition 8 in November of that year, San Francisco  
26 and other California counties issued approximately 18,000 marriage  
27 licenses to same-sex couples.

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1           After the November 2008 election, opponents of  
2 Proposition 8 challenged the initiative through an original writ of  
3 mandate in the California Supreme Court as violating the rules for  
4 amending the California Constitution and on other grounds; the  
5 California Supreme Court upheld Proposition 8 against those  
6 challenges. Strauss v Horton, 207 P3d 48 (Cal 2009). Strauss  
7 leaves undisturbed the 18,000 marriages of same-sex couples  
8 performed in the four and a half months between the decision in In  
9 re Marriage Cases and the passage of Proposition 8. Since  
10 Proposition 8 passed, no same-sex couple has been permitted to  
11 marry in California.

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13 PROCEDURAL HISTORY OF THIS ACTION

14           Plaintiffs challenge the constitutionality of Proposition  
15 8 under the Fourteenth Amendment, an issue not raised during any  
16 prior state court proceeding. Plaintiffs filed their complaint on  
17 May 22, 2009, naming as defendants in their official capacities  
18 California's Governor, Attorney General and Director and Deputy  
19 Director of Public Health and the Alameda County Clerk-Recorder and  
20 the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk  
21 (collectively "the government defendants"). Doc #1. With the  
22 exception of the Attorney General, who concedes that Proposition 8  
23 is unconstitutional, Doc #39, the government defendants refused to  
24 take a position on the merits of plaintiffs' claims and declined to  
25 defend Proposition 8. Doc #42 (Alameda County), Doc #41 (Los  
26 Angeles County), Doc #46 (Governor and Department of Public Health  
27 officials).

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1 Defendant-intervenors, the official proponents of  
2 Proposition 8 under California election law ("proponents"), were  
3 granted leave in July 2009 to intervene to defend the  
4 constitutionality of Proposition 8. Doc #76. On January 8, 2010,  
5 Hak-Shing William Tam, an official proponent and defendant-  
6 intervenor, moved to withdraw as a defendant, Doc #369; Tam's  
7 motion is denied for the reasons stated in a separate order filed  
8 herewith. Plaintiff-intervenor City and County of San Francisco  
9 ("CCSF" or "San Francisco") was granted leave to intervene in  
10 August 2009. Doc #160 (minute entry).

11 The court denied plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary  
12 injunction on July 2, 2009, Doc #77 (minute entry), and denied  
13 proponents' motion for summary judgment on October 14, 2009, Doc  
14 #226 (minute entry). Proponents moved to realign the Attorney  
15 General as a plaintiff; the motion was denied on December 23, 2009,  
16 Doc #319. Imperial County, a political subdivision of California,  
17 sought to intervene as a party defendant on December 15, 2009, Doc  
18 #311; the motion is denied for the reasons addressed in a separate  
19 order filed herewith.

20 The parties disputed the factual premises underlying  
21 plaintiffs' claims and the court set the matter for trial. The  
22 action was tried to the court January 11-27, 2010. The trial  
23 proceedings were recorded and used by the court in preparing the  
24 findings of fact and conclusions of law; the clerk is now DIRECTED  
25 to file the trial recording under seal as part of the record. The  
26 parties may retain their copies of the trial recording pursuant to  
27 the terms of the protective order herein, see Doc #672.

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1 Proponents' motion to order the copies' return, Doc #698, is  
2 accordingly DENIED.

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4 PLAINTIFFS' CASE AGAINST PROPOSITION 8

5 The Due Process Clause provides that no "State [shall]  
6 deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due  
7 process of law." US Const Amend XIV, § 1. Plaintiffs contend that  
8 the freedom to marry the person of one's choice is a fundamental  
9 right protected by the Due Process Clause and that Proposition 8  
10 violates this fundamental right because:

- 11 1. It prevents each plaintiff from marrying the person of  
12 his or her choice;
- 13 2. The choice of a marriage partner is sheltered by the  
14 Fourteenth Amendment from the state's unwarranted  
15 usurpation of that choice; and
- 16 3. California's provision of a domestic partnership — a  
17 status giving same-sex couples the rights and  
18 responsibilities of marriage without providing marriage  
19 — does not afford plaintiffs an adequate substitute for  
20 marriage and, by disabling plaintiffs from marrying the  
21 person of their choice, invidiously discriminates,  
22 without justification, against plaintiffs and others who  
23 seek to marry a person of the same sex.

24 The Equal Protection Clause provides that no state shall  
25 "deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of  
26 the laws." US Const Amend XIV, § 1. According to plaintiffs,  
27 Proposition 8 violates the Equal Protection Clause because it:

- 28 1. Discriminates against gay men and lesbians by denying  
them a right to marry the person of their choice whereas  
heterosexual men and women may do so freely; and
2. Disadvantages a suspect class in preventing only gay men  
and lesbians, not heterosexuals, from marrying.

Plaintiffs argue that Proposition 8 should be subjected to  
heightened scrutiny under the Equal Protection Clause because gays



1 and lesbians constitute a suspect class. Plaintiffs further  
2 contend that Proposition 8 is irrational because it singles out  
3 gays and lesbians for unequal treatment, as they and they alone may  
4 not marry the person of their choice. Plaintiffs argue that  
5 Proposition 8 discriminates against gays and lesbians on the basis  
6 of both sexual orientation and sex.

7 Plaintiffs conclude that because Proposition 8 is  
8 enforced by state officials acting under color of state law and  
9 because it has the effects plaintiffs assert, Proposition 8 is  
10 actionable under 42 USC § 1983. Plaintiffs seek a declaration that  
11 Proposition 8 is invalid and an injunction against its enforcement.

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13 PROponents' DEFENSE OF PROPOSITION 8

14 Proponents organized the official campaign to pass  
15 Proposition 8, known as ProtectMarriage.com — Yes on 8, a Project  
16 of California Renewal ("Protect Marriage"). Proponents formed and  
17 managed the Protect Marriage campaign and ensured its efforts to  
18 pass Proposition 8 complied with California election law. See FF  
19 13-17 below. After orchestrating the successful Proposition 8  
20 campaign, proponents intervened in this lawsuit and provided a  
21 vigorous defense of the constitutionality of Proposition 8.

22 The ballot argument submitted to the voters summarizes  
23 proponents' arguments in favor of Proposition 8 during the 2008  
24 campaign. The argument states:

25 Proposition 8 is simple and straightforward. \* \* \*  
26 Proposition 8 is about preserving marriage; it's not an attack  
27 on the gay lifestyle. \* \* \* It protects our children from  
28 being taught in public schools that "same-sex marriage" is the  
same as traditional marriage. \* \* \* While death, divorce, or  
other circumstances may prevent the ideal, the best situation  
for a child is to be raised by a married mother and father.

1 \* \* \* If the gay marriage ruling [of the California Supreme  
2 Court] is not overturned, TEACHERS COULD BE REQUIRED to teach  
3 young children there is no difference between gay marriage and  
4 traditional marriage.

5 We should not accept a court decision that may  
6 result in public schools teaching our own kids that gay  
7 marriage is ok. \* \* \* [W]hile gays have the right to their  
8 private lives, they do not have the right to redefine marriage  
9 for everyone else.

10 PX0001<sup>1</sup> California Voter Information Guide, California General  
11 Election, Tuesday, November 4, 2008 at PM 003365 (emphasis in  
12 original).

13 In addition to the ballot arguments, the Proposition 8  
14 campaign presented to the voters of California a multitude of  
15 television, radio and internet-based advertisements and messages.  
16 The advertisements conveyed to voters that same-sex relationships  
17 are inferior to opposite-sex relationships and dangerous to  
18 children. See FF 79-80 below. The key premises on which  
19 Proposition 8 was presented to the voters thus appear to be the  
20 following:

- 21 1. Denial of marriage to same-sex couples preserves  
22 marriage;
- 23 2. Denial of marriage to same-sex couples allows gays and  
24 lesbians to live privately without requiring others,  
25 including (perhaps especially) children, to recognize or  
26 acknowledge the existence of same-sex couples;
- 27 3. Denial of marriage to same-sex couples protects children;
- 28 4. The ideal child-rearing environment requires one male  
parent and one female parent;
5. Marriage is different in nature depending on the sex of  
the spouses, and an opposite-sex couple's marriage is  
superior to a same-sex couple's marriage; and
6. Same-sex couples' marriages redefine opposite-sex  
couples' marriages.

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<sup>1</sup> All cited evidence is available at <http://ecf.cand.uscourts.gov/cand/09cv2292>

1           A state's interest in an enactment must of course be  
2 secular in nature. The state does not have an interest in  
3 enforcing private moral or religious beliefs without an  
4 accompanying secular purpose. See Lawrence v Texas, 539 US 558,  
5 571 (2003); see also Everson v Board of Education of Ewing  
6 Township, 330 US 1, 15 (1947).

7           Perhaps recognizing that Proposition 8 must advance a  
8 secular purpose to be constitutional, proponents abandoned previous  
9 arguments from the campaign that had asserted the moral superiority  
10 of opposite-sex couples. Instead, in this litigation, proponents  
11 asserted that Proposition 8:

- 12           1. Maintains California's definition of marriage as  
13           excluding same-sex couples;
- 14           2. Affirms the will of California citizens to exclude same-  
15           sex couples from marriage;
- 16           3. Promotes stability in relationships between a man and a  
17           woman because they naturally (and at times  
18           unintentionally) produce children; and
- 19           4. Promotes "statistically optimal" child-rearing  
20           households; that is, households in which children are  
21           raised by a man and a woman married to each other.

22 Doc #8 at 17-18.

23           While proponents vigorously defended the  
24 constitutionality of Proposition 8, they did so based on legal  
25 conclusions and cross-examinations of some of plaintiffs'  
26 witnesses, eschewing all but a rather limited factual presentation.

27           Proponents argued that Proposition 8 should be evaluated  
28 solely by considering its language and its consistency with the  
"central purpose of marriage, in California and everywhere else,  
\* \* \* to promote naturally procreative sexual relationships and to  
channel them into stable, enduring unions for the sake of producing

1 and raising the next generation." Doc #172-1 at 21. Proponents  
2 asserted that marriage for same-sex couples is not implicit in the  
3 concept of ordered liberty and thus its denial does not deprive  
4 persons seeking such unions of due process. See generally Doc  
5 #172-1. Nor, proponents continued, does the exclusion of same-sex  
6 couples in California from marriage deny them equal protection  
7 because, among other reasons, California affords such couples a  
8 separate parallel institution under its domestic partnership  
9 statutes. Doc #172-1 at 75 et seq.

10 At oral argument on proponents' motion for summary  
11 judgment, the court posed to proponents' counsel the assumption  
12 that "the state's interest in marriage is procreative" and inquired  
13 how permitting same-sex marriage impairs or adversely affects that  
14 interest. Doc #228 at 21. Counsel replied that the inquiry was  
15 "not the legally relevant question," *id*, but when pressed for an  
16 answer, counsel replied: "Your honor, my answer is: I don't know.  
17 I don't know." *Id* at 23.

18 Despite this response, proponents in their trial brief  
19 promised to "demonstrate that redefining marriage to encompass  
20 same-sex relationships" would effect some twenty-three specific  
21 harmful consequences. Doc #295 at 13-14. At trial, however,  
22 proponents presented only one witness, David Blankenhorn, to  
23 address the government interest in marriage. Blankenhorn's  
24 testimony is addressed at length hereafter; suffice it to say that  
25 he provided no credible evidence to support any of the claimed  
26 adverse effects proponents promised to demonstrate. During closing  
27 arguments, proponents again focused on the contention that  
28 "responsible procreation is really at the heart of society's

1 interest in regulating marriage." Tr 3038:7-8. When asked to  
2 identify the evidence at trial that supported this contention,  
3 proponents' counsel replied, "you don't have to have evidence of  
4 this point." Tr 3037:25-3040:4.

5 Proponents' procreation argument, distilled to its  
6 essence, is as follows: the state has an interest in encouraging  
7 sexual activity between people of the opposite sex to occur in  
8 stable marriages because such sexual activity may lead to pregnancy  
9 and children, and the state has an interest in encouraging parents  
10 to raise children in stable households. Tr 3050:17-3051:10. The  
11 state therefore, the argument goes, has an interest in encouraging  
12 all opposite-sex sexual activity, whether responsible or  
13 irresponsible, procreative or otherwise, to occur within a stable  
14 marriage, as this encourages the development of a social norm that  
15 opposite-sex sexual activity should occur within marriage. Tr  
16 3053:10-24. Entrenchment of this norm increases the probability  
17 that procreation will occur within a marital union. Because same-  
18 sex couples' sexual activity does not lead to procreation,  
19 according to proponents the state has no interest in encouraging  
20 their sexual activity to occur within a stable marriage. Thus,  
21 according to proponents, the state's only interest is in opposite-  
22 sex sexual activity.

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24 TRIAL PROCEEDINGS AND SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

25 The parties' positions on the constitutionality of  
26 Proposition 8 raised significant disputed factual questions, and  
27 for the reasons the court explained in denying proponents' motion

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1 for summary judgment, Doc #228 at 72-91, the court set the matter  
2 for trial.

3           The parties were given a full opportunity to present  
4 evidence in support of their positions. They engaged in  
5 significant discovery, including third-party discovery, to build an  
6 evidentiary record. Both before and after trial, both in this  
7 court and in the court of appeals, the parties and third parties  
8 disputed the appropriate boundaries of discovery in an action  
9 challenging a voter-enacted initiative. See, for example, Doc  
10 ##187, 214, 237, 259, 372, 513.

11           Plaintiffs presented eight lay witnesses, including the  
12 four plaintiffs, and nine expert witnesses. Proponents'  
13 evidentiary presentation was dwarfed by that of plaintiffs.  
14 Proponents presented two expert witnesses and conducted lengthy and  
15 thorough cross-examinations of plaintiffs' expert witnesses but  
16 failed to build a credible factual record to support their claim  
17 that Proposition 8 served a legitimate government interest.

18           Although the evidence covered a range of issues, the  
19 direct and cross-examinations focused on the following broad  
20 questions:

21           **WHETHER ANY EVIDENCE SUPPORTS CALIFORNIA'S REFUSAL TO**  
22           **RECOGNIZE MARRIAGE BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE BECAUSE OF THEIR SEX;**  
23           **WHETHER ANY EVIDENCE SHOWS CALIFORNIA HAS AN INTEREST IN**  
24           **DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN SAME-SEX AND OPPOSITE-SEX UNIONS; and**  
25           **WHETHER THE EVIDENCE SHOWS PROPOSITION 8 ENACTED A PRIVATE**  
26           **MORAL VIEW WITHOUT ADVANCING A LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT INTEREST.**

27           Framed by these three questions and before detailing the  
28 court's credibility determinations and findings of fact, the court  
abridges the testimony at trial:

1            WHETHER ANY EVIDENCE SUPPORTS CALIFORNIA'S REFUSAL TO  
2            RECOGNIZE MARRIAGE BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE BECAUSE OF THEIR SEX

3            All four plaintiffs testified that they wished to marry  
4 their partners, and all four gave similar reasons. Zarrillo wishes  
5 to marry Katami because marriage has a "special meaning" that would  
6 alter their relationships with family and others. Zarrillo  
7 described daily struggles that arise because he is unable to marry  
8 Katami or refer to Katami as his husband. Tr 84:1-17. Zarrillo  
9 described an instance when he and Katami went to a bank to open a  
10 joint account, and "it was certainly an awkward situation walking  
11 to the bank and saying, 'My partner and I want to open a joint bank  
12 account,' and hearing, you know, 'Is it a business account? A  
13 partnership?' It would just be a lot easier to describe the  
14 situation — might not make it less awkward for those individuals,  
15 but it would make it — crystalize it more by being able to say  
16 \* \* \* 'My husband and I are here to open a bank account.'" Id. To  
17 Katami, marriage to Zarrillo would solidify their relationship and  
18 provide them the foundation they seek to raise a family together,  
19 explaining that for them, "the timeline has always been marriage  
20 first, before family." Tr 89:17-18.

21            Perry testified that marriage would provide her what she  
22 wants most in life: a stable relationship with Stier, the woman she  
23 loves and with whom she has built a life and a family. To Perry,  
24 marriage would provide access to the language to describe her  
25 relationship with Stier: "I'm a 45-year-old woman. I have been in  
26 love with a woman for 10 years and I don't have a word to tell  
27 anybody about that." Tr 154:20-23. Stier explained that marrying  
28 Perry would make them feel included "in the social fabric." Tr

1 175:22. Marriage would be a way to tell "our friends, our family,  
2 our society, our community, our parents \* \* \* and each other that  
3 this is a lifetime commitment \* \* \* we are not girlfriends. We are  
4 not partners. We are married." Tr 172:8-12.

5 Plaintiffs and proponents presented expert testimony on  
6 the meaning of marriage. Historian Nancy Cott testified about the  
7 public institution of marriage and the state's interest in  
8 recognizing and regulating marriages. Tr 185:9-13. She explained  
9 that marriage is "a couple's choice to live with each other, to  
10 remain committed to one another, and to form a household based on  
11 their own feelings about one another, and their agreement to join  
12 in an economic partnership and support one another in terms of the  
13 material needs of life." Tr 201:9-14. The state's primary purpose  
14 in regulating marriage is to create stable households. Tr 222:13-  
15 17.

16 Think tank founder David Blankenhorn testified that  
17 marriage is "a socially-approved sexual relationship between a man  
18 and a woman" with a primary purpose to "regulate filiation." Tr  
19 2742:9-10, 18. Blankenhorn testified that others hold to an  
20 alternative and, to Blankenhorn, conflicting definition of  
21 marriage: "a private adult commitment" that focuses on "the tender  
22 feelings that the spouses have for one another." Tr 2755:25-  
23 2756:1; 2756:10-2757:17; 2761:5-6. To Blankenhorn, marriage is  
24 either a socially approved sexual relationship between a man and a  
25 woman for the purpose of bearing and raising children who are  
26 biologically related to both spouses or a private relationship  
27 between two consenting adults.

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1 Cott explained that marriage as a social institution  
2 encompasses a socially approved sexual union and an affective  
3 relationship and, for the state, forms the basis of stable  
4 households and private support obligations.

5 Both Cott and Blankenhorn addressed marriage as a  
6 historical institution. Cott pointed to consistent historical  
7 features of marriage, including that civil law, as opposed to  
8 religious custom, has always been supreme in regulating and  
9 defining marriage in the United States, Tr 195:9-15, and that one's  
10 ability to consent to marriage is a basic civil right, Tr 202:2-5.  
11 Blankenhorn identified three rules of marriage (discussed further  
12 in the credibility determinations, section I below), which he  
13 testified have been consistent across cultures and times: (1) the  
14 rule of opposites (the "man/woman" rule); (2) the rule of two; and  
15 (3) the rule of sex. Tr 2879:17-25.

16 Cott identified historical changes in the institution of  
17 marriage, including the removal of race restrictions through court  
18 decisions and the elimination of coverture and other gender-based  
19 distinctions. Blankenhorn identified changes that to him signify  
20 the deinstitutionalization of marriage, including an increase in  
21 births outside of marriage and an increasing divorce rate.

22 Both Cott and Blankenhorn testified that California  
23 stands to benefit if it were to resume issuing marriage licenses to  
24 same-sex couples. Blankenhorn noted that marriage would benefit  
25 same-sex couples and their children, would reduce discrimination  
26 against gays and lesbians and would be "a victory for the worthy  
27 ideas of tolerance and inclusion." Tr 2850:12-13. Despite the  
28 multitude of benefits identified by Blankenhorn that would flow to

1 the state, to gays and lesbians and to American ideals were  
2 California to recognize same-sex marriage, Blankenhorn testified  
3 that the state should not recognize same-sex marriage. Blankenhorn  
4 reasoned that the benefits of same-sex marriage are not valuable  
5 enough because same-sex marriage could conceivably weaken marriage  
6 as an institution. Cott testified that the state would benefit  
7 from recognizing same-sex marriage because such marriages would  
8 provide "another resource for stability and social order." Tr  
9 252:19-23.

10           Psychologist Letitia Anne Peplau testified that couples  
11 benefit both physically and economically when they are married.  
12 Peplau testified that those benefits would accrue to same-sex as  
13 well as opposite-sex married couples. To Peplau, the desire of  
14 same-sex couples to marry illustrates the health of the institution  
15 of marriage and not, as Blankenhorn testified, the weakening of  
16 marriage. Economist Lee Badgett provided evidence that same-sex  
17 couples would benefit economically if they were able to marry and  
18 that same-sex marriage would have no adverse effect on the  
19 institution of marriage or on opposite-sex couples.

20           As explained in the credibility determinations, section I  
21 below, the court finds the testimony of Cott, Peplau and Badgett to  
22 support findings on the definition and purpose of civil marriage;  
23 the testimony of Blankenhorn is unreliable. The trial evidence  
24 provides no basis for establishing that California has an interest  
25 in refusing to recognize marriage between two people because of  
26 their sex.

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1            WHETHER ANY EVIDENCE SHOWS CALIFORNIA HAS AN INTEREST IN  
2            DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN SAME-SEX AND OPPOSITE-SEX UNIONS

3            Plaintiffs' experts testified that no meaningful  
4 differences exist between same-sex couples and opposite-sex  
5 couples. Blankenhorn identified one difference: some opposite-sex  
6 couples are capable of creating biological offspring of both  
7 spouses while same-sex couples are not.

8            Psychologist Gregory Herek defined sexual orientation as  
9 "an enduring sexual, romantic, or intensely affectional attraction  
10 to men, to women, or to both men and women. It's also used to  
11 refer to an identity or a sense of self that is based on one's  
12 enduring patterns of attraction. And it's also sometimes used to  
13 describe an enduring pattern of behavior." Tr 2025:5-11. Herek  
14 explained that homosexuality is a normal expression of human  
15 sexuality; the vast majority of gays and lesbians have little or no  
16 choice in their sexual orientation; and therapeutic efforts to  
17 change an individual's sexual orientation have not been shown to be  
18 effective and instead pose a risk of harm to the individual.  
19 Proponents did not present testimony to contradict Herek but  
20 instead questioned him on data showing that some individuals report  
21 fluidity in their sexual orientation. Herek responded that the  
22 data proponents presented does nothing to contradict his conclusion  
23 that the vast majority of people are consistent in their sexual  
24 orientation.

25            Peplau pointed to research showing that, despite  
26 stereotypes suggesting gays and lesbians are unable to form stable  
27 relationships, same-sex couples are in fact indistinguishable from  
28 opposite-sex couples in terms of relationship quality and

1 stability. Badgett testified that same-sex and opposite-sex  
2 couples are very similar in most economic and demographic respects.  
3 Peplau testified that the ability of same-sex couples to marry will  
4 have no bearing on whether opposite-sex couples choose to marry or  
5 divorce.

6 Social epidemiologist Ilan Meyer testified about the harm  
7 gays and lesbians have experienced because of Proposition 8. Meyer  
8 explained that Proposition 8 stigmatizes gays and lesbians because  
9 it informs gays and lesbians that the State of California rejects  
10 their relationships as less valuable than opposite-sex  
11 relationships. Proposition 8 also provides state endorsement of  
12 private discrimination. According to Meyer, Proposition 8  
13 increases the likelihood of negative mental and physical health  
14 outcomes for gays and lesbians.

15 Psychologist Michael Lamb testified that all available  
16 evidence shows that children raised by gay or lesbian parents are  
17 just as likely to be well-adjusted as children raised by  
18 heterosexual parents and that the gender of a parent is immaterial  
19 to whether an adult is a good parent. When proponents challenged  
20 Lamb with studies purporting to show that married parents provide  
21 the ideal child-rearing environment, Lamb countered that studies on  
22 child-rearing typically compare married opposite-sex parents to  
23 single parents or step-families and have no bearing on families  
24 headed by same-sex couples. Lamb testified that the relevant  
25 comparison is between families headed by same-sex couples and  
26 families headed by opposite-sex couples and that studies comparing  
27 these two family types show conclusively that having parents of  
28 different genders is irrelevant to child outcomes.

1 Lamb and Blankenhorn disagreed on the importance of a  
2 biological link between parents and children. Blankenhorn  
3 emphasized the importance of biological parents, relying on studies  
4 comparing children raised by married, biological parents with  
5 children raised by single parents, unmarried mothers, step families  
6 and cohabiting parents. Tr 2769:14-24 (referring to DIX0026  
7 Kristin Anderson Moore, Susan M Jekielek, and Carol Emig, Marriage  
8 from a Child's Perspective: How Does Family Structure Affect  
9 Children, and What Can We Do about It, Child Trends (June 2002));  
10 Tr 2771:1-13 (referring to DIX0124 Sara McLanahan and Gary  
11 Sandefur, Growing Up with a Single Parent: What Hurts, What Helps  
12 (Harvard 1994)). As explained in the credibility determinations,  
13 section I below, none of the studies Blankenhorn relied on isolates  
14 the genetic relationship between a parent and a child as a variable  
15 to be tested. Lamb testified about studies showing that adopted  
16 children or children conceived using sperm or egg donors are just  
17 as likely to be well-adjusted as children raised by their  
18 biological parents. Tr 1041:8-17. Blankenhorn agreed with Lamb  
19 that adoptive parents "actually on some outcomes outstrip  
20 biological parents in terms of providing protective care for their  
21 children." Tr 2795:3-5.

22 Several experts testified that the State of California  
23 and California's gay and lesbian population suffer because domestic  
24 partnerships are not equivalent to marriage. Badgett explained  
25 that gays and lesbians are less likely to enter domestic  
26 partnerships than to marry, meaning fewer gays and lesbians have  
27 the protection of a state-recognized relationship. Both Badgett  
28 and San Francisco economist Edmund Egan testified that states

1 receive greater economic benefits from marriage than from domestic  
2 partnerships. Meyer testified that domestic partnerships actually  
3 stigmatize gays and lesbians even when enacted for the purpose of  
4 providing rights and benefits to same-sex couples. Cott explained  
5 that domestic partnerships cannot substitute for marriage because  
6 domestic partnerships do not have the same social and historical  
7 meaning as marriage and that much of the value of marriage comes  
8 from its social meaning. Peplau testified that little of the  
9 cultural esteem surrounding marriage adheres to domestic  
10 partnerships.

11 To illustrate his opinion that domestic partnerships are  
12 viewed by society as different from marriage, Herek pointed to a  
13 letter sent by the California Secretary of State to registered  
14 domestic partners in 2004 informing them of upcoming changes to the  
15 law and suggesting dissolution of their partnership to avoid any  
16 unwanted financial effects. Tr 2047:15-2048:5, PX2265 (Letter from  
17 Kevin Shelley, California Secretary of State, to Registered  
18 Domestic Partners). Herek concluded that a similar letter to  
19 married couples would not have suggested divorce. Tr 2048:6-13.

20 The experts' testimony on domestic partnerships is  
21 consistent with the testimony of plaintiffs, who explained that  
22 domestic partnerships do not satisfy their desire to marry. Stier,  
23 who has a registered domestic partnership with Perry, explained  
24 that "there is certainly nothing about domestic partnership \* \* \*  
25 that indicates the love and commitment that are inherent in  
26 marriage." Tr 171:8-11. Proponents did not challenge plaintiffs'  
27 experts on the point that marriage is a socially superior status to  
28 domestic partnership; indeed, proponents stipulated that "[t]here

1 is a significant symbolic disparity between domestic partnership  
2 and marriage." Doc #159-2 at 6.

3 Proponents' cross-examinations of several experts  
4 challenged whether people can be categorized based on their sexual  
5 orientation. Herek, Meyer and Badgett responded that sexual  
6 orientation encompasses behavior, identity and attraction and that  
7 most people are able to answer questions about their sexual  
8 orientation without formal training. According to the experts,  
9 researchers may focus on one element of sexual orientation  
10 depending on the purpose of the research and sexual orientation is  
11 not a difficult concept for researchers to apply.

12 As explained in the credibility determinations, section I  
13 below, and the findings of fact, section II below, the testimony  
14 shows that California has no interest in differentiating between  
15 same-sex and opposite-sex unions.

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18 WHETHER THE EVIDENCE SHOWS PROPOSITION 8 ENACTED A PRIVATE  
MORAL VIEW WITHOUT ADVANCING A LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT INTEREST

19 The testimony of several witnesses disclosed that a  
20 primary purpose of Proposition 8 was to ensure that California  
21 confer a policy preference for opposite-sex couples over same-sex  
22 couples based on a belief that same-sex pairings are immoral and  
23 should not be encouraged in California.

24 Historian George Chauncey testified about a direct  
25 relationship between the Proposition 8 campaign and initiative  
26 campaigns from the 1970s targeting gays and lesbians; like earlier  
27 campaigns, the Proposition 8 campaign emphasized the importance of  
28 protecting children and relied on stereotypical images of gays and

1 lesbians, despite the lack of any evidence showing that gays and  
2 lesbians pose a danger to children. Chauncey concluded that the  
3 Proposition 8 campaign did not need to explain what children were  
4 to be protected from; the advertisements relied on a cultural  
5 understanding that gays and lesbians are dangerous to children.

6 This understanding, Chauncey observed, is an artifact of  
7 the discrimination gays and lesbians faced in the United States in  
8 the twentieth century. Chauncey testified that because homosexual  
9 conduct was criminalized, gays and lesbians were seen as criminals;  
10 the stereotype of gay people as criminals therefore became  
11 pervasive. Chauncey noted that stereotypes of gays and lesbians as  
12 predators or child molesters were reinforced in the mid-twentieth  
13 century and remain part of current public discourse. Lamb  
14 explained that this stereotype is not at all credible, as gays and  
15 lesbians are no more likely than heterosexuals to pose a threat to  
16 children.

17 Political scientist Gary Segura provided many examples of  
18 ways in which private discrimination against gays and lesbians is  
19 manifested in laws and policies. Segura testified that negative  
20 stereotypes about gays and lesbians inhibit political compromise  
21 with other groups: "It's very difficult to engage in the give-and-  
22 take of the legislative process when I think you are an inherently  
23 bad person. That's just not the basis for compromise and  
24 negotiation in the political process." Tr 1561:6-9. Segura  
25 identified religion as the chief obstacle to gay and lesbian  
26 political advances. Political scientist Kenneth Miller disagreed  
27 with Segura's conclusion that gays and lesbians lack political  
28 power, Tr 2482:4-8, pointing to some successes on the state and



1 national level and increased public support for gays and lesbians,  
2 but agreed that popular initiatives can easily tap into a strain of  
3 antiminority sentiment and that at least some voters supported  
4 Proposition 8 because of anti-gay sentiment.

5 Proponent Hak-Shing William Tam testified about his role  
6 in the Proposition 8 campaign. Tam spent substantial time, effort  
7 and resources campaigning for Proposition 8. As of July 2007, Tam  
8 was working with Protect Marriage to put Proposition 8 on the  
9 November 2008 ballot. Tr 1900:13-18. Tam testified that he is the  
10 secretary of the America Return to God Prayer Movement, which  
11 operates the website "1man1woman.net." Tr 1916:3-24.

12 1man1woman.net encouraged voters to support Proposition 8 on  
13 grounds that homosexuals are twelve times more likely to molest  
14 children, Tr 1919:3-1922:21, and because Proposition 8 will cause  
15 states one-by-one to fall into Satan's hands, Tr 1928:6-13. Tam  
16 identified NARTH (the National Association for Research and Therapy  
17 of Homosexuality) as the source of information about homosexuality,  
18 because he "believe[s] in what they say." Tr 1939:1-9. Tam  
19 identified "the internet" as the source of information connecting  
20 same-sex marriage to polygamy and incest. Tr 1957:2-12. Protect  
21 Marriage relied on Tam and, through Tam, used the website  
22 1man1woman.net as part of the Protect Marriage Asian/Pacific  
23 Islander outreach. Tr 1976:10-15; PX2599 (Email from Sarah Pollo,  
24 Account Executive, Schubert Flint Public Affairs (Aug 22, 2008)  
25 attaching meeting minutes). Tam signed a Statement of Unity with  
26 Protect Marriage, PX2633, in which he agreed not to put forward  
27 "independent strategies for public messaging." Tr 1966:16-1967:16.

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1           Katami and Stier testified about the effect Proposition 8  
2 campaign advertisements had on their well-being. Katami explained  
3 that he was angry and upset at the idea that children needed to be  
4 protected from him. After watching a Proposition 8 campaign  
5 message, PX0401 (Video, Tony Perkins, Miles McPherson, and Ron  
6 Prentice Asking for Support of Proposition 8), Katami stated that  
7 "it just demeans you. It just makes you feel like people are  
8 putting efforts into discriminating against you." Tr 108:14-16.  
9 Stier, as the mother of four children, was especially disturbed at  
10 the message that Proposition 8 had something to do with protecting  
11 children. She felt the campaign messages were "used to sort of try  
12 to educate people or convince people that there was a great evil to  
13 be feared and that evil must be stopped and that evil is us, I  
14 guess. \* \* \* And the very notion that I could be part of what  
15 others need to protect their children from was just — it was more  
16 than upsetting. It was sickening, truly. I felt sickened by that  
17 campaign." Tr 177:9-18.

18           Egan and Badgett testified that Proposition 8 harms the  
19 State of California and its local governments economically. Egan  
20 testified that San Francisco faces direct and indirect economic  
21 harms as a consequence of Proposition 8. Egan explained that San  
22 Francisco lost and continues to lose money because Proposition 8  
23 slashed the number of weddings performed in San Francisco. Egan  
24 explained that Proposition 8 decreases the number of married  
25 couples in San Francisco, who tend to be wealthier than single  
26 people because of their ability to specialize their labor, pool  
27 resources and access state and employer-provided benefits.  
28 Proposition 8 also increases the costs associated with

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1 discrimination against gays and lesbians. Proponents challenged  
2 only the magnitude and not the existence of the harms Egan  
3 identified. Badgett explained that municipalities throughout  
4 California and the state government face economic disadvantages  
5 similar to those Egan identified for San Francisco.

6 For the reasons stated in the sections that follow, the  
7 evidence presented at trial fatally undermines the premises  
8 underlying proponents' proffered rationales for Proposition 8. An  
9 initiative measure adopted by the voters deserves great respect.  
10 The considered views and opinions of even the most highly qualified  
11 scholars and experts seldom outweigh the determinations of the  
12 voters. When challenged, however, the voters' determinations must  
13 find at least some support in evidence. This is especially so when  
14 those determinations enact into law classifications of persons.  
15 Conjecture, speculation and fears are not enough. Still less will  
16 the moral disapprobation of a group or class of citizens suffice,  
17 no matter how large the majority that shares that view. The  
18 evidence demonstrated beyond serious reckoning that Proposition 8  
19 finds support only in such disapproval. As such, Proposition 8 is  
20 beyond the constitutional reach of the voters or their  
21 representatives.

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## CREDIBILITY DETERMINATIONS

## PLAINTIFFS' WITNESSES

Plaintiffs presented the testimony of the four plaintiffs, four lay witnesses and nine expert witnesses. Proponents did not challenge the credibility of the lay witnesses or the qualifications of the expert witnesses to offer opinion testimony.

Having observed and considered the testimony presented, the court concludes that plaintiffs' lay witnesses provided credible testimony:

1. Jeffrey Zarrillo, a plaintiff, testified about coming out as a gay man. (Tr 77:12-15: "Coming out is a very personal and internal process. \* \* \* You have to get to the point where you're comfortable with yourself, with your own identity and who you are.") Zarrillo described his nine-year relationship with Katami. (Tr 79:20-21: "He's the love of my life. I love him probably more than I love myself.")
2. Paul Katami, a plaintiff, testified about his reasons for wanting to marry Zarrillo. (Tr 89:1-3: "Being able to call him my husband is so definitive, it changes our relationship." Tr 90:24-91:2: "I can safely say that if I were married to Jeff, that I know that the struggle that we have validating ourselves to other people would be diminished and potentially eradicated.") Katami explained why it was difficult for him to tell others about his sexual orientation even though he has

1           been gay for "as long as [he] can remember." (Tr 91:17-92:2:  
2           "I struggled with it quite a bit. Being surrounded by what  
3           seemed everything heterosexual \* \* \* you tend to try and want  
4           to fit into that.") Katami described how the Proposition 8  
5           campaign messages affected him. (Tr 97:1-11: "[P]rotect the  
6           children is a big part of the [Proposition 8] campaign. And  
7           when I think of protecting your children, you protect them  
8           from people who will perpetrate crimes against them, people  
9           who might get them hooked on a drug, a pedophile, or some  
10          person that you need protecting from. You don't protect  
11          yourself from an amicable person or a good person. You  
12          protect yourself from things that can harm you physically,  
13          emotionally. And so insulting, even the insinuation that I  
14          would be part of that category.")

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16 3. Kristin Perry, a plaintiff, testified about her relationship  
17       with Stier. (Tr 139:16-17; 140:13-14: Stier is "maybe the  
18       sparkliest person I ever met. \* \* \* [T]he happiest I feel is  
19       in my relationship with [Stier.]") Perry described why she  
20       wishes to marry. (Tr 141:22-142:1: "I want to have a stable  
21       and secure relationship with her that then we can include our  
22       children in. And I want the discrimination we are feeling  
23       with Proposition 8 to end and for a more positive, joyful part  
24       of our lives to \* \* \* begin.") Perry described the reason she  
25       and Stier registered as domestic partners. (Tr 153:16-17:  
26       "[W]e are registered domestic partners based on just legal  
27       advice that we received for creating an estate plan.")

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- 1 4. Sandra Stier, a plaintiff, testified about her relationship  
2 with Perry, with whom she raises their four children. (Tr  
3 167:3-5: "I have fallen in love one time and it's with  
4 [Perry]."). Stier explained why she wants to marry Perry  
5 despite their domestic partnership. (Tr 171:8-13: "[T]here is  
6 certainly nothing about domestic partnership as an institution  
7 — not even as an institution, but as a legal agreement that  
8 indicates the love and commitment that are inherent in  
9 marriage, and [domestic partnership] doesn't have anything to  
10 do for us with the nature of our relationship and the type of  
11 enduring relationship we want it to be.")  
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- 13 5. Helen Zia, a lay witness, testified regarding her experiences  
14 with discrimination and about how her life changed when she  
15 married her wife in 2008. (Tr 1235:10-13: "I'm beginning to  
16 understand what I've always read — marriage is the joining of  
17 two families.")  
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- 19 6. Jerry Sanders, the mayor of San Diego and a lay witness,  
20 testified regarding how he came to believe that domestic  
21 partnerships are discriminatory. (Tr 1273:10-17: On a last-  
22 minute decision not to veto a San Diego resolution supporting  
23 same-sex marriage: "I was saying that one group of people did  
24 not deserve the same dignity and respect, did not deserve the  
25 same symbolism about marriage.")  
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- 27 7. Ryan Kendall, a lay witness, testified about his experience as  
28 a teenager whose parents placed him in therapy to change his

1 sexual orientation from homosexual to heterosexual. (Tr  
2 1521:20: "I knew I was gay. I knew that could not be  
3 changed.") Kendall described the mental anguish he endured  
4 because of his family's disapproval of his sexual orientation.  
5 (Tr 1508:9-10, 1511:2-16: "I remember my mother looking at me  
6 and telling me that I was going to burn in hell. \* \* \* [M]y  
7 mother would tell me that she hated me, or that I was  
8 disgusting, or that I was repulsive. Once she told me that  
9 she wished she had had an abortion instead of a gay son.")

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11 8. Hak-Shing William Tam, an official proponent of Proposition 8  
12 and an intervening defendant, was called as an adverse witness  
13 and testified about messages he disseminated during the  
14 Proposition 8 campaign. (Tr 1889:23-25: "Q: Did you invest  
15 substantial time, effort, and personal resources in  
16 campaigning for Proposition 8? A: Yes.")

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18 Plaintiffs called nine expert witnesses. As the  
19 education and experience of each expert show, plaintiffs' experts  
20 were amply qualified to offer opinion testimony on the subjects  
21 identified. Moreover, the experts' demeanor and responsiveness  
22 showed their comfort with the subjects of their expertise. For  
23 those reasons, the court finds that each of plaintiffs' proffered  
24 experts offered credible opinion testimony on the subjects  
25 identified.

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27 1. Nancy Cott, a historian, testified as an expert in the history  
28 of marriage in the Untied States. Cott testified that

1 marriage has always been a secular institution in the United  
2 States, that regulation of marriage eased the state's burden  
3 to govern an amorphous populace and that marriage in the  
4 United States has undergone a series of transformations since  
5 the country was founded.

- 6 a. PX2323 Cott CV: Cott is a professor of American history  
7 at Harvard University and the director of the Schlesinger  
8 Library on the History of Women in America;
- 9 b. PX2323: In 1974, Cott received a PhD from Brandeis  
10 University in the history of American civilization;
- 11 c. PX2323: Cott has published eight books, including Public  
12 Vows: A History of Marriage and the Nation (2000), and  
13 has published numerous articles and essays;
- 14 d. Tr 186:5-14: Cott devoted a semester in 1998 to  
15 researching and teaching a course at Yale University in  
16 the history of marriage in the United States;
- 17 e. Tr 185:9-13; 188:6-189:10: Cott's marriage scholarship  
18 focuses on marriage as a public institution and as a  
19 structure regulated by government for social benefit.

20 2. George Chauncey, a historian, was qualified to offer testimony  
21 on social history, especially as it relates to gays and  
22 lesbians. Chauncey testified about the widespread private and  
23 public discrimination faced by gays and lesbians in the  
24 twentieth century and the ways in which the Proposition 8  
25 campaign echoed that discrimination and relied on stereotypes  
26 against gays and lesbians that had developed in the twentieth  
27 century.

- 28 a. PX2322 Chauncey CV: Chauncey is a professor of history  
and American studies at Yale University; from 1991-2006,  
Chauncey was a professor of history at the University of  
Chicago;
- b. Tr 357:15-17: Chauncey received a PhD in history from  
Yale University in 1989;



- 1 c. PX2322: Chauncey has authored or edited books on the  
2 subject of gay and lesbian history, including Gay New  
3 York: Gender, Urban Culture, and the Making of the Gay  
4 Male World, 1890-1940 (1994) and Hidden from History:  
5 Reclaiming the Gay and Lesbian Past (1989, ed);
- 6 d. Tr 359:17-360:11: Chauncey relies on government records,  
7 interviews, diaries, films and advertisements along with  
8 studies by other historians and scholars in conducting  
9 his research;
- 10 e. Tr 360:12-21: Chauncey teaches courses in twentieth  
11 century United States history, including courses on  
12 lesbian and gay history.
- 13 3. Lee Badgett, an economist, testified as an expert on  
14 demographic information concerning gays and lesbians, same-sex  
15 couples and children raised by gays and lesbians, the effects  
16 of the exclusion of same-sex couples from the institution of  
17 marriage and the effect of permitting same-sex couples to  
18 marry on heterosexual society and the institution of marriage.  
19 Badgett offered four opinions: (1) Proposition 8 has inflicted  
20 substantial economic harm on same-sex couples and their  
21 children; (2) allowing same-sex couples to marry would not  
22 have any adverse effect on the institution of marriage or on  
23 opposite-sex couples; (3) same-sex couples are very similar to  
24 opposite-sex couples in most economic and demographic  
25 respects; and (4) Proposition 8 has imposed economic losses on  
26 the State of California and on California counties and  
27 municipalities. Tr 1330:9-1331:5.
- 28 a. PX2321 Badgett CV: Badgett is a professor of economics at  
UMass Amherst and the director of the Williams Institute  
at UCLA School of Law;
- b. PX2321: Badgett received her PhD in economics from UC  
Berkeley in 1990;
- c. Tr 1325:2-17; PX2321: Badgett has written two books on  
gay and lesbian relationships and same-sex marriage:

1 Money, Myths, and Change: The Economic Lives of Lesbians  
 2 and Gay Men (2001) and When Gay People Get Married: What  
 3 Happens When Societies Legalize Same-Sex Marriage (2009);  
 Badgett has also published several articles on the same  
 subjects;

- 4 d. Tr 1326:4-13: Badgett co-authored two reports (PX1268  
 5 Brad Sears and M V Lee Badgett, The Impact of Extending  
 6 Marriage to Same-Sex Couples on the California Budget,  
 7 The Williams Institute (June 2008) and PX1283 M V Lee  
 8 Badgett and R Bradley Sears, Putting a Price on Equality?  
The Impact of Same-Sex Marriage on California's Budget,  
 16 Stan L & Pol Rev 197 (2005)) analyzing the fiscal  
 impact of allowing same-sex couples to marry in  
 California;
- 9 e. Tr 1326:18-1328:4: Badgett has been invited to speak at  
 many universities and at the American Psychological  
 10 Association convention on the economics of same-sex  
 relationships;
- 11 f. Tr 1329:6-22: Badgett has testified before federal and  
 12 state government bodies about domestic partner benefits  
 and antidiscrimination laws.

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- 14 4. Edmund A Egan, the chief economist in the San Francisco  
 15 Controller's Office, testified for CCSF as an expert in urban  
 16 and regional economic policy. Egan conducted an economic  
 17 study of the prohibition of same-sex marriage on San  
 18 Francisco's economy and concluded that the prohibition  
 19 negatively affects San Francisco's economy in many ways. Tr  
 20 683:19-684:19.
- 21 a. Tr 678:1-7: As the chief economist for CCSF, Egan directs  
 22 the Office of Economic Analysis and prepares economic  
 impact analysis reports for pending legislation;
- 23 b. Tr 681:16-682:25: In preparing economic impact reports,  
 24 Egan relies on government data and reports, private  
 25 reports and independent research to determine whether  
 legislation has "real regulatory power" and the effects  
 of the legislation on private behavior;
- 26 c. PX2324 Egan CV: Egan received a PhD in city and regional  
 27 planning from UC Berkeley in 1997;
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- 1 d. Tr 679:1-14: Egan is an adjunct faculty member at UC  
2 Berkeley and teaches graduate students on regional and  
urban economics and regional and city planning.
- 3 5. Letitia Anne Peplau, a psychologist, was qualified as an  
4 expert on couple relationships within the field of psychology.  
5 Peplau offered four opinions: (1) for adults who choose to  
6 enter marriage, that marriage is often associated with many  
7 important benefits; (2) research has shown remarkable  
8 similarities between same-sex and opposite-sex couples; (3) if  
9 same-sex couples are permitted to marry, they will likely  
10 experience the same benefits from marriage as opposite-sex  
11 couples; and (4) permitting same-sex marriage will not harm  
12 opposite-sex marriage. Tr 574:6-19.
- 13 a. PX2329 Peplau CV: Peplau is a professor of psychology and  
14 vice chair of graduate studies in psychology at UCLA;
- 15 b. Tr 569:10-12: Peplau's research focuses on social  
16 psychology, which is a branch of psychology that focuses  
17 on human relationships and social influence;  
18 specifically, Peplau studies close personal  
relationships, sexual orientation and gender;
- 19 c. Tr 571:13: Peplau began studying same-sex relationships  
20 in the 1970s;
- 21 d. Tr 571:19-572:13; PX2329: Peplau has published or edited  
22 about ten books, authored about 120 peer-reviewed  
23 articles and published literature reviews on psychology,  
24 relationships and sexuality.
- 25 6. Ilan Meyer, a social epidemiologist, testified as an expert in  
26 public health with a focus on social psychology and  
27 psychiatric epidemiology. Meyer offered three opinions: (1)  
28 gays and lesbians experience stigma, and Proposition 8 is an  
example of stigma; (2) social stressors affect gays and  
lesbians; and (3) social stressors negatively affect the  
mental health of gays and lesbians. Tr 817:10-19.

- 1 a. PX2328 Meyer CV: Meyer is an associate professor of  
2 sociomedical sciences at Columbia University's Mailman  
3 School of Public Health;
- 4 b. PX2328; Tr 807:20-808:7: Meyer received a PhD in  
5 sociomedical sciences from Columbia University in 1993;
- 6 c. Tr 810:19-811:16: Meyer studies the relationship between  
7 social issues and structures and patterns of mental  
8 health outcomes with a specific focus on lesbian, gay and  
9 bisexual populations;
- 7 d. Tr 812:9-814:22: Meyer has published about forty peer-  
8 reviewed articles, teaches a course on gay and lesbian  
9 issues in public health, has received numerous awards for  
10 his professional work and has edited and reviewed  
11 journals and books.
- 10 7. Gregory Herek, a psychologist, testified as an expert in  
11 social psychology with a focus on sexual orientation and  
12 stigma. Herek offered opinions concerning: (1) the nature of  
13 sexual orientation and how sexual orientation is understood in  
14 the fields of psychology and psychiatry; (2) the amenability  
15 of sexual orientation to change through intervention; and (3)  
16 the nature of stigma and prejudice as they relate to sexual  
17 orientation and Proposition 8. Tr 2023:8-14.
- 18 a. PX2326 Herek CV: Herek is a professor of psychology at UC  
19 Davis;
- 20 b. PX2326: Herek received a PhD in personality and social  
21 psychology from UC Davis in 1983;
- 22 c. Tr 2018:5-13: Social psychology is the intersection of  
23 psychology and sociology in that it focuses on human  
24 behavior within a social context; Herek's dissertation  
25 focused on heterosexuals' attitudes towards lesbians and  
26 gay men;
- 27 d. Tr 2020:1-5: Herek regularly teaches a course on sexual  
28 orientation and prejudice;
- e. PX2326; Tr 2021:12-25; Tr 2022:11-14: Herek serves on  
editorial boards of peer-reviewed journals and has  
published over 100 articles and chapters on sexual  
orientation, stigma and prejudice.

- 1 8. Michael Lamb, a psychologist, testified as an expert on the  
2 developmental psychology of children, including the  
3 developmental psychology of children raised by gay and lesbian  
4 parents. Lamb offered two opinions: (1) children raised by  
5 gays and lesbians are just as likely to be well-adjusted as  
6 children raised by heterosexual parents; and (2) children of  
7 gay and lesbian parents would benefit if their parents were  
8 able to marry. Tr 1009:23-1010:4.
- 9 a. PX2327 Lamb CV: Lamb is a professor and head of the  
10 Department of Social and Developmental Psychology at the  
University of Cambridge in England;
- 11 b. Tr 1003:24-1004:6; PX2327: Lamb was the head of the  
12 section on social and emotional development of the  
National Institute of Child Health and Human Development  
13 in Washington DC for seventeen years;
- 14 c. Tr 1007:2-1008:8; PX2327: Lamb has published  
15 approximately 500 articles, many about child adjustment,  
has edited 40 books in developmental psychology, reviews  
16 about 100 articles a year and serves on editorial boards  
on several academic journals;
- 17 d. PX2327: Lamb received a PhD from Yale University in 1976.
- 18 9. Gary Segura, a political scientist, testified as an expert on  
19 the political power or powerlessness of minority groups in the  
20 United States, and of gays and lesbians in particular. Segura  
21 offered three opinions: (1) gays and lesbians do not possess a  
22 meaningful degree of political power; (2) gays and lesbians  
23 possess less power than groups granted judicial protection;  
24 and (3) the conclusions drawn by proponents' expert Miller are  
25 troubling and unpersuasive. Tr 1535:3-18.
- 26 a. PX2330 Segura CV: Segura is a professor of political  
27 science at Stanford University and received a PhD in  
28 political science from the University of Illinois in  
1992;

- 1           b.    Tr 1525:1-10: Segura and a colleague, through the  
2           Stanford Center for Democracy, operate the American  
3           National Elections Studies, which provides political  
4           scientists with data about the American electorate's  
5           views about politics;
- 6           c.    Tr 1525:11-19: Segura serves on the editorial boards of  
7           major political science journals;
- 8           d.    Tr 1525:22-1526:24: Segura's work focuses on political  
9           representation and whether elected officials respond to  
10          the voting public; within the field of political  
11          representation, Segura focuses on minorities;
- 12          e.    PX2330; Tr 1527:25-1528:14: Segura has published about  
13          twenty-five peer-reviewed articles, authored about  
14          fifteen chapters in edited volumes and has presented at  
15          between twenty and forty conferences in the past ten  
16          years;
- 17          f.    PX2330; Tr 1528:21-24: Segura has published three pieces  
18          specific to gay and lesbian politics and political  
19          issues;
- 20          g.    Tr 1532:11-1533:17: Segura identified the methods he used  
21          and materials he relied on to form his opinions in this  
22          case. Relying on his background as a political  
23          scientist, Segura read literature on gay and lesbian  
24          politics, examined the statutory status of gays and  
25          lesbians and public attitudes about gays and lesbians,  
26          determined the presence or absence of gays and lesbians  
27          in political office and considered ballot initiatives  
28          about gay and lesbian issues.

19    PROPOSERS' WITNESSES

20                   Proponents elected not to call the majority of their  
21    designated witnesses to testify at trial and called not a single  
22    official proponent of Proposition 8 to explain the discrepancies  
23    between the arguments in favor of Proposition 8 presented to voters  
24    and the arguments presented in court. Proponents informed the  
25    court on the first day of trial, January 11, 2010, that they were  
26    withdrawing Loren Marks, Paul Nathanson, Daniel N Robinson and  
27    Katherine Young as witnesses. Doc #398 at 3. Proponents' counsel  
28    stated in court on Friday, January 15, 2010, that their witnesses

1 "were extremely concerned about their personal safety, and did not  
2 want to appear with any recording of any sort, whatsoever." Tr  
3 1094:21-23.

4 The timeline shows, however, that proponents failed to  
5 make any effort to call their witnesses after the potential for  
6 public broadcast in the case had been eliminated. The Supreme  
7 Court issued a temporary stay of transmission on January 11, 2010  
8 and a permanent stay on January 13, 2010. See Hollingsworth v  
9 Perry, 130 S Ct 1132 (Jan 11, 2010); Hollingsworth v Perry, 130 S Ct  
10 705 (Jan 13, 2010). The court withdrew the case from the Ninth  
11 Circuit's pilot program on broadcasting on January 15, 2010. Doc  
12 #463. Proponents affirmed the withdrawal of their witnesses that  
13 same day. Tr 1094:21-23. Proponents did not call their first  
14 witness until January 25, 2010. The record does not reveal the  
15 reason behind proponents' failure to call their expert witnesses.

16 Plaintiffs entered into evidence the deposition testimony  
17 of two of proponents' withdrawn witnesses, as their testimony  
18 supported plaintiffs' claims. Katherine Young was to testify on  
19 comparative religion and the universal definition of marriage. Doc  
20 #292 at 4 (proponents' December 7 witness list) Doc #286-4 at 2  
21 (expert report). Paul Nathanson was to testify on religious  
22 attitudes towards Proposition 8. Doc #292 at 4 (proponents'  
23 December 7 witness list); Doc #280-4 at 2 (expert report).

24 Young has been a professor of religious studies at McGill  
25 University since 1978. PX2335 Young CV. She received her PhD in  
26 history of religions and comparative religions from McGill in 1978.  
27 Id. Young testified at her deposition that homosexuality is a  
28 normal variant of human sexuality and that same-sex couples possess

1 the same desire for love and commitment as opposite-sex couples.  
2 PX2545 (dep tr); PX2544 (video of same). Young also explained that  
3 several cultures around the world and across centuries have had  
4 variations of marital relationships for same-sex couples. Id.

5 Nathanson has a PhD in religious studies from McGill  
6 University and is a researcher at McGill's Faculty for Religious  
7 Studies. PX2334 Nathanson CV. Nathanson is also a frequent  
8 lecturer on consequences of marriage for same-sex couples and on  
9 gender and parenting. Id. Nathanson testified at his deposition  
10 that religion lies at the heart of the hostility and violence  
11 directed at gays and lesbians and that there is no evidence that  
12 children raised by same-sex couples fare worse than children raised  
13 by opposite-sex couples. PX2547 (dep tr); PX2546 (video of same).

14 Proponents made no effort to call Young or Nathanson to  
15 explain the deposition testimony that plaintiffs had entered into  
16 the record or to call any of the withdrawn witnesses after  
17 potential for contemporaneous broadcast of the trial proceedings  
18 had been eliminated. Proponents called two witnesses:

- 19  
20 1. David Blankenhorn, founder and president of the Institute for  
21 American Values, testified on marriage, fatherhood and family  
22 structure. Plaintiffs objected to Blankenhorn's qualification  
23 as an expert. For the reasons explained hereafter,  
24 Blankenhorn lacks the qualifications to offer opinion  
25 testimony and, in any event, failed to provide cogent  
26 testimony in support of proponents' factual assertions.
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1 2. Kenneth P Miller, a professor of government at Claremont  
2 McKenna College, testified as an expert in American and  
3 California politics. Plaintiffs objected that Miller lacked  
4 sufficient expertise specific to gays and lesbians. Miller's  
5 testimony sought to rebut only a limited aspect of plaintiffs'  
6 equal protection claim relating to political power.

7  
8 David Blankenhorn

9 Proponents called David Blankenhorn as an expert on  
10 marriage, fatherhood and family structure. Blankenhorn received a  
11 BA in social studies from Harvard College and an MA in comparative  
12 social history from the University of Warwick in England. Tr  
13 2717:24-2718:3; DIX2693 (Blankenhorn CV). After Blankenhorn  
14 completed his education, he served as a community organizer in low-  
15 income communities, where he developed an interest in community and  
16 family institutions after "seeing the weakened state" of those  
17 institutions firsthand, "especially how children were living  
18 without their fathers." Tr 2719:3-18. This experience led  
19 Blankenhorn in 1987 to found the Institute for American Values,  
20 which he describes as "a nonpartisan think tank" that focuses  
21 primarily on "issues of marriage, family, and child well-being."  
22 Tr 2719:20-25. The Institute commissions research and releases  
23 reports on issues relating to "fatherhood, marriage, family  
24 structure [and] child well-being." Tr 2720:6-19. The Institute  
25 also produces an annual report "on the state of marriage in  
26 America." Tr 2720:24-25.

27 Blankenhorn has published two books on the subjects of  
28 marriage, fatherhood and family structure: Fatherless America:

1 Confronting Our Most Urgent Social Problem (HarperCollins 1995),  
2 DIX0108, and The Future of Marriage (Encounter Books 2006),  
3 DIX0956. Tr 2722:2-12. Blankenhorn has edited four books about  
4 family structure and marriage, Tr 2728:13-22, and has co-edited or  
5 co-authored several publications about marriage. Doc #302 at 21.

6 Plaintiffs challenge Blankenhorn's qualifications as an  
7 expert because none of his relevant publications has been subject  
8 to a traditional peer-review process, Tr 2733:2-2735:4, he has no  
9 degree in sociology, psychology or anthropology despite the  
10 importance of those fields to the subjects of marriage, fatherhood  
11 and family structure, Tr 2735:15-2736:9, and his study of the  
12 effects of same-sex marriage involved "read[ing] articles and  
13 ha[ving] conversations with people, and tr[ying] to be an informed  
14 person about it," Tr 2736:13-2740:3. See also Doc #285  
15 (plaintiffs' motion in limine). Plaintiffs argue that  
16 Blankenhorn's conclusions are not based on "objective data or  
17 discernible methodology," Doc #285 at 25, and that Blankenhorn's  
18 conclusions are instead based on his interpretation of selected  
19 quotations from articles and reports, id at 26.

20 The court permitted Blankenhorn to testify but reserved  
21 the question of the appropriate weight to give to Blankenhorn's  
22 opinions. Tr 2741:24-2742:3. The court now determines that  
23 Blankenhorn's testimony constitutes inadmissible opinion testimony  
24 that should be given essentially no weight.

25 Federal Rule of Evidence 702 provides that a witness may  
26 be qualified as an expert "by knowledge, skill, experience,  
27 training, or education." The testimony may only be admitted if it  
28 "is based upon sufficient facts or data" and "is the product of

1 reliable principles and methods." Id. Expert testimony must be  
2 both relevant and reliable, with a "basis in the knowledge and  
3 experience of [the relevant] discipline." Kumho Tire Co v  
4 Carmichael, 526 US 137, 147, 149 (1999) (citing Daubert v Merrell  
5 Dow Pharm, 509 US 579, 589, 592 (1993)).

6 While proponents correctly assert that formal training in  
7 the relevant disciplines and peer-reviewed publications are not  
8 dispositive of expertise, education is nevertheless important to  
9 ensure that "an expert, whether basing testimony upon professional  
10 studies or personal experience, employs in the courtroom the same  
11 level of intellectual rigor that characterizes the practice of an  
12 expert in the relevant field." Kumho Tire, 526 US at 152. Formal  
13 training shows that a proposed expert adheres to the intellectual  
14 rigor that characterizes the field, while peer-reviewed  
15 publications demonstrate an acceptance by the field that the work  
16 of the proposed expert displays "at least the minimal criteria" of  
17 intellectual rigor required in that field. Daubert v Merrell Dow  
18 Pharm, 43 F3d 1311, 1318 (9th Cir 1995) (on remand) ("Daubert II").

19 The methodologies on which expert testimony may be based  
20 are "not limited to what is generally accepted," Daubert II at 1319  
21 n11, but "nothing in either Daubert or the Federal Rules of  
22 Evidence requires a district court to admit opinion evidence that  
23 is connected to existing data only by the ipse dixit of the  
24 expert." General Electric Co v Joiner, 522 US 136, 146 (1997).  
25 The party proffering the evidence "must explain the expert's  
26 methodology and demonstrate in some objectively verifiable way that  
27 the expert has both chosen a reliable \* \* \* method and followed it  
28 faithfully." Daubert II, 43 F3d at 1319 n11.

1           Several factors are relevant to an expert's reliability:  
2 (1) "whether [a method] can be (and has been) tested"; (2) "whether  
3 the [method] has been subjected to peer review and publication";  
4 (3) "the known or potential rate of error"; (4) "the existence and  
5 maintenance of standards controlling the [method's] operation"; (5)  
6 "a \* \* \* degree of acceptance" of the method within "a relevant  
7 \* \* \* community," Daubert, 509 US at 593-94; (6) whether the expert  
8 is "proposing to testify about matters growing naturally and  
9 directly out of research they have conducted independent of the  
10 litigation," Daubert II, 43 F3d at 1317; (7) whether the expert has  
11 unjustifiably extrapolated from an accepted premise to an unfounded  
12 conclusion, see Joiner, 522 US at 145-146; (8) whether the expert  
13 has adequately accounted for obvious alternative explanations, see  
14 generally Clair v Burlington Northern RR Co, 29 F3d 499 (9th Cir  
15 1994); (9) whether the expert "employs in the courtroom the same  
16 level of intellectual rigor that characterizes the practice of an  
17 expert in the relevant field," Kumho Tire, 526 US at 152; and (10)  
18 whether the field of expertise claimed by the expert is known to  
19 reach reliable results for the type of opinion the expert would  
20 give, see *id* at 151.

21           Blankenhorn offered opinions on the definition of  
22 marriage, the ideal family structure and potential consequences of  
23 state recognition of marriage for same-sex couples. None of  
24 Blankenhorn's opinions is reliable.

25           Blankenhorn's first opinion is that marriage is "a  
26 socially-approved sexual relationship between a man and a woman."  
27 Tr 2742:9-10. According to Blankenhorn, the primary purpose of  
28 marriage is to "regulate filiation." Tr 2742:18. Blankenhorn

1 testified that the alternative and contradictory definition of  
2 marriage is that "marriage is fundamentally a private adult  
3 commitment." Tr 2755:25-2756:1; Tr 2756:4-2757:17 (DIX0093 Law  
4 Commission of Canada, Beyond Conjuality: Recognizing and  
5 Supporting Close Personal Adult Relationships (2001)). He  
6 described this definition as focused on "the tender feelings that  
7 spouses have for one another," Tr 2761:5-6. Blankenhorn agrees  
8 this "affective dimension" of marriage exists but asserts that  
9 marriage developed independently of affection. Tr 2761:9-2762:3.

10 Blankenhorn thus sets up a dichotomy for the definition  
11 of marriage: either marriage is defined as a socially approved  
12 sexual relationship between a man and a woman for the purpose of  
13 bearing and raising children biologically related to both spouses,  
14 or marriage is a private relationship between two consenting  
15 adults. Blankenhorn did not address the definition of marriage  
16 proposed by plaintiffs' expert Cott, which subsumes Blankenhorn's  
17 dichotomy. Cott testified that marriage is "a couple's choice to  
18 live with each other, to remain committed to one another, and to  
19 form a household based on their own feelings about one another, and  
20 their agreement to join in an economic partnership and support one  
21 another in terms of the material needs of life." Tr 201:9-14.  
22 There is nothing in Cott's definition that limits marriage to its  
23 "affective dimension" as defined by Blankenhorn, and yet Cott's  
24 definition does not emphasize the biological relationship linking  
25 dependents to both spouses.

26 Blankenhorn relied on the quotations of others to define  
27 marriage and provided no explanation of the meaning of the passages  
28 he cited or their sources. Tr 2744:4-2755:16. Blankenhorn's mere

1 recitation of text in evidence does not assist the court in  
2 understanding the evidence because reading, as much as hearing, "is  
3 within the ability and experience of the trier of fact." Beech  
4 Aircraft Corp v United States, 51 F3d 834, 842 (9th Cir 1995).

5 Blankenhorn testified that his research has led him to  
6 conclude there are three universal rules that govern marriage: (1)  
7 the rule of opposites (the "man/woman" rule); (2) the rule of two;  
8 and (3) the rule of sex. Tr 2879:17-25. Blankenhorn explained  
9 that there are "no or almost no exceptions" to the rule of  
10 opposites, Tr 2882:14, despite some instances of ritualized same-  
11 sex relationships in some cultures, Tr 2884:25-2888:16.

12 Blankenhorn explained that despite the widespread practice of  
13 polygamy across many cultures, the rule of two is rarely violated,  
14 because even within a polygamous marriage, "each marriage is  
15 separate." Tr 2892:1-3; Tr 2899:16-2900:4 ("Q: Is it your view  
16 that that man who has married one wife, and then another wife, and  
17 then another wife, and then another wife, and then another wife,  
18 and now has five wives, and they are all his wives at the same  
19 time, that that marriage is consistent with your rule of two? \* \* \*  
20 A: I concur with Bronislaw Malinowski, and others, who say that  
21 that is consistent with the two rule of marriage."). Finally,  
22 Blankenhorn could only hypothesize instances in which the rule of  
23 sex would be violated, including where "[h]e's in prison for life,  
24 he's married, and he is not in a system in which any conjugal  
25 visitation is allowed." Tr 2907:13-19.

26 Blankenhorn's interest and study on the subjects of  
27 marriage, fatherhood and family structure are evident from the  
28 record, but nothing in the record other than the "bald assurance"

1 of Blankenhorn, Daubert II, 43 F3d at 1316, suggests that  
2 Blankenhorn's investigation into marriage has been conducted to the  
3 "same level of intellectual rigor" characterizing the practice of  
4 anthropologists, sociologists or psychologists. See Kumho Tire,  
5 526 US at 152. Blankenhorn gave no explanation of the methodology  
6 that led him to his definition of marriage other than his review of  
7 others' work. The court concludes that Blankenhorn's proposed  
8 definition of marriage is "connected to existing data only by the  
9 ipse dixit" of Blankenhorn and accordingly rejects it. See Joiner,  
10 522 US at 146.

11 Blankenhorn's second opinion is that a body of evidence  
12 supports the conclusion that children raised by their married,  
13 biological parents do better on average than children raised in  
14 other environments. Tr 2767:11-2771:11. The evidence Blankenhorn  
15 relied on to support his conclusion compares children raised by  
16 married, biological parents with children raised by single parents,  
17 unmarried mothers, step families and cohabiting parents. Tr  
18 2769:14-24 (referring to DIX0026 Kristin Anderson Moore, Susan M  
19 Jekielek, and Carol Emig, Marriage from a Child's Perspective: How  
20 Does Family Structure Affect Children, and What Can We Do about It,  
21 Child Trends (June 2002)); Tr 2771:1-11 (referring to DIX0124 Sara  
22 McLanahan and Gary Sandefur, Growing Up with a Single Parent: What  
23 Hurts, What Helps (Harvard 1994)).

24 Blankenhorn's conclusion that married biological parents  
25 provide a better family form than married non-biological parents is  
26 not supported by the evidence on which he relied because the  
27 evidence does not, and does not claim to, compare biological to  
28 non-biological parents. Blankenhorn did not in his testimony

1 consider any study comparing children raised by their married  
2 biological parents to children raised by their married adoptive  
3 parents. Blankenhorn did not testify about a study comparing  
4 children raised by their married biological parents to children  
5 raised by their married parents who conceived using an egg or sperm  
6 donor. The studies Blankenhorn relied on compare various family  
7 structures and do not emphasize biology. Tr 2768:9-2772:6. The  
8 studies may well support a conclusion that parents' marital status  
9 may affect child outcomes. The studies do not, however, support a  
10 conclusion that the biological connection between a parent and his  
11 or her child is a significant variable for child outcomes. The  
12 court concludes that "there is simply too great an analytical gap  
13 between the data and the opinion proffered." Joiner, 522 US at  
14 146. Blankenhorn's reliance on biology is unsupported by evidence,  
15 and the court therefore rejects his conclusion that a biological  
16 link between parents and children influences children's outcomes.

17 Blankenhorn's third opinion is that recognizing same-sex  
18 marriage will lead to the deinstitutionalization of marriage. Tr  
19 2772:21-2775:23. Blankenhorn described deinstitutionalization as a  
20 process through which previously stable patterns and rules forming  
21 an institution (like marriage) slowly erode or change. Tr 2773:4-  
22 24. Blankenhorn identified several manifestations of  
23 deinstitutionalization: out-of-wedlock childbearing, rising divorce  
24 rates, the rise of non-marital cohabitation, increasing use of  
25 assistive reproductive technologies and marriage for same-sex  
26 couples. Tr 2774:20-2775:23. To the extent Blankenhorn believes  
27 that same-sex marriage is both a cause and a symptom of  
28 deinstitutionalization, his opinion is tautological. Moreover, no



1 credible evidence supports Blankenhorn's conclusion that same-sex  
2 marriage could lead to the other manifestations of  
3 deinstitutionalization.

4 Blankenhorn relied on sociologist Andrew Cherlin (DIX0049  
5 The Deinstitutionalization of American Marriage, 66 J Marriage &  
6 Family 848 (Nov 2004)) and sociologist Norval Glen (DIX0060 The  
7 Struggle for Same-Sex Marriage, 41 Society 25 (Sept/Oct 2004)) to  
8 support his opinion that same-sex marriage may speed the  
9 deinstitutionalization of marriage. Neither of these sources  
10 supports Blankenhorn's conclusion that same-sex marriage will  
11 further deinstitutionalize marriage, as neither source claims same-  
12 sex marriage as a cause of divorce or single parenthood.  
13 Nevertheless, Blankenhorn testified that "the further  
14 deinstitutionalization of marriage caused by the legalization of  
15 same-sex marriage," Tr 2782:3-5, would likely manifest itself in  
16 "all of the consequences [already discussed]." Tr 2782:15-16.

17 Blankenhorn's book, The Future of Marriage, DIX0956,  
18 lists numerous consequences of permitting same-sex couples to  
19 marry, some of which are the manifestations of  
20 deinstitutionalization listed above. Blankenhorn explained that  
21 the list of consequences arose from a group thought experiment in  
22 which an idea was written down if someone suggested it. Tr 2844:1-  
23 12; DIX0956 at 202. Blankenhorn's group thought experiment began  
24 with the untested assumption that "gay marriage, like almost any  
25 major social change, would be likely to generate a diverse range of  
26 consequences." DIX0956 at 202. The group failed to consider that  
27 recognizing the marriage of same-sex couples might lead only to  
28 minimal, if any, social consequences.

1           During trial, Blankenhorn was presented with a study that  
2 posed an empirical question whether permitting marriage or civil  
3 unions for same-sex couples would lead to the manifestations  
4 Blankenhorn described as indicative of deinstitutionalization.  
5 After reviewing and analyzing available evidence, the study  
6 concludes that "laws permitting same-sex marriage or civil unions  
7 have no adverse effect on marriage, divorce, and abortion rates,  
8 the percent of children born out of wedlock, or the percent of  
9 households with children under 18 headed by women." PX2898 (Laura  
10 Langbein & Mark A Yost, Jr, Same-Sex Marriage and Negative  
11 Externalities, 90 Soc Sci Q 2 (June 2009) at 305-306). Blankenhorn  
12 had not seen the study before trial and was thus unfamiliar with  
13 its methods and conclusions. Nevertheless, Blankenhorn dismissed  
14 the study and its results, reasoning that its authors "think that  
15 [the conclusion is] so self-evident that anybody who has an  
16 opposing point of view is not a rational person." Tr 2918:19-21.

17           Blankenhorn's concern that same-sex marriage poses a  
18 threat to the institution of marriage is further undermined by his  
19 testimony that same-sex marriage and opposite-sex marriage operate  
20 almost identically. During cross-examination, Blankenhorn was  
21 shown a report produced by his Institute in 2000 explaining the six  
22 dimensions of marriage: (1) legal contract; (2) financial  
23 partnership; (3) sacred promise; (4) sexual union; (5) personal  
24 bond; and (6) family-making bond. PX2879 (Coalition for Marriage,  
25 Family and Couples Education, et al, The Marriage Movement: A  
26 Statement of Principles (Institute for American Values 2000)).  
27 Blankenhorn agreed that same-sex marriages and opposite-sex  
28 marriages would be identical across these six dimensions. Tr

1 2913:8-2916:18. When referring to the sixth dimension, a family-  
2 making bond, Blankenhorn agreed that same-sex couples could "raise"  
3 children. Tr 2916:17.

4 Blankenhorn gave absolutely no explanation why  
5 manifestations of the deinstitutionalization of marriage would be  
6 exacerbated (and not, for example, ameliorated) by the presence of  
7 marriage for same-sex couples. His opinion lacks reliability, as  
8 there is simply too great an analytical gap between the data and  
9 the opinion Blankenhorn proffered. See Joiner, 522 US at 146.

10 Blankenhorn was unwilling to answer many questions  
11 directly on cross-examination and was defensive in his answers.  
12 Moreover, much of his testimony contradicted his opinions.  
13 Blankenhorn testified on cross-examination that studies show  
14 children of adoptive parents do as well or better than children of  
15 biological parents. Tr 2794:12-2795:5. Blankenhorn agreed that  
16 children raised by same-sex couples would benefit if their parents  
17 were permitted to marry. Tr 2803:6-15. Blankenhorn also testified  
18 he wrote and agrees with the statement "I believe that today the  
19 principle of equal human dignity must apply to gay and lesbian  
20 persons. In that sense, insofar as we are a nation founded on this  
21 principle, we would be more American on the day we permitted same-  
22 sex marriage than we were the day before." DIX0956 at 2; Tr  
23 2805:6-2806:1.

24 Blankenhorn stated he opposes marriage for same-sex  
25 couples because it will weaken the institution of marriage, despite  
26 his recognition that at least thirteen positive consequences would  
27 flow from state recognition of marriage for same-sex couples,  
28 including: (1) by increasing the number of married couples who

1 might be interested in adoption and foster care, same-sex marriage  
2 might well lead to fewer children growing up in state institutions  
3 and more children growing up in loving adoptive and foster  
4 families; and (2) same-sex marriage would signify greater social  
5 acceptance of homosexual love and the worth and validity of same-  
6 sex intimate relationships. Tr 2839:16-2842:25; 2847:1-2848:3;  
7 DIX0956 at 203-205.

8 Blankenhorn's opinions are not supported by reliable  
9 evidence or methodology and Blankenhorn failed to consider evidence  
10 contrary to his view in presenting his testimony. The court  
11 therefore finds the opinions of Blankenhorn to be unreliable and  
12 entitled to essentially no weight.

13  
14 Kenneth P Miller

15 Proponents called Kenneth P Miller, a professor of  
16 government at Claremont McKenna College, as an expert in American  
17 and California politics. Tr 2427:10-12. Plaintiffs conducted voir  
18 dire to examine whether Miller had sufficient expertise to testify  
19 authoritatively on the subject of the political power of gays and  
20 lesbians. Tr 2428:3-10. Plaintiffs objected to Miller's  
21 qualification as an expert in the areas of discrimination against  
22 gays and lesbians and gay and lesbian political power but did not  
23 object to his qualification as an expert on initiatives. Tr  
24 2435:21-2436:4.

25 Miller received a PhD from the University of California  
26 (Berkeley) in 2002 in political science and is a professor of  
27 government at Claremont McKenna College. Doc #280-6 at 39-44  
28 (Miller CV). Plaintiffs contend that Miller lacks sufficient

1 expertise to offer an opinion on the relative political power of  
2 gay men and lesbians. Having considered Miller's background,  
3 experience and testimony, the court concludes that, while Miller  
4 has significant experience with politics generally, he is not  
5 sufficiently familiar with gay and lesbian politics specifically to  
6 offer opinions on gay and lesbian political power.

7 Miller testified that factors determining a group's  
8 political power include money, access to lawmakers, the size and  
9 cohesion of a group, the ability to attract allies and form  
10 coalitions and the ability to persuade. Tr 2437:7-14. Miller  
11 explained why, in his opinion, these factors favor a conclusion  
12 that gays and lesbians have political power. Tr 2442-2461.

13 Miller described religious, political and corporate  
14 support for gay and lesbian rights. Miller pointed to failed  
15 initiatives in California relating to whether public school  
16 teachers should be fired for publicly supporting homosexuality and  
17 whether HIV-positive individuals should be quarantined or reported  
18 as examples of political successes for gays and lesbians. Tr  
19 2475:21-2477:16. Miller testified that political powerlessness is  
20 the inability to attract the attention of lawmakers. Tr 2487:1-2.  
21 Using that test, Miller concluded that gays and lesbians have  
22 political power both nationally and in California. Tr 2487:10-21.

23 Plaintiffs cross-examined Miller about his knowledge of  
24 the relevant scholarship and data underlying his opinions. Miller  
25 admitted that proponents' counsel provided him with most of the  
26 "materials considered" in his expert report. Tr 2497:13-2498:22;  
27 PX0794A (annotated index of materials considered). See also Doc  
28 #280 at 23-35 (Appendix to plaintiffs' motion in limine listing 158

1 sources that appear on both Miller's list of materials considered  
2 and the list of proponents' withdrawn expert, Paul Nathanson,  
3 including twenty-eight websites listing the same "last visited"  
4 date). Miller stated that he did not know at the time of his  
5 deposition the status of antidiscrimination provisions to protect  
6 gays and lesbians at the state and local level, Tr 2506:3-2507:1,  
7 could only identify Don't Ask, Don't Tell and the federal Defense  
8 of Marriage Act as examples of official discrimination against gays  
9 and lesbians, Tr 2524:4-2525:2, and that he has read no or few  
10 books or articles by George Chauncey, Miriam Smith, Shane Phelan,  
11 Ellen Riggle, Barry Tadlock, William Eskridge, Mark Blasius,  
12 Urvashi Vaid, Andrew Sullivan and John D'Emilio, Tr 2518:15-  
13 2522:25.

14 Miller admitted he had not investigated the scope of  
15 private employment discrimination against gays and lesbians and had  
16 no reason to dispute the data on discrimination presented in PX0604  
17 (The Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2009, Hearings on HR 3017  
18 before the House Committee on Education and Labor, 111 Cong, 1st  
19 Sess (Sept 23, 2009) (testimony of R Bradley Sears, Executive  
20 Director of the Williams Institute)). Tr 2529:15-2530:24. Miller  
21 did not know whether gays and lesbians have more or less political  
22 power than African Americans, either in California or nationally,  
23 because he had not researched the question. Tr 2535:9-2539:13.

24 Plaintiffs questioned Miller on his earlier scholarship  
25 criticizing the California initiative process because initiatives  
26 eschew compromise and foster polarization, undermine the authority  
27 and flexibility of representative government and violate norms of  
28 openness, accountability, competence and fairness. Tr 2544:10-

1 2547:7. In 2001 Miller wrote that he was especially concerned that  
2 initiative constitutional amendments undermine representative  
3 democracy. Tr 2546:14-2548:15.

4 Plaintiffs questioned Miller on data showing 84 percent  
5 of those who attend church weekly voted yes on Proposition 8, 54  
6 percent of those who attend church occasionally voted no on  
7 Proposition 8 and 83 percent of those who never attend church voted  
8 no on Proposition 8. Tr 2590:10-2591:7; PX2853 at 9 Proposition 8  
9 Local Exit Polls - Election Center 2008, CNN). Plaintiffs also  
10 asked about polling data showing 56 percent of those with a union  
11 member in the household voted yes on Proposition 8. Tr 2591:25-  
12 2592:6; PX2853 at 13. Miller stated he had no reason to doubt the  
13 accuracy of the polling data. Tr 2592:7-8. Miller did not explain  
14 how the data in PX2853 are consistent with his conclusion that many  
15 religious groups and labor unions are allies of gays and lesbians.

16 Miller testified that he did not investigate the extent  
17 of anti-gay harassment in workplaces or schools. Tr 2600:7-17,  
18 2603:9-24. Miller stated he had not investigated the ways in which  
19 anti-gay stereotypes may have influenced Proposition 8 voters. Tr  
20 2608:19-2609:1. Miller agreed that a principle of political  
21 science holds that it is undesirable for a religious majority to  
22 impose its religious views on a minority. Tr 2692:16-2693:7.

23 Miller explained on redirect that he had reviewed "most"  
24 of the materials listed in his expert report and that he "tried to  
25 review all of them." Tr 2697:11-16. Miller testified that he  
26 believes initiatives relating to marriage for same-sex couples  
27 arise as a check on the courts and do not therefore implicate a  
28 fear of the majority imposing its will on the minority. Tr

1 2706:17-2707:6. Miller explained that prohibiting same-sex couples  
2 from marriage "wasn't necessarily invidious discrimination against"  
3 gays and lesbians. Tr 2707:20-24.

4 The credibility of Miller's opinions relating to gay and  
5 lesbian political power is undermined by his admissions that he:  
6 (1) has not focused on lesbian and gay issues in his research or  
7 study; (2) has not read many of the sources that would be relevant  
8 to forming an opinion regarding the political power of gays and  
9 lesbians; (3) has no basis to compare the political power of gays  
10 and lesbians to the power of other groups, including  
11 African-Americans and women; and (4) could not confirm that he  
12 personally identified the vast majority of the sources that he  
13 cited in his expert report, see PX0794A. Furthermore, Miller  
14 undermined the credibility of his opinions by conceding that gays  
15 and lesbians currently face discrimination and that current  
16 discrimination is relevant to a group's political power.

17 Miller's credibility was further undermined because the  
18 opinions he offered at trial were inconsistent with the opinions he  
19 expressed before he was retained as an expert. Specifically,  
20 Miller previously wrote that gays and lesbians, like other  
21 minorities, are vulnerable and powerless in the initiative process,  
22 see PX1869 (Kenneth Miller, Constraining Populism: The Real  
23 Challenge of Initiative Reform, 41 Santa Clara L Rev 1037 (2001)),  
24 contradicting his trial testimony that gays and lesbians are not  
25 politically vulnerable with respect to the initiative process.  
26 Miller admitted that at least some voters supported Proposition 8  
27 based on anti-gay sentiment. Tr 2606:11-2608:18.

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1 For the foregoing reasons, the court finds that Miller's  
2 opinions on gay and lesbian political power are entitled to little  
3 weight and only to the extent they are amply supported by reliable  
4 evidence.

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6 II

7 FINDINGS OF FACT<sup>2</sup>

8 Having considered the evidence presented at trial, the  
9 credibility of the witnesses and the legal arguments presented by  
10 counsel, the court now makes the following findings of fact  
11 pursuant to FRCP 52(a). The court relies primarily on the  
12 testimony and exhibits cited herein, although uncited cumulative  
13 documentary evidence in the record and considered by the court also  
14 supports the findings.

15  
16 THE PARTIES

17 Plaintiffs

- 18 1. Kristin Perry and Sandra Stier reside together in Alameda  
19 County, California and are raising four children. They are  
20 lesbians in a committed relationship who seek to marry.  
21 2. On May 21, 2009, Perry and Stier applied for a marriage  
22 license from defendant O'Connell, the Alameda County  
23 Clerk-Recorder, who denied them a license due to Proposition 8  
24 because they are of the same sex.

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28 <sup>2</sup> To the extent any of the findings of fact should more properly be considered  
conclusions of law, they shall be deemed as such.

1 3. Paul Katami and Jeffrey Zarrillo reside together in Los  
2 Angeles County, California. They are gay men in a committed  
3 relationship who seek to marry.

4 4. On May 20, 2009, Katami and Zarrillo applied for a marriage  
5 license from defendant Logan, the Los Angeles County Clerk,  
6 who denied them a license due to Proposition 8 because they  
7 are of the same sex.

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9 Plaintiff-Intervenor

10 5. San Francisco is a charter city and county under the  
11 California Constitution and laws of the State of California.  
12 Cal Const Art XI, § 5(a); SF Charter Preamble.

13 6. San Francisco is responsible for issuing marriage licenses,  
14 performing civil marriage ceremonies and maintaining vital  
15 records of marriages. Cal Fam Code §§ 350(a), 401(a), 400(b).

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17 Defendants

18 7. Arnold Schwarzenegger is the Governor of California.

19 8. Edmund G Brown, Jr is the Attorney General of California.

20 9. Mark B Horton is the Director of the California Department of  
21 Public Health and the State Registrar of Vital Statistics of  
22 the State of California. In his official capacity, Horton is  
23 responsible for prescribing and furnishing the forms for  
24 marriage license applications, the certificate of registry of  
25 marriage, including the license to marry, and the marriage  
26 certificate. See Doc #46 ¶ 15 (admitting Doc #1 ¶ 15).

27 10. Linette Scott is the Deputy Director of Health Information &  
28 Strategic Planning for the California Department of Public

1 Health. Scott reports to Horton and is the official  
2 responsible for prescribing and furnishing the forms for  
3 marriage license applications, the certificate of registry of  
4 marriage, including the license to marry, and the marriage  
5 certificate. See Doc #46 ¶ 16 (admitting Doc #1 ¶ 16).

6 11. Patrick O'Connell is the Alameda County Clerk-Registrar and is  
7 responsible for maintaining vital records of marriages,  
8 issuing marriage licenses and performing civil marriage  
9 ceremonies. See Doc #42 ¶ 17 (admitting Doc #1 ¶ 17).

10 12. Dean C Logan is the Los Angeles County  
11 Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and is responsible for  
12 maintaining vital records of marriages, issuing marriage  
13 licenses and performing civil marriage ceremonies. Doc #41 ¶  
14 13 (admitting Doc #1 ¶ 18).

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16 Defendant-Intevenors (Proponents)

17 13. Dennis Hollingsworth, Gail J Knight, Martin F Gutierrez,  
18 Hak-Shing William Tam and Mark A Jansson are the "official  
19 proponents" of Proposition 8 under California law.

20 a. Doc #8-6 at ¶ 19 (Decl of David Bauer);

21 b. Doc #8 at 14 (Proponents' motion to intervene:  
22 "Proponents complied with a myriad of legal requirements  
23 to procure Proposition 8's enactment, such as (1) filing  
24 forms prompting the State to prepare Proposition 8's  
25 Title and Summary, (2) paying the initiative filing fee,  
26 (3) drafting legally compliant signature petitions, (4)  
27 overseeing the collection of more than 1.2 million  
28 signatures, (5) instructing signature-collectors on  
state-law guidelines, and (6) obtaining certifications  
from supervising signature-gatherers.").

1 14. Proponents dedicated substantial time, effort, reputation and  
2 personal resources in campaigning for Proposition 8.

- 3 a. Tr 1889:23-1893:15: Tam spent the majority of his hours  
4 in 2008 working to pass Proposition 8;
- 5 b. Doc #8-1 at ¶ 27 (Decl of Dennis Hollingsworth);
- 6 c. Doc #8-2 at ¶ 27 (Decl of Gail J Knight);
- 7 d. Doc #8-3 (Decl of Martin F Gutierrez: describing  
8 activities to pass and enforce Proposition 8);
- 9 e. Doc #8-4 at ¶ 27 (Decl of Hak-Shing William Tam);
- 10 f. Doc #8-5 at ¶ 27 (Decl of Mark A Jansson).

11 15. Proponents established ProtectMarriage.com — Yes on 8, a  
12 Project of California Renewal ("Protect Marriage") as a  
13 "primarily formed ballot measure committee" under California  
14 law.

- 15 a. Doc #8-1 at ¶ 13 (Decl of Dennis Hollingsworth);
- 16 b. Doc #8-2 at ¶ 13 (Decl of Gail J Knight);
- 17 c. Doc #8-3 at ¶ 13 (Decl of Martin F Gutierrez);
- 18 d. Doc #8-4 at ¶ 13 (Decl of Hak-Shing William Tam);
- 19 e. Doc #8-5 at ¶ 13 (Decl of Mark A Jansson).

20 16. The Protect Marriage Executive Committee includes Ron  
21 Prentice, Edward Dolejsi, Mark A Jansson and Doug Swardstrom.  
22 Andrew Pugno acts as General Counsel. David Bauer is the  
23 Treasurer and officer of record for Protect Marriage.

- 24 a. Doc #372 at 4 (identifying the above individuals based on  
25 the declaration of Ron Prentice, submitted under seal on  
26 November 6, 2009);
- 27 b. PX0209 Letter from Protect Marriage to Jim Abbott (Oct  
28 20, 2008): Letter to a business that donated money to a  
group opposing Proposition 8 demanding "a donation of a  
like amount" to Protect Marriage. The letter is signed  
by: Ron Prentice, Protect Marriage Chairman; Andrew  
Pugno, Protect Marriage General Counsel; Edward Dolejsi,  
Executive Director, California Catholic Conference; and

1 Mark Jansson, a Protect Marriage Executive Committee  
2 Member.

- 3 17. Protect Marriage was responsible for all aspects of the  
4 campaign to qualify Proposition 8 for the ballot and enact it  
5 into law.
- 6 a. Doc #8-6 at ¶¶ 4, 6, 10, 11 (Decl of David Bauer);
- 7 b. PX2403 Email from Kenyn Cureton, Vice-President, Family  
8 Research Council, to Prentice at 1 (Aug 25, 2008):  
9 Cureton attaches a kit to be distributed to Christian  
10 voters through churches to help them promote Proposition  
11 8. Cureton explains to Prentice that Family Research  
12 Council ("FRC") found out from Pugno that FRC "need[s] to  
13 take FRC logos off of the CA version of the videos (legal  
14 issues) and just put ProtectMarriage.com on everything"  
15 and FRC is "making those changes.";
- 16 c. PX2640 Email from Pugno to Tam (Feb 5, 2008) at 2: "I do  
17 not think it is likely, but in the event you are  
18 contacted by the media or anyone else regarding the  
19 Marriage Amendment [Proposition 8], I would encourage you  
20 to please refer all calls to the campaign phone number.  
21 \* \* \* It is crucial that our public message be very  
22 specific.";
- 23 d. PX2640 Email from Pugno to Tam (Feb 5, 2008) at 2: Pugno  
24 explains that Tam is "an exception" to Protect Marriage's  
25 press strategy and should speak on behalf of the campaign  
26 directly to the Chinese press. See Tr 1906:9-12;
- 27 e. Tr 1892:9-12 (Tam: In October 2007, Tam was waiting for  
28 instructions from Protect Marriage regarding when he  
should start collecting signatures to place Proposition 8  
on the ballot.);
- f. Tr 1904:3-5 (Tam: Tam participated in a debate because  
Protect Marriage told him to do so.);
- g. Tr 1998:23-1999:11 (Tam: Protect Marriage reimbursed  
individuals who ran print and television ads in support  
of Proposition 8.);
- h. Tr 1965:15-1966:4 (Tam: Tam signed a "Statement of Unity  
with respect to the Proposition 8 campaign" both "[o]n  
behalf of [him]self and on behalf of the Traditional  
Family Coalition.");
- i. PX2476 Email from Tam to list of supporters (Oct 22,  
2007): "I'm still waiting for ProtectMarriage.com for

1 instructions of when we would start the signature  
2 collection for [Proposition 8]."

- 3 18. Protect Marriage is a "broad coalition" of individuals and  
4 organizations, including the Church of Jesus Christ of  
5 Latter-Day Saints (the "LDS Church"), the California Catholic  
6 Conference and a large number of evangelical churches.
- 7 a. PX2310 About ProtectMarriage.com, Protect Marriage  
8 (2008): Protect Marriage "about" page identifies a  
"broad-based coalition" in support of Proposition 8;
- 9 b. PX0577 Frank Schubert and Jeff Flint, Passing Prop 8,  
10 Politics (Feb 2009) at 47: "We had the support of  
virtually the entire faith community in California.";
- 11 c. Tr 1585:20-1590:2 (Segura: Churches, because of their  
12 hierarchical structure and ability to speak to  
13 congregations once a week, have a "very strong  
14 communication network" with churchgoers. A network of  
"1700 pastors" working with Protect Marriage in support  
15 of Proposition 8 is striking because of "the sheer  
16 breadth of the [religious] organization and its level of  
17 coordination with Protect Marriage.");
- 18 d. Tr 1590:23-1591:12 (Segura: An "organized effort" and  
"formal association" of religious groups formed the  
19 "broad-based coalition" of Protect Marriage.);
- 20 e. Tr 1609:12-1610:6 (Segura: The coalition between the  
21 Catholic Church and the LDS Church against a minority  
22 group was "unprecedented.");
- 23 f. PX2597 Email from Prentice to Lynn Vincent (June 19,  
24 2008): Prentice explains that "[f]rom the initial efforts  
25 in 1998 for the eventual success of Prop 22 in 2000, a  
26 coalition of many organizations has existed, including  
evangelical, Catholic and Mormon groups" and identifies  
27 Catholic and evangelical leaders working to pass  
28 Proposition 8;
- g. PX0390A Video, Ron Prentice Addressing Supporters of  
Proposition 8, Excerpt: Prentice explains the importance  
of contributions from the LDS Church, Catholic bishops  
and evangelical ministers to the Protect Marriage  
campaign;
- h. PX0577 Frank Schubert and Jeff Flint, Passing Prop 8,  
Politics at 46 (Feb 2009): "By this time, leaders of the  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints had endorsed  
Prop 8 and joined the campaign executive committee. Even

1           though the LDS were the last major denomination to join  
2           the campaign, their members were immensely helpful in  
3           early fundraising, providing much-needed contributions  
4           while we were busy organizing Catholic and Evangelical  
5           fundraising efforts."

6           WHETHER ANY EVIDENCE SUPPORTS CALIFORNIA'S REFUSAL TO  
7           RECOGNIZE MARRIAGE BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE BECAUSE OF THEIR SEX

8           19. Marriage in the United States has always been a civil matter.  
9           Civil authorities may permit religious leaders to solemnize  
10           marriages but not to determine who may enter or leave a civil  
11           marriage. Religious leaders may determine independently  
12           whether to recognize a civil marriage or divorce but that  
13           recognition or lack thereof has no effect on the relationship  
14           under state law.

15           a. Tr 195:13-196:21 (Cott: "[C]ivil law has always been  
16           supreme in defining and regulating marriage. \* \* \*  
17           [Religious practices and ceremonies] have no particular  
18           bearing on the validity of marriages. Any clerics,  
19           ministers, rabbis, et cetera, that were accustomed to  
20           \* \* \* performing marriages, only do so because the state  
21           has given them authority to do that.");

22           b. Cal Fam Code §§ 400, 420.

23           20. A person may not marry unless he or she has the legal capacity  
24           to consent to marriage.

25           a. Tr 202:2-15 (Cott: Marriage "is a basic civil right. It  
26           expresses the right of a person to have the liberty to be  
27           able to consent validly.");

28           b. Cal Fam Code §§ 300, 301.

          21. California, like every other state, has never required that  
          individuals entering a marriage be willing or able to  
          procreate.

          a. Cal Fam Code § 300 et seq;

          b. In re Marriage Cases, 183 P3d 384, 431 (Cal 2008) ("This  
          contention [that marriage is limited to opposite-sex  
          couples because only a man and a woman can produce

1 children biologically related to both] is fundamentally  
2 flawed[.]");

3 c. Lawrence v Texas, 539 US 558, 604-05 (2003) (Scalia, J,  
4 dissenting) ("If moral disapprobation of homosexual  
5 conduct is 'no legitimate state interest' for purposes of  
6 proscribing that conduct \* \* \* what justification could  
7 there possibly be for denying the benefits of marriage to  
8 homosexual couples exercising 'the liberty protected by  
9 the Constitution'? Surely not the encouragement of  
10 procreation, since the sterile and the elderly are  
11 allowed to marry.");

12 d. Tr 222:22-223:22 (Cott: "There has never been a  
13 requirement that a couple produce children in order to  
14 have a valid marriage. Of course, people beyond  
15 procreative age have always been allowed to marry. \* \* \*  
16 [P]rocreative ability has never been a qualification for  
17 marriage.").

18 22. When California became a state in 1850, marriage was  
19 understood to require a husband and a wife. See Cal Const,  
20 Art XI § 14 (1849); In re Marriage Cases, 183 P3d at 407.

21 23. The states have always required the parties to give their free  
22 consent to a marriage. Because slaves were considered  
23 property of others at the time, they lacked the legal capacity  
24 to consent and were thus unable to marry. After emancipation,  
25 former slaves viewed their ability to marry as one of the most  
26 important new rights they had gained. Tr 202:2-203:12 (Cott).

27 24. Many states, including California, had laws restricting the  
28 race of marital partners so that whites and non-whites could  
not marry each other.

a. Tr 228:9-231:3 (Cott: In "[a]s many as 41 states and  
territories," laws placed restrictions on "marriage  
between a white person and a person of color.");

b. Tr 236:17-238:23 (Cott: Racially restrictive marriage  
laws "prevented individuals from having complete choice  
on whom they married, in a way that designated some  
groups as less worthy than other groups[.]" Defenders of  
race restrictions argued the laws were "naturally-based  
and God's plan just being put into positive law, the  
efforts to undo them met extreme alarm among those who



- 1 thought these laws were correct. \* \* \* [P]eople who  
2 supported [racially restrictive marriage laws] saw these  
3 as very important definitional features of who could and  
4 should marry, and who could not and should not.");
- 5 c. Tr 440:9-13 (Chauncey: Jerry Falwell criticized Brown v  
6 Board of Education, because school integration could  
7 "lead to interracial marriage, which was then sort of the  
8 ultimate sign of black and white equality.");
- 9 d. PX2547 (Nathanson Nov 12, 2009 Dep Tr 108:12-23:  
10 Defenders of race restrictions in marriage argued that  
11 such discrimination was protective of the family); PX2546  
12 (video of same);
- 13 e. Pace v Alabama, 106 US 583, 585 (1883) (holding that  
14 anti-miscegenation laws did not violate the Constitution  
15 because they treated African-Americans and whites the  
16 same);
- 17 f. PX0710 at RFA No 11: Attorney General admits that  
18 California banned interracial marriage until the  
19 California Supreme Court invalidated the prohibition in  
20 Perez v Sharp, 198 P2d 17 (Cal 1948);
- 21 g. PX0707 at RFA No 11: Proponents admit that California  
22 banned certain interracial marriages from early in its  
23 history as a state until the California Supreme Court  
24 invalidated those restrictions in Perez, 198 P2d 17.
- 25 25. Racial restrictions on an individual's choice of marriage  
26 partner were deemed unconstitutional under the California  
27 Constitution in 1948 and under the United States Constitution  
28 in 1967. An individual's exercise of his or her right to  
marry no longer depends on his or her race nor on the race of  
his or her chosen partner.
- a. Loving v Virginia, 388 US 1 (1967);
- b. Perez v Sharp, 198 P2d 17 (Cal 1948).
26. Under coverture, a woman's legal and economic identity was  
subsumed by her husband's upon marriage. The husband was the  
legal head of household. Coverture is no longer part of the  
marital bargain.

- 1 a. PX0710 at RFA No 12: Attorney General admits that the  
2 doctrine of coverture, under which women, once married,  
3 lost their independent legal identity and became the  
4 property of their husbands, was once viewed as a central  
5 component of the civil institution of marriage;
- 6 b. Tr 240:11-240:15 (Cott: Under coverture, "the wife was  
7 covered, in effect, by her husband's legal and economic  
8 identity. And she — she lost her independent legal and  
9 economic individuality.");
- 10 c. Tr 240:22-241:6 (Cott: Coverture "was the marital bargain  
11 to which both spouses consented. And it was a reciprocal  
12 bargain in which the husband had certain very important  
13 \* \* \* obligations that were enforced by the state. His  
14 obligation was to support his wife, provide her with the  
15 basic material goods of life, and to do so for their  
16 dependents. And her part of the bargain was to serve and  
17 obey him, and to lend to him all of her property, and  
18 also enable him to take all of her earnings, and  
19 represent her in court or in any sort of legal or  
20 economic transaction.");
- 21 d. Tr 241:7-11 (Cott: Coverture "was a highly-asymmetrical  
22 bargain that, to us today, appears to enforce inequality.  
23 \* \* \* But I do want to stress it was not simply  
24 domination and submission. It was a mutual bargain, a  
25 reciprocal bargain joined by consent.");
- 26 e. Tr 243:5-244:10 (Cott: The sexual division of roles of  
27 spouses began to shift in the late nineteenth century and  
28 came fully to an end under the law in the 1970s.  
Currently, the state's assignment of marital roles is  
gender-neutral. "[B]oth spouses are obligated to support  
one another, but they are not obligated to one another  
with a specific emphasis on one spouse being the provider  
and the other being the dependent.");
- 29 f. Follansbee v Benzenberg, 122 Cal App 2d 466, 476 (2d Dist  
1954) ("The legal status of a wife has changed. Her  
legal personality is no longer merged in that of her  
husband.").
- 30 27. Marriage between a man and a woman was traditionally organized  
31 based on presumptions of a division of labor along gender  
32 lines. Men were seen as suited for certain types of work and  
33 women for others. Women were seen as suited to raise children  
34 and men were seen as suited to provide for the family.

- 1 a. Tr 239:25-245:8, 307:14-308:9, 340:14-342:12 (Cott:  
2 Marriage laws historically have been used to dictate the  
3 roles of spouses. Under coverture, a wife's legal and  
4 economic identity was merged into that of her husband's.  
5 The coverture system was based on assumptions of what was  
6 then considered a natural division of labor between men  
7 and women.);
- 8 b. Tr 241:19-23 (Cott: "[A]ssumptions were, at the time,  
9 that men were suited to be providers \* \* \* whereas,  
10 women, the weaker sex, were suited to be dependent.");
- 11 c. PX1245 Letitia Anne Peplau and Adam W Fingerhut, The  
12 Close Relationships of Lesbians and Gay Men, 58 Annual  
13 Rev Pschol 405, 408 (2007): "Traditional heterosexual  
14 marriage is organized around two basic principles: a  
15 division of labor based on gender and a norm of greater  
16 male power and decision-making authority.";
- 17 d. PX2547 (Nathanson Nov 12, 2009 Dep Tr 108:24-109:9:  
18 Defenders of prejudice or stereotypes against women  
19 argued that such discrimination was meant to be  
20 protective of the family. (PX2546 video of same); see  
21 also PX2545 (Young Nov 13, 2009 Dep Tr 214:19-215:13:  
22 same, PX2544 video of same);
- 23 e. PX1319 Hendrik Hartog, Lecture, Marital Exits and Marital  
24 Expectations in Nineteenth Century America, 80 Georgetown  
25 L J 95, 101, 128-129 (1991): "Even in equity, a wife  
26 could not usually sue under her own name." And "the most  
27 important feature of marriage was the public assumption  
28 of a relationship of rights and duties, of men acting as  
husbands and women acting as wives.";
- 29 f. PX1328 Note, A Reconsideration of Husband's Duty to  
30 Support and Wife's Duty to Render Services, 29 Va L Rev  
31 857, 858 (1943): "Marriage deprived [the wife] of her  
32 legal capacity in most matters affecting property."
- 33 28. The development of no-fault divorce laws made it simpler for  
34 spouses to end marriages and allowed spouses to define their  
35 own roles within a marriage.
- 36 a. Tr 338:5-14 (Cott: No-fault divorce "was an indication of  
37 the shift \* \* \* [that] spousal roles used to be dictated  
38 by the state. Now they are dictated by the couple  
39 themselves. There's no requirement that they do X or Y  
40 if they are one spouse or the other.");
- 41 b. Tr 339:10-14 (Cott: The move to no-fault divorce  
42 underlines the fact that marriage no longer requires

1 specific performance of one marital role or another based  
2 on gender.);

3 c. PX1319 Hendrik Hartog, Lecture, Marital Exits and Marital  
4 Expectations in Nineteenth Century America, 80 Georgetown  
5 L J 95, 97, 121 (1991): In nineteenth century America,  
6 marriage was permanent, spousal roles were non-negotiable  
7 and divorce "punished the guilty for criminal conduct"  
8 and "provided a form of public punishment for a spouse  
9 who had knowingly and criminally violated his or her  
10 public vows of marriage.";

11 d. PX1308 Betsey Stevenson and Justin Wolfers, Marriage and  
12 Divorce: Changes and their Driving Forces, Institute for  
13 the Study of Labor at 2-3, Fig 1 (Feb 2007): Current  
14 divorce rates are consistent with trends that developed  
15 before states adopted no-fault divorce.

16 29. In 1971, California amended Cal Civ Code § 4101, which had  
17 previously set the age of consent to marriage at twenty-one  
18 years for males and eighteen years for females, to read "[a]ny  
19 unmarried person of the age of 18 years or upwards, and not  
20 otherwise disqualified, is capable of consenting to and  
21 consummating marriage." Cal Civ Code § 4101 (1971); In re  
22 Marriage Cases, 183 P3d at 408.

23 30. In the 1970s, several same-sex couples sought marriage  
24 licenses in California, relying on the amended language in Cal  
25 Civ Code § 4101. In re Marriage Cases, 183 P3d at 409. In  
26 response, the legislature in 1977 amended the marriage  
27 statute, former Cal Civ Code § 4100, to read "[m]arriage is a  
28 personal relation arising out of a civil contract between a  
man and a woman \* \* \*." Id. That provision became Cal Fam  
Code § 300. The legislative history of the enactment  
supports a conclusion that unique roles of a man and a woman  
in marriage motivated legislators to enact the amendment. See  
In re Marriage Cases, 183 P3d at 409.

1 31. In 2008, the California Supreme Court held that certain  
2 provisions of the Family Code violated the California  
3 Constitution to the extent the statutes reserve the  
4 designation of marriage to opposite-sex couples. In re  
5 Marriage Cases, 183 P3d at 452. The language "between a man  
6 and a woman" was stricken from section 300, and section 308.5  
7 (Proposition 22) was stricken in its entirety. Id at 453.

8 32. California has eliminated marital obligations based on the  
9 gender of the spouse. Regardless of their sex or gender,  
10 marital partners share the same obligations to one another and  
11 to their dependants. As a result of Proposition 8, California  
12 nevertheless requires that a marriage consist of one man and  
13 one woman.

14 a. Cal Const Art, I § 7.5 (Proposition 8);

15 b. Cal Fam Code § 720.

16 33. Eliminating gender and race restrictions in marriage has not  
17 deprived the institution of marriage of its vitality.

18 a. PX0707 at RFA No 13: Proponents admit that eliminating  
19 the doctrine of coverture has not deprived marriage of  
its vitality and importance as a social institution;

20 b. PX0710 at RFA No 13: Attorney General admits that  
21 gender-based reforms in civil marriage law have not  
22 deprived marriage of its vitality and importance as a  
social institution;

23 c. Tr 245:9-247:3 (Cott: "[T]he primacy of the husband as  
24 the legal and economic representative of the couple, and  
25 the protector and provider for his wife, was seen as  
26 absolutely essential to what marriage was" in the  
27 nineteenth century. Gender restrictions were slowly  
28 removed from marriage, but "because there were such  
alarms about it and such resistance to change in this  
what had been seen as quite an essential characteristic  
of marriage, it took a very very long time before this  
trajectory of the removal of the state from prescribing  
these rigid spousal roles was complete." The removal of  
gender inequality in marriage is now complete "to no

1           apparent damage to the institution. And, in fact, I  
2           think to the benefit of the institution.");

3           d.   PX0707 at RFA No 13: Proponents admit that eliminating  
4           racial restrictions on marriage has not deprived marriage  
5           of its vitality and importance as a social institution;

6           e.   PX0710 at RFA No 13: Attorney General admits that  
7           race-based reforms in civil marriage law have not  
8           deprived marriage of its vitality and importance as a  
9           social institution;

10          f.   Tr 237:9-239:24 (Cott: When racial restrictions on  
11          marriage across color lines were abolished, there was  
12          alarm and many people worried that the institution of  
13          marriage would be degraded and devalued. But "there has  
14          been no evidence that the institution of marriage has  
15          become less popular because \* \* \* people can marry  
16          whoever they want.").

17   34.   Marriage is the state recognition and approval of a couple's  
18          choice to live with each other, to remain committed to one  
19          another and to form a household based on their own feelings  
20          about one another and to join in an economic partnership and  
21          support one another and any dependents. Tr 187:11-16; 188:16-  
22          189:2; 201:9-14 (Cott).

23   35.   The state has many purposes in licensing and fostering  
24          marriage. Some of the state's purposes benefit the persons  
25          married while some benefit the state:

26          a.   Facilitating governance and public order by organizing  
27          individuals into cohesive family units. Tr 222:13-17  
28          (Cott: "[T]he purpose of the state in licensing and  
incentivizing marriage is to create stable households in  
which the adults who reside there and are committed to  
one another by their own consents will support one  
another as well as their dependents.");

          b.   Developing a realm of liberty, intimacy and free  
decision-making by spouses, Tr 189:7-15 (Cott: "[T]he  
realm created by marriage, that private realm has been  
repeatedly reiterated as a — as a realm of liberty for  
intimacy and free decision making by the parties[.]");

          c.   Creating stable households. Tr 226:8-15 (Cott: The  
government's aim is "to create stable and enduring unions  
between couples.);

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- d. Legitimizing children. Tr 225:16-227:4 (Cott: Historically, legitimating children was a very important function of marriage, especially among propertied families. Today, legitimation is less important, although unmarried couples' children still have to show "that they deserve these inheritance rights and other benefits of their parents.");
- e. Assigning individuals to care for one another and thus limiting the public's liability to care for the vulnerable. Tr 226:8-227:4 (Cott: Marriage gives private actors responsibility over dependents.); Tr 222:18-20 ("The institution of marriage has always been at least as much about supporting adults as it has been about supporting minors.");
- f. Facilitating property ownership. Tr 188:20-22 (Marriage is "the foundation of the private realm of \* \* \* property transmission.").

36. States and the federal government channel benefits, rights and responsibilities through marital status. Marital status affects immigration and citizenship, tax policy, property and inheritance rules and social benefit programs.

- a. Tr 1341:2-16 (Badgett: Specific tangible economic harms flow from being unable to marry, including lack of access to health insurance and other employment benefits, higher income taxes and taxes on domestic partner benefits.);
- b. Tr 235:24-236:16 (Cott: The government has historically channeled many benefits through marriage; as an example, the Social Security Act had "a very distinct marital advantage for those who were married couples as compared to either single individuals or unmarried couples.");
- c. PX1397 US General Accounting Office Report at 1, Jan 23, 2004: Research identified "a total of 1138 federal statutory provisions classified in the United States Code in which marital status is a factor in determining or receiving benefits, rights, and privileges."

37. Marriage creates economic support obligations between consenting adults and for their dependents.

- a. Tr 222:13-17 (Cott: "[T]he purpose of the state in licensing and incentivizing marriage is to create stable households in which the adults who reside there and are



1 committed to one another by their own consents will  
2 support one another as well as their dependents.");

3 b. Cal Fam Code § 720.

4 38. Marriage benefits both spouses by promoting physical and  
5 psychological health. Married individuals are less likely to  
6 engage in behaviors detrimental to health, like smoking or  
7 drinking heavily. Married individuals live longer on average  
8 than unmarried individuals.

9 a. Tr 578:11-579:9 (Peplau: A recent, large-scale study by  
10 the Centers for Disease Control found that married  
11 individuals, on average, fare better on "virtually every  
12 measure" of health compared to non-married individuals.);

12 b. PX0708 at RFA No 84: Proponents admit that opposite-sex  
13 couples who are married experience, on average, less  
14 anxiety and depression and greater happiness and  
15 satisfaction with life than do non-married opposite-sex  
16 couples or persons not involved in an intimate  
17 relationship;

15 c. Tr 578:2-10 (Peplau: "[T]he very consistent findings from  
16 [a very large body of research on the impact of marriage  
17 on health] are that, on average, married individuals fare  
18 better. They are physically healthier. They tend to  
19 live longer. They engage in fewer risky behaviors. They  
20 look better on measures of psychological well-being.");

19 d. Tr 688:10-12 (Egan: "[M]arried individuals are healthier,  
20 on average, and, in particular, behave themselves in  
21 healthier ways than single individuals.");

21 e. PX1043 Charlotte A Schoenborn, Marital Status and Health:  
22 United States, 1999-2002, US Department of Health and  
23 Human Services at 1 (Dec 15, 2004): "Regardless of  
24 population subgroup (age, sex, race, Hispanic origin,  
25 education, income, or nativity) or health indicator (fair  
26 or poor health, limitations in activities, low back pain,  
27 headaches, serious psychological distress, smoking, or  
28 leisure-time physical inactivity), married adults were  
generally found to be healthier than adults in other  
marital status categories.";

26 f. PX0803 California Health Interview Survey (2009): Married  
27 individuals are less likely to have psychological  
28 distress than individuals who are single and never  
married, divorced, separated, widowed or living with  
their partner;



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g. PX0807 Press Release, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Marriage Encourages Healthy Behaviors among the Elderly, Especially Men (Oct 26, 1998): Marriage encourages healthy behaviors among the elderly.

39. Material benefits, legal protections and social support resulting from marriage can increase wealth and improve psychological well-being for married spouses.

a. PX0809 Joseph Lupton and James P Smith, Marriage, Assets, and Savings, RAND (Nov 1999): Marriage is correlated with wealth accumulation;

b. Tr 1332:19-1337:2 (Badgett: Marriage confers numerous economic benefits, including greater specialization of labor and economies of scale, reduced transactions costs, health and insurance benefits, stronger statement of commitment, greater validation and social acceptance of the relationship and more positive workplace outcomes. Some benefits are not quantifiable but are nevertheless substantial.);

c. PX0708 at RFA No 85: Proponents admit that societal support is central to the institution of marriage and that marital relationships are typically entered in the presence of family members, friends and civil or religious authorities;

d. PX0708 at RFA No 87: Proponents admit that marriage between a man and a woman can be a source of relationship stability and commitment, including by creating barriers and constraints on dissolving the relationship.

40. The long-term nature of marriage allows spouses to specialize their labor and encourages spouses to increase household efficiency by dividing labor to increase productivity.

a. Tr 1331:15-1332:9; 1332:25-1334:17 (Badgett);

b. PX0708 at RFA No 88: Proponents admit that marriage between a man and a woman encourages spouses to increase household efficiency, including by dividing their labor in ways that increase the family's productivity in producing goods and services for family members.

- 1 41. The tangible and intangible benefits of marriage flow to a  
2 married couple's children.
- 3 a. Tr 1042:20-1043:8 (Lamb: explaining that when a  
4 cohabiting couple marries, that marriage can improve the  
5 adjustment outcomes of the couple's child because of "the  
6 advantages that accrue to marriage.");
- 7 b. PX0886 Position Statement, American Psychiatric  
8 Association, Support of Legal Recognition of Same-Sex  
9 Civil Marriage (July 2005): Marriage benefits children of  
10 that couple.

11 WHETHER ANY EVIDENCE SHOWS CALIFORNIA HAS AN INTEREST IN  
12 DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN SAME-SEX AND OPPOSITE-SEX UNIONS

- 13 42. Same-sex love and intimacy are well-documented in human  
14 history. The concept of an identity based on object desire;  
15 that is, whether an individual desires a relationship with  
16 someone of the opposite sex (heterosexual), same sex  
17 (homosexual) or either sex (bisexual), developed in the late  
18 nineteenth century.
- 19 a. Tr 531:25-533:24 (Chauncey: The categories of  
20 heterosexual and homosexual emerged in the late  
21 nineteenth century, although there were people at all  
22 time periods in American history whose primary erotic and  
23 emotional attractions were to people of the same sex.);
- 24 b. Tr 2078:10-12 (Herek: "[H]eterosexual and homosexual  
25 behaviors alike have been common throughout human  
26 history[.]");
- 27 c. Tr 2064:22-23 (Herek: In practice, we generally refer to  
28 three groups: homosexuals, heterosexuals and bisexuals.);
- 29 d. Tr 2027:4-9 (Herek: "[S]exual orientation is at its heart  
30 a relational construct, because it is all about a  
31 relationship of some sort between one individual and  
32 another, and a relationship that is defined by the sex of  
33 the two persons involved[.]").
- 34 43. Sexual orientation refers to an enduring pattern of sexual,  
35 affectional or romantic desires for and attractions to men,  
36 women or both sexes. An individual's sexual orientation can

1 be expressed through self-identification, behavior or  
2 attraction. The vast majority of people are consistent in  
3 self-identification, behavior and attraction throughout their  
4 adult lives.

- 5 a. Tr 2025:3-12 (Herek: "Sexual orientation is a term that  
6 we use to describe an enduring sexual, romantic, or  
7 intensely affectional attraction to men, to women, or to  
8 both men and women. It's also used to refer to an  
9 identity or a sense of self that is based on one's  
10 enduring patterns of attraction. And it's also sometimes  
11 used to describe an enduring pattern of behavior.");
- 12 b. Tr 2060:7-11 (Herek: Most social science and behavioral  
13 research has assessed sexual orientation in terms of  
14 attraction, behavior or identity, or some combination  
15 thereof.);
- 16 c. Tr 2072:19-2073:4 (Herek: "[T]he vast majority of people  
17 are consistent in their behavior, their identity, and  
18 their attractions.");
- 19 d. Tr 2086:13-21 (Herek: The Laumann study (PX0943 Edward O  
20 Laumann, et al, The Social Organization of Sexuality:  
21 Sexual Practices in the United States (Chicago 1994)  
22 shows that 90 percent of people in Laumann's sample were  
23 consistently heterosexual in their behavior, identity and  
24 attraction, and a core group of one to two percent of the  
25 sample was consistently lesbian, gay or bisexual in their  
26 behavior, identity and attraction.);
- 27 e. Tr 2211:8-10 (Herek: "[I]f I were a betting person, I  
28 would say that you would do well to bet that [a person's]  
future sexual behavior will correspond to [his or her]  
current identity.").

21 44. Sexual orientation is commonly discussed as a characteristic  
22 of the individual. Sexual orientation is fundamental to a  
23 person's identity and is a distinguishing characteristic that  
24 defines gays and lesbians as a discrete group. Proponents'  
25 assertion that sexual orientation cannot be defined is  
26 contrary to the weight of the evidence.

- 27 a. Tr 2026:7-24 (Herek: In his own research, Herek has asked  
28 ordinary people if they are heterosexual, straight, gay,

1 lesbian or bisexual, and that is a question people  
2 generally are able to answer.);

- 3 b. Tr 858:24-859:5 (Meyer: Sexual orientation is perceived  
4 as "a core thing about who you are." People say: "This  
5 is who I am. \* \* \* [I]t is a central identity that is  
6 important.");
- 7 c. Tr 2027:14-18 (Herek: These sorts of relationships, that  
8 need for intimacy and attachment is a very core part of  
9 the human experience and a very fundamental need that  
10 people have.);
- 11 d. Tr 2324:8-13 (Herek: If two women wish to marry each  
12 other, it is reasonable to assume that they are lesbians.  
13 And if two men want to marry each other, it is reasonable  
14 to assume that they are gay.);
- 15 e. Tr 2304:9-2309:1 (Herek: Researchers may define sexual  
16 orientation based on behavior, identity or attraction  
17 based on the purpose of a study, so that an individual  
18 studying sexually transmitted infections may focus on  
19 behavior while a researcher studying child development  
20 may focus on identity. Researchers studying racial and  
21 ethnic minorities similarly focus their definition of the  
22 population to be studied based on the purpose of the  
23 study. Most people are nevertheless consistent in their  
24 behavior, identity and attraction.);
- 25 f. Tr 2176:23-2177:14 (Herek, responding to cross-  
26 examination that sexual orientation is a socially  
27 constructed classification and not a "valid concept":  
28 "[Social constructionists] are talking about the  
construction of [sexual orientation] at the cultural  
level, in the same way that we have cultural  
constructions of race and ethnicity and social class.  
\* \* \* But to say that there's no such thing as class or  
race or ethnicity or sexual orientation is to, I think,  
minimize the importance of that construction.);
- g. Tr 1372:10-1374:7 (Badgett: DIX1108 The Williams  
Institute, Best Practices for Asking Questions about  
Sexual Orientation on Surveys (Nov 2009), includes a  
discussion about methods for conducting surveys; it does  
not conflict with the substantial evidence demonstrating  
that sexual orientation is a distinguishing  
characteristic that defines gay and lesbian individuals  
as a discrete group.).

45. Proponents' campaign for Proposition 8 assumed voters  
understood the existence of homosexuals as individuals  
distinct from heterosexuals.

- 1 a. PX0480A Video supporting Proposition 8: Supporters of  
2 Proposition 8 identified "homosexuals and those  
3 sympathetic to their demands" as supporters of marriage  
4 for same-sex couples;
- 5 b. PX2153 Advertisement, Honest Answers to Questions Many  
6 Californians Are Asking About Proposition 8, Protect  
7 Marriage (2008): "The 98% of Californians who are not gay  
8 should not have their religious freedoms and freedom of  
9 expression be compromised to afford special legal rights  
10 for the 2% of Californians who are gay.";
- 11 c. PX2156 Protect Marriage, Myths and Facts About  
12 Proposition 8: "Proposition 8 does not interfere with  
13 gays living the lifestyle they choose. However, while  
14 gays can live as they want, they should not have the  
15 right to redefine marriage for the rest of society.";
- 16 d. PX0021 Leaflet, California Family Council, The California  
17 Marriage Protection Act ("San Diego County's 'Tipping  
18 Point'") at 2: The leaflet asserts that "homosexuals" do  
19 not want to marry; instead, the goal of the "homosexual  
20 community" is to annihilate marriage;
- 21 e. PX0577 Frank Schubert and Jeff Flint, Passing Prop 8,  
22 Politics at 45 (Feb 2009): The Proposition 8 campaign was  
23 organized in light of the fact that many Californians are  
24 "tolerant" of gays;
- 25 f. PX0001 California Voter Information Guide, California  
26 General Election, Tuesday, November 4, 2008 at PM 3365:  
27 "[W]hile gays have the right to their private lives, they  
28 do not have the right to redefine marriage for everyone  
else" (emphasis in original).
46. Individuals do not generally choose their sexual orientation.  
No credible evidence supports a finding that an individual  
may, through conscious decision, therapeutic intervention or  
any other method, change his or her sexual orientation.
- a. Tr 2032:15-22 (Herek: Herek has conducted research in  
which he has found that the vast majority of lesbians and  
gay men, and most bisexuals as well, when asked how much  
choice they have about their sexual orientation say that  
they have "no choice" or "very little choice" about it.);
- b. Tr 2054:12-2055:24 (Herek: PX0928 at 39 contains a table  
that reports data on approximately 2,200 people who  
responded to questions about how much choice they had  
about being lesbian, gay or bisexual. Among gay men, 87  
percent said that they experienced no or little choice

1 about their sexual orientation. Among lesbians, 70  
2 percent said that they had no or very little choice about  
3 their sexual orientation.); Tr 2056:4-25 (Herek: PX0930  
4 demonstrates that 88 percent of gay men reported that  
5 they had "no choice at all" about their sexual  
6 orientation, and 68 percent of lesbians said they had "no  
7 choice at all," and another 15 percent reported a small  
8 amount of choice.);

- 9 c. Tr 2252:1-10 (Herek: "It is certainly the case that there  
10 have been many people who, most likely because of  
11 societal stigma, wanted very much to change their sexual  
12 orientation and were not able to do so.");
- 13 d. Tr 2314:3-17 (Herek: Herek agrees with Peplau's statement  
14 that "[c]laims about the potential erotic plasticity of  
15 women do not mean that most women will actually exhibit  
16 change over time. At a young age, many women adopt  
17 patterns of heterosexuality that are stable across their  
18 lifetime. Some women adopt enduring patterns of same-sex  
19 attractions and relationships.");
- 20 e. Tr 2202:8-22 (Herek: "[M]ost people are brought up in  
21 society assuming that they will be heterosexual. Little  
22 boys are taught that they will grow up and marry a girl.  
23 Little girls are taught they will grow up and marry a  
24 boy. And growing up with those expectations, it is not  
25 uncommon for people to engage in sexual behavior with  
26 someone of the other sex, possibly before they have  
27 developed their real sense of who they are, of what their  
28 sexual orientation is. And I think that's one of the  
reasons why \* \* \* [gay men and lesbians have]  
experience[d] heterosexual intercourse. \* \* \* [I]t is not  
part of their identity. It's not part of who they are,  
and not indicative of their current attractions.");
- f. Tr 2033:6-2034:20 (Herek: Therapies designed to change an  
individual's sexual orientation have not been found to be  
effective in that they have not been shown to  
consistently produce the desired outcome without causing  
harm to the individuals involved.); Tr 2039:1-3 (Herek:  
Herek is not aware of any major mental health  
organizations that have endorsed the use of such  
therapies.);
- g. Tr 140:6, 141:14-19 (Perry: Perry is a lesbian and feels  
that she was born with her sexual orientation. At 45  
years old, she does not think that it might somehow  
change.);
- h. Tr 166:24-167:9 (Stier: Stier is 47 years old and has  
fallen in love one time in her life — with Perry.);
- i. Tr 77:4-5 (Zarrillo: Zarrillo has been gay "as long as  
[he] can remember.");

- 1 j. Tr 91:15-17 (Katami: Katami has been a "natural-born gay"  
2 "as long as he can remember.");
- 3 k. Tr 1506:2-11 (Kendall: "When I was a little kid, I knew I  
4 liked other boys. But I didn't realize that meant I was  
5 gay until I was, probably, 11 or 12 years old. \* \* \* I  
6 ended up looking up the word 'homosexual' in the  
7 dictionary. And I remember reading the definition[.]  
8 \* \* \* And it slowly dawned on me that that's what I  
9 was.");
- 10 l. Tr 1510:6-8 (Kendall: "I knew I was gay just like I knew  
11 I'm short and I'm half Hispanic. And I just never  
12 thought that those facts would change.").

13 47. California has no interest in asking gays and lesbians to  
14 change their sexual orientation or in reducing the number of  
15 gays and lesbians in California.

- 16 a. PX0707 at RFA No 21: Proponents admit that same-sex  
17 sexual orientation does not result in any impairment in  
18 judgment or general social and vocational capabilities;
- 19 b. PX0710 at RFA No 19: Attorney General admits that sexual  
20 orientation bears no relation to a person's ability to  
21 perform in or contribute to society;
- 22 c. PX0710 at RFA No 22: Attorney General admits that the  
23 laws of California recognize no relationship between a  
24 person's sexual orientation and his or her ability to  
25 raise children; to his or her capacity to enter into a  
26 relationship that is analogous to marriage; or to his or  
27 her ability to participate fully in all economic and  
28 social institutions, with the exception of civil  
marriage;
- d. Tr 1032:6-12 (Lamb: Gay and lesbian sexual orientations  
are "normal variation[s] and are considered to be aspects  
of well-adjusted behavior.");
- e. Tr 2027:19-2028:2 (Herek: Homosexuality is not considered  
a mental disorder. The American Psychiatric Association,  
the American Psychological Association and other major  
professional mental health associations have all gone on  
record affirming that homosexuality is a normal  
expression of sexuality and that it is not in any way a  
form of pathology.);
- f. Tr 2530:25-2532:25 (Miller: Miller agrees that "[c]ourts  
and legal scholars have concluded that sexual orientation  
is not related to an individual's ability to contribute  
to society or perform in the workplace.").



1 48. Same-sex couples are identical to opposite-sex couples in the  
2 characteristics relevant to the ability to form successful  
3 marital unions. Like opposite-sex couples, same-sex couples  
4 have happy, satisfying relationships and form deep emotional  
5 bonds and strong commitments to their partners. Standardized  
6 measures of relationship satisfaction, relationship adjustment  
7 and love do not differ depending on whether a couple is same-  
8 sex or opposite-sex.

- 9 a. PX0707 at RFA No 65: Proponents admit that gay and  
10 lesbian individuals, including plaintiffs, have formed  
11 lasting, committed and caring relationships with persons  
of the same sex and same-sex couples share their lives  
and participate in their communities together;
- 12 b. PX0707 at RFA No 58: Proponents admit that many gay men  
13 and lesbians have established loving and committed  
relationships;
- 14 c. PX0710 at RFA No 65: Attorney General admits that gay men  
15 and lesbians have formed lasting, committed and caring  
16 same-sex relationships and that same-sex couples share  
their lives and participate in their communities  
together;
- 17 d. PX0710 at RFA No 58: Attorney General admits that  
18 California law implicitly recognizes an individual's  
19 capacity to establish a loving and long-term committed  
relationship with another person that does not depend on  
the individual's sexual orientation;
- 20 e. Tr 583:12-585:21 (Peplau: Research that has compared the  
21 quality of same-sex and opposite-sex relationships and  
22 the processes that affect those relationships  
consistently shows "great similarity across couples, both  
same-sex and heterosexual.");
- 23 f. Tr 586:22-587:1 (Peplau: Reliable research shows that "a  
24 substantial proportion of lesbians and gay men are in  
relationships, that many of those relationships are  
25 long-term.");
- 26 g. PX2545 (Young Nov 13 2009 Dep Tr 122:17-123:1: Young  
27 agrees with the American Psychoanalytic Association's  
statement that "gay men and lesbians possess the same  
28 potential and desire for sustained loving and lasting  
relationships as heterosexuals."); PX2544 at 12:40-14:15  
(video of same);



- 1 h. PX2545 (Young Nov 13, 2009 Dep Tr 100:17-101:5: Young  
2 agrees that love and commitment are reasons both gay  
3 people and heterosexuals have for wanting to marry.);  
4 PX2544 at 10:35-10:55 (video of same);
- 5 i. Tr 1362:17-21 (Badgett: Same-sex couples wish to marry  
6 for many of the same reasons that opposite-sex couples  
7 marry.);
- 8 j. Tr 1362:5-10 (Badgett: Same-sex couples have more  
9 similarities than differences with opposite-sex couples,  
10 and any differences are marginal.);
- 11 k. PX2096 Adam Romero, et al, Census Snapshot: California,  
12 The Williams Institute at 1 (Aug 2008): "In many ways,  
13 the more than 107,000 same-sex couples living in  
14 California are similar to married couples. According to  
15 Census 2000, they live throughout the state, are racially  
16 and ethnically diverse, have partners who depend upon one  
17 another financially, and actively participate in  
18 California's economy. Census data also show that 18% of  
19 same-sex couples in California are raising children."
- 20 49. California law permits and encourages gays and lesbians to  
21 become parents through adoption, foster parenting or assistive  
22 reproductive technology. Approximately eighteen percent of  
23 same-sex couples in California are raising children.
- 24 a. PX0707 at RFA No 66: Proponents admit that gay and  
25 lesbian individuals raise children together;
- 26 b. PX0710 at RFA No 22: Attorney General admits that the  
27 laws of California recognize no relationship between a  
28 person's sexual orientation and his or her ability to  
raise children;
- c. PX0709 at RFA No 22: Governor admits that California law  
does not prohibit individuals from raising children on  
the basis of sexual orientation;
- d. PX0710 at RFA No 57: Attorney General admits that  
California law protects the right of gay men and lesbians  
in same-sex relationships to be foster parents and to  
adopt children by forbidding discrimination on the basis  
of sexual orientation;
- e. Cal Welf & Inst Code § 16013(a): "It is the policy of  
this state that all persons engaged in providing care and  
services to foster children \* \* \* shall not be subjected  
to discrimination or harassment on the basis of their

1 clients' or their own actual or perceived \* \* \* sexual  
2 orientation.";

3 f. Cal Fam Code § 297.5(d): "The rights and obligations of  
4 registered domestic partners with respect to a child of  
5 either of them shall be the same as those of spouses.";

6 g. Elisa B v Superior Court, 117 P3d 660, 670 (Cal 2005)  
7 (holding that under the Uniform Parentage Act, a parent  
8 may have two parents of the same sex);

9 h. PX2096 Adam Romero, et al, Census Snapshot: California,  
10 The Williams Institute at 2 (Aug 2008): "18% of same-sex  
11 couples in California are raising children under the age  
12 of 18.";

13 i. Tr 1348:23-1350:2 (Badgett: Same-sex couples in  
14 California are raising 37,300 children under the age of  
15 18.).

16 50. Same-sex couples receive the same tangible and intangible  
17 benefits from marriage that opposite-sex couples receive.

18 a. Tr 594:17-20 (Peplau: "My opinion, based on the great  
19 similarities that have been documented between same-sex  
20 couples and heterosexual couples, is th[at] if same-sex  
21 couples were permitted to marry, that they also would  
22 enjoy the same benefits [from marriage].");

23 b. Tr 598:1-599:19 (Peplau: Married same-sex couples in  
24 Massachusetts have reported various benefits from  
25 marriage including greater commitment to the  
26 relationship, more acceptance from extended family, less  
27 worry over legal problems, greater access to health  
28 benefits and benefits for their children.);

29 c. PX0787 Position Statement, American Psychiatric  
30 Association, Support of Legal Recognition of Same-Sex  
31 Civil Marriage at 1 (July 2005): "In the interest of  
32 maintaining and promoting mental health, the American  
33 Psychiatric Association supports the legal recognition of  
34 same-sex civil marriage with all rights, benefits, and  
35 responsibilities conferred by civil marriage, and opposes  
36 restrictions to those same rights, benefits, and  
37 responsibilities."

38 51. Marrying a person of the opposite sex is an unrealistic option  
39 for gay and lesbian individuals.

40 a. PX0707 at RFA No 9: Proponents admit that for many gay  
41 and lesbian individuals, marriage to an individual of the  
42 opposite sex is not a meaningful alternative;

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- 2 b. PX0710 at RFA No 9: Attorney General admits that for gay
- 3 men and lesbians, opposite-sex marriage may not be a
- 4 meaningful alternative to same-sex marriage to the extent
- 5 that it would compel them to negate their sexual
- 6 orientation and identity;
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- 8 c. Tr 85:9-21 (Zarrillo: "I have no attraction, desire, to
- 9 be with a member of the opposite sex.");
- 10
- 11 d. Tr 2042:14-25 (Herek: While gay men and lesbians in
- 12 California are permitted to marry, they are only
- 13 permitted to marry a member of the opposite sex. For the
- 14 vast majority of gay men and lesbians, that is not a
- 15 realistic option. This is true because sexual
- 16 orientation is about the relationships people form — it
- 17 defines the universe of people with whom one is able to
- 18 form the sort of intimate, committed relationship that
- 19 would be the basis for marriage.);
- 20
- 21 e. Tr 2043:1-2044:10 (Herek: Some gay men and lesbians have
- 22 married members of the opposite sex, but many of those
- 23 marriages dissolve, and some of them experience
- 24 considerable problems simply because one of the partners
- 25 is gay or lesbian. A gay or lesbian person marrying a
- 26 person of the opposite sex is likely to create a great
- 27 deal of conflict and tension in the relationship.).
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52. Domestic partnerships lack the social meaning associated with
- marriage, and marriage is widely regarded as the definitive
- expression of love and commitment in the United States.
- a. PX0707 at RFA No 38: Proponents admit that there is a
- significant symbolic disparity between domestic
- partnership and marriage;
- b. PX0707 at RFA No 4: Proponents admit that the word
- "marriage" has a unique meaning;
- c. Tr 207:9-208:6 (Cott, describing the social meaning of
- marriage in our culture: Marriage has been the "happy
- ending to the romance." Marriage "is the principal happy
- ending in all of our romantic tales"; the "cultural
- polish on marriage" is "as a destination to be gained by
- any couple who love one another.");
- d. Tr 208:9-17 (Cott: "Q. Let me ask you this. How does the
- cultural value and the meaning, social meaning of
- marriage, in your view, compare with the social meaning
- of domestic partnerships and civil unions? A. I
- appreciate the fact that several states have extended —
- maybe it's many states now, have extended most of the
- material rights and benefits of marriage to people who

1 have civil unions or domestic partnerships. But there  
 2 really is no comparison, in my historical view, because  
 3 there is nothing that is like marriage except  
 marriage.");

- 4 e. Tr 611:1-7 (Peplau: "I have great confidence that some of  
 5 the things that come from marriage, believing that you  
 6 are part of the first class kind of relationship in this  
 7 country, that you are \* \* \* in the status of  
 relationships that this society most values, most  
 8 esteems, considers the most legitimate and the most  
 9 appropriate, undoubtedly has benefits that are not part  
 of domestic partnerships.");
- 10 f. Tr 1342:14-1343:12 (Badgett: Some same-sex couples who  
 11 might marry would not register as domestic partners  
 12 because they see domestic partnership as a second class  
 status.);
- 13 g. Tr 1471:1-1472:8 (Badgett: Same-sex couples value the  
 14 social recognition of marriage and believe that the  
 15 alternative status conveys a message of inferiority.);
- 16 h. Tr 1963:3-8 (Tam: "If 'domestic partner' is defined as it  
 17 is now, then we can explain to our children that, yeah,  
 18 there are some same-sex person wants to have a lifetime  
 19 together as committed partners, and that is called  
 20 'domestic partner,' but it is not 'marriage.'" (as  
 21 stated)).

22 53. Domestic partners are not married under California law.

23 California domestic partnerships may not be recognized in  
 24 other states and are not recognized by the federal government.

- 25 a. Cal Fam Code §§ 297-299.6 (establishing domestic  
 26 partnership as separate from marriage);
- 27 b. Compare Doc #686 at 39 with Doc #687 at 47: The court  
 28 asked the parties to identify which states recognize  
 California domestic partnerships. No party could  
 identify with certainty the states that recognize them.  
 Plaintiffs and proponents agree only that Connecticut,  
 New Jersey and Washington recognize California domestic  
 partnerships. See also #688 at 2: "To the best of the  
 Administrative Defendants' knowledge," Connecticut,  
 Washington DC, Washington, Nevada, New Hampshire and New  
 Jersey recognize California domestic partnerships;
- c. Gill v Office of Personnel Management et al, No 09-10309-  
 JLT at Doc #70 (July 8, 2010) (holding the federal  
 Defense of Marriage Act ("DOMA") unconstitutional as  
 applied to plaintiffs who are married under state law.  
 (Domestic partnerships are not available in Massachusetts

1 and thus the court did not address whether a person in a  
2 domestic partnership would have standing to challenge  
3 DOMA.); see also In re Karen Golinski, 587 F3d 901, 902  
4 (9th Cir 2009) (finding that Golinski could obtain  
5 coverage for her wife under the Federal Employees Health  
6 Benefits Act without needing to consider whether the  
7 result would be the same for a federal employee's  
8 domestic partner).

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10 54. The availability of domestic partnership does not provide gays  
11 and lesbians with a status equivalent to marriage because the  
12 cultural meaning of marriage and its associated benefits are  
13 intentionally withheld from same-sex couples in domestic  
14 partnerships.

- 15 a. Tr 613:23-614:12 (Peplau: There is a significant symbolic  
16 disparity between marriage and domestic partnerships; a  
17 domestic partnership is "not something that is  
18 necessarily understood or recognized by other people in  
19 your environment.");
- 20 b. Tr 659:8-15 (Peplau: As a result of the different social  
21 meanings of a marriage and a domestic partnership, there  
22 is a greater degree of an enforceable trust in a marriage  
23 than a domestic partnership.);
- 24 c. Tr 2044:20-2045:22 (Herek: The difference between  
25 domestic partnerships and marriage is much more than  
26 simply a word. "[J]ust the fact that we're here today  
27 suggests that this is more than just a word \* \* \*  
28 clearly, [there is] a great deal of strong feeling and  
emotion about the difference between marriage and  
domestic partnerships.");
- d. Tr 964:1-3 (Meyer: Domestic partnerships reduce the value  
of same-sex relationships.);
- e. PX0710 at RFA No 37: Attorney General admits that  
establishing a separate legal institution for state  
recognition and support of lesbian and gay families, even  
if well-intentioned, marginalizes and stigmatizes gay  
families;
- f. Tr 142:2-13 (Perry: When you are married, "you are  
honored and respected by your family. Your children know  
what your relationship is. And when you leave your home  
and you go to work or you go out in the world, people  
know what your relationship means.");

- 1 g. Tr 153:4-155:5 (Perry: Stier and Perry completed  
2 documents to register as domestic partners and mailed  
3 them in to the state. Perry views domestic partnership  
4 as an agreement; it is not the same as marriage, which  
5 symbolizes "maybe the most important decision you make as  
6 an adult, who you choose [as your spouse].");
- 7 h. Tr 170:12-171:14 (Stier: To Stier, domestic partnership  
8 feels like a legal agreement between two parties that  
9 spells out responsibilities and duties. Nothing about  
10 domestic partnership indicates the love and commitment  
11 that are inherent in marriage, and for Stier and Perry,  
12 "it doesn't have anything to do \* \* \* with the nature of  
13 our relationship and the type of enduring relationship we  
14 want it to be. It's just a legal document.");
- 15 i. Tr 172:6-21 (Stier: Marriage is about making a public  
16 commitment to the world and to your spouse, to your  
17 family, parents, society and community. It is the way to  
18 tell them and each other that this is a lifetime  
19 commitment. "And I have to say, having been married for  
20 12 years and been in a domestic partnership for 10 years,  
21 it's different. It's not the same. I want — I don't  
22 want to have to explain myself.");
- 23 j. Tr 82:9-83:1 (Zarrillo: "Domestic partnership would  
24 relegate me to a level of second class citizenship. \* \* \*  
25 It's giving me part of the pie, but not the whole thing  
26 \* \* \* [I]t doesn't give due respect to the relationship  
27 that we have had for almost nine years.");
- 28 k. Tr 115:3-116:1 (Katami: Domestic partnerships "make[you  
into a second, third, and \* \* \* fourth class citizen now  
that we actually recognize marriages from other states.  
\* \* \* None of our friends have ever said, 'Hey, this is  
my domestic partner.'").
55. Permitting same-sex couples to marry will not affect the  
number of opposite-sex couples who marry, divorce, cohabit,  
have children outside of marriage or otherwise affect the  
stability of opposite-sex marriages.
- a. Tr 596:13-597:3 (Peplau: Data from Massachusetts on the  
"annual rates for marriage and for divorce" for "the four  
years prior to same-sex marriage being legal and the four  
years after" show "that the rates of marriage and divorce  
are no different after [same-sex] marriage was permitted  
than they were before.");
- b. Tr 605:18-25 (Peplau: Massachusetts data are "very  
consistent" with the argument that permitting same-sex



1 couples to marry will not have an adverse effect on the  
2 institution of marriage.);

3 c. Tr 600:12-602:15 (Peplau: Allowing same-sex couples to  
4 marry will have "no impact" on the stability of  
5 marriage.);

6 d. PX1145 Matthew D Bramlett and William D Mosher, First  
7 Marriage Dissolution, Divorce, and Remarriage: United  
8 States, US Department of Health and Human Services at 2  
9 (May 31, 2001): Race, employment status, education, age  
10 at marriage and other similar factors affect rates of  
11 marriage and divorce;

12 e. PX1195 Matthew D Bramlett and William D Mosher,  
13 Cohabitation, Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage in the  
14 United States, Vital and Health Statistics 23:22, US  
15 Department of Health and Human Services at 12 (July  
16 2002): Race and socioeconomic status, among other  
17 factors, are correlated with rates of marital stability;

18 f. PX0754 American Anthropological Association, Statement on  
19 Marriage and the Family: The viability of civilization or  
20 social order does not depend upon marriage as an  
21 exclusively heterosexual institution.

22 56. The children of same-sex couples benefit when their parents  
23 can marry.

24 a. Tr 1332:19-1337:25 (Badgett: Same-sex couples and their  
25 children are denied all of the economic benefits of  
26 marriage that are available to married couples.);

27 b. PX0787 Position Statement, American Psychiatric  
28 Association, Support of Legal Recognition of Same-Sex  
Civil Marriage at 1 (July 2005): "The children of  
unmarried gay and lesbian parents do not have the same  
protection that civil marriage affords the children of  
heterosexual couples.";

c. Tr 1964:17-1965:2 (Tam: It is important to children of  
same-sex couples that their parents be able to marry.);

d. Tr 599:12-19 (Peplau: A survey of same-sex couples who  
married in Massachusetts shows that 95 percent of  
same-sex couples raising children reported that their  
children had benefitted from the fact that their parents  
were able to marry.).

1            WHETHER THE EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT PROPOSITION 8 ENACTED A PRIVATE  
 2            MORAL VIEW WITHOUT ADVANCING A LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT INTEREST

3 57. Under Proposition 8, whether a couple can obtain a marriage  
 4 license and enter into marriage depends on the genders of the  
 5 two parties relative to one another. A man is permitted to  
 6 marry a woman but not another man. A woman is permitted to  
 7 marry a man but not another woman. Proposition 8 bars state  
 8 and county officials from issuing marriage licenses to same-  
 9 sex couples. It has no other legal effect.

10            a. Cal Const Art I, § 7.5 (Proposition 8);

11            b. PX0001 California Voter Information Guide, California  
 12            General Election, Tuesday, November 4, 2008: Proposition  
 13            8 "eliminates right of same-sex couples to marry."

14 58. Proposition 8 places the force of law behind stigmas against  
 15 gays and lesbians, including: gays and lesbians do not have  
 16 intimate relationships similar to heterosexual couples; gays  
 17 and lesbians are not as good as heterosexuals; and gay and  
 18 lesbian relationships do not deserve the full recognition of  
 19 society.

20            a. Tr 611:13-19 (Peplau: "[B]eing prevented by the  
 21            government from being married is no different than other  
 22            kinds of stigma and discrimination that have been  
 23            studied, in terms of their impact on relationships.");

24            b. Tr 529:21-530:23 (Chauncey: The campaign for Proposition  
 25            8 presented marriage for same-sex couples as an adult  
 26            issue, although children are frequently exposed to  
 27            romantic fairy tales or weddings featuring opposite-sex  
 28            couples.);

          c. Tr 854:5-14 (Meyer: "Proposition 8, in its social  
 meaning, sends a message that gay relationships are not  
 to be respected; that they are of secondary value, if of  
 any value at all; that they are certainly not equal to  
 those of heterosexuals.");

          d. Tr 2047:13-2048:13 (Herek: In 2004, California enacted  
 legislation that increased the benefits and



- 1 responsibilities associated with domestic partnership,  
2 which became effective in 2005. In the second half of  
3 2004, the California Secretary of State mailed a letter  
4 to all registered domestic partners advising them of the  
5 changes and telling recipients to consider whether to  
6 dissolve their partnership. Herek "find[s] it difficult  
7 to imagine that if there were changes in tax laws that  
8 were going to affect married couples, that you would have  
9 the state government sending letters to people suggesting  
10 that they consider whether or not they want to get  
11 divorced before this new law goes into effect. I think  
12 that — that letter just illustrates the way in which  
13 domestic partnerships are viewed differently than  
14 marriage.");
- 15 e. PX2265 Letter from Kevin Shelley, California Secretary of  
16 State, to Registered Domestic Partners: Shelley explains  
17 domestic partnership law will change on January 1, 2005  
18 and suggests that domestic partners dissolve their  
19 partnership if they do not wish to be bound by the new  
20 structure of domestic partnership;
- 21 f. Tr 972:14-17 (Meyer: "Laws are perhaps the strongest of  
22 social structures that uphold and enforce stigma.");
- 23 g. Tr 2053:8-18 (Herek: Structural stigma provides the  
24 context and identifies which members of society are  
25 devalued. It also gives a level of permission to  
26 denigrate or attack particular groups, or those who are  
27 perceived to be members of certain groups in society.);
- 28 h. Tr 2054:7-11 (Herek: Proposition 8 is an instance of  
structural stigma.).
59. Proposition 8 requires California to treat same-sex couples  
differently from opposite-sex couples.
- a. See PX0710 at RFA No 41: Attorney General admits that  
because two types of relationships — one for same-sex  
couples and one for opposite-sex couples — exist in  
California, a gay or lesbian individual may be forced to  
disclose his or her sexual orientation when responding to  
a question about his or her marital status;
- b. Compare Cal Fam Code §§ 300-536 (marriage) with Cal Fam  
Code §§ 297-299.6 (registered domestic partnerships).
60. Proposition 8 reserves the most socially valued form of  
relationship (marriage) for opposite-sex couples.
- a. Tr 576:15-577:14 (Peplau: Study by Gary Gates, Lee  
Badgett and Deborah Ho suggests that same-sex couples are

- 1 "three times more likely to get married than to enter  
2 into" domestic partnerships or civil unions.);
- 3 b. PX1273 M V Lee Badgett, When Gay People Get Married at  
4 58, 59, 60 (NYU 2009): "Many Dutch couples saw marriage  
5 as better because it had an additional social meaning  
6 that registered partnership, as a recent political  
7 invention, lacked." "In some places, the cultural and  
8 political trappings of statuses that are not marriage  
9 send a very clear message of difference and inferiority  
10 to gay and lesbian couples." "[W]hen compared to  
11 marriage, domestic partnerships may become a mark of  
12 second-class citizenship and are less understood  
13 socially. In practice, these legal alternatives to  
14 marriage are limited because they do not map onto a  
15 well-developed social institution that gives the act of  
16 marrying its social and cultural meaning.";
- 17 c. Tr 2044:20-2045:22 (Herek: The difference between  
18 domestic partnerships and marriage is more than simply a  
19 word. If we look at public opinion data, for example,  
20 there is a sizable proportion of the public, both in  
21 California and the United States, who say that they are  
22 willing to let same-sex couples have domestic  
23 partnerships or civil unions, but not marriage. This  
24 suggests a distinction in the minds of a large number of  
25 Americans — it is not simply a word. In addition,  
26 looking at the recent history of California, when it  
27 became possible for same-sex couples to marry, thousands  
28 of them did. And many of those were domestic partners.  
So, clearly, they thought there was something different  
about being married.);
- d. PX0504B Video, Satellite Simulcast in Defense of  
Marriage, Excerpt at 0:38-0:56: Speaker warns that if  
Proposition 8 does not pass, children will be taught  
"that gay marriage is not just a different type of a  
marriage, they're going to be taught that it's a good  
thing."
61. Proposition 8 amends the California Constitution to codify  
distinct and unique roles for men and women in marriage.
- a. Tr 1087:5-18 (Lamb: The "traditional family" refers to a  
family with a married mother and father who are both  
biologically related to their children where the mother  
stays at home and the father is the bread winner.);
- b. PX0506 Protect Marriage, The Fine Line Transcript (Oct 1,  
2008) at 13: "Children need a loving family and yes they  
need a mother and father. Now going on what Sean was  
saying here about the consequences of this, if Prop 8  
doesn't pass then it will be illegal to distinguish  
between heterosexual and same sex couples when it comes

1 to adoption. Um Yvette just mentioned some statistics  
2 about growing up in families without a mother and father  
3 at home. How important it is to have that kind of thing.  
4 I'm not a sociologist. I'm not a psychologist. I'm just  
5 a human being but you don't need to be wearing a white  
6 coat to know that kids need a mom and dad. I'm a dad and  
7 I know that I provide something different than my wife  
8 does in our family and my wife provides something  
9 entirely different than I do in our family and both are  
10 vital.";

- 11 c. PX0506 Protect Marriage, The Fine Line Transcript at 6  
12 (Oct 1, 2008): "When moms are in the park taking care of  
13 their kids they always know where those kids are. They  
14 have like a, like a radar around them. They know where  
15 those kids are and there's just a, there's a bond between  
16 a mom and a kid different from a dad. I'm not saying  
17 dads don't have that bond but they don't. It's just  
18 different. You know middle of the night mom will wake  
19 up. Dad will just sleep you know if there's a little  
20 noise in the room. And, and when kids get scared they  
21 run to mommy. Why? They spent 9 months in mommy. They  
22 go back to where they came.";
- 23 d. PX390 Video, Ron Prentice Addressing Supporters of  
24 Proposition 8, Part I at 5:25-6:04: Prentice tells people  
25 at a religious rally that marriage is not about love but  
26 instead about women civilizing men: "Again, because it's  
27 not about two people in love, it's about men becoming  
28 civilized frankly, and I can tell you this from personal  
experience and every man in this audience can do the same  
if they've chosen to marry, because when you do find the  
woman that you love you are compelled to listen to her,  
and when the woman that I love prior to my marrying her  
told me that my table manners were less than adequate I  
became more civilized; when she told me that my rust  
colored corduroy were never again to be worn, I became  
more civilized.";
- 29 e. PX0506 Protect Marriage, The Fine Line Transcript (Oct 1,  
30 2008) at 15: "Skin color is morally trivial as you  
31 pointed out but sex is fundamental to everything. There  
32 is no difference between a white or a black human being  
33 but there's a big difference between a man and a woman.";
- 34 f. PX1867 Transcript, ABC Protecting Marriage at 27:6-9: Dr  
35 Jennifer Roback Morse states that "[t]he function of  
36 marriage is to attach mothers and fathers to one another  
37 and mothers and fathers to their children, especially  
38 fathers to children.";
- 39 g. PX0480A Video supporting Proposition 8 at 2:00-2:24:  
40 Prentice states that "[c]hildren need the chance to have  
41 both mother love and father love. And that moms and  
42 dads, male and female, complement each other. They don't

1 bring to a marriage and to a family the same natural set  
2 of skills and talents and abilities. They bring to  
3 children the blessing of both masculinity and  
4 femininity.”;

- 5 h. PX2403 Email from Kenyn Cureton, Vice-President, Family  
6 Research Council, to Prentice at 3 (Aug 25, 2008):  
7 Attached to the email is a kit to be distributed to  
8 Christian voters through churches to help them promote  
9 Proposition 8 which states: “Thank God for the difference  
10 between men and women. In fact, the two genders were  
11 meant to complete each other physically, emotionally, and  
12 in every other way. Also, both genders are needed for a  
13 healthy home. As Dr James Dobson notes, ‘More than ten  
14 thousand studies have concluded that kids do best when  
15 they are raised by mothers and fathers.’”;
- 16 i. PX1868 Transcript, Love, Power, Mind (CCN simulcast Sept  
17 25, 2008) at 43:19-24: “Same sex marriage, it will  
18 unravel that in a significant way and say that really  
19 male and female, mother and father, husband and wife are  
20 just really optional for the family, not necessary. And  
21 that is a radically anti-human thing to say.”;
- 22 j. PX1867 Transcript, ABC Protecting Marriage at 28:18-23:  
23 “And we know that fatherlessness has caused significant  
24 problems for a whole generation of children and same-sex  
25 marriage would send us more in that direction of  
26 intentionally fatherless homes.”;
- 27 k. PX0506 Protect Marriage, The Fine Line Transcript at 5  
28 (Oct 1, 2008): Miles McPherson states that it is a truth  
“that God created the woman bride as the groom’s  
compatible marriage companion.”

62. Proposition 8 does not affect the First Amendment rights of  
those opposed to marriage for same-sex couples. Prior to  
Proposition 8, no religious group was required to recognize  
marriage for same-sex couples.

- a. In re Marriage Cases, 189 P3d at 451-452 (“[A]ffording  
same-sex couples the opportunity to obtain the  
designation of marriage will not impinge upon the  
religious freedom of any religious organization,  
official, or any other person; no religion will be  
required to change its religious policies or practices  
with regard to same-sex couples, and no religious  
officiant will be required to solemnize a marriage in  
contravention of his or her religious beliefs.”) (Citing  
Cal Const Art I, § 4);

- 1           b.    Tr 194:24-196:21 (Cott: Civil law, not religious custom,  
2           is supreme in defining and regulating marriage in the  
3           United States.);
- 3           c.    Cal Fam Code §§ 400, 420.
- 4 63.    Proposition 8 eliminates the right to marry for gays and  
5           lesbians but does not affect any other substantive right under  
6           the California Constitution.  Strauss, 207 P3d at 102  
7           ("Proposition 8 does not eliminate the substantial substantive  
8           [constitutional] protections afforded to same-sex couples[.]")  
9           (emphasis in original).
- 10 64.    Proposition 8 has had a negative fiscal impact on California  
11           and local governments.
- 12           a.    Tr 1330:23-25 (Badgett: "Proposition 8 has imposed some  
13           economic losses on the State of California and on  
14           counties and municipalities.");
- 14           b.    Tr 1364:16-1369:4 (Badgett: Denying same-sex couples the  
15           right to marry imposes costs on local governments such as  
16           loss of tax revenue, higher usage of means-tested  
17           programs, higher costs for healthcare of uninsured  
18           same-sex partners and loss of skilled workers.);
- 17           c.    Tr 720:1-12 (Egan: "What we're really talking about in  
19           the nonquantifiable impacts are the long-term advantages  
20           of marriage as an institution, and the long-term costs of  
21           discrimination as a way that weakens people's  
22           productivity and integration into the labor force.  
23           Whether it's weakening their education because they're  
24           discriminated against at school, or leading them to  
25           excessive reliance on behavioral and other health  
26           services, these are impacts that are hard to quantify,  
27           but they can wind up being extremely powerful.  How much  
28           healthier you are over your lifetime.  How much wealth  
29           you generate because you are in a partnership.");
- 24           d.    Tr 1367:5-1368:1 (Badgett: Denying same-sex couples the  
25           right to marry tends to reduce same-sex couples' income,  
26           which "will make them more likely to need and be eligible  
27           for those means-tested programs that are paid for by the  
28           state."  Similarly, to the extent that same-sex couples  
29           cannot obtain health insurance for their partners and  
30           children, there will be more people who might need to  
31           sign up for the state's sponsored health programs.).

- 1 65. CCSF would benefit economically if Proposition 8 were not in  
2 effect.
- 3 a. CCSF would benefit immediately from increased wedding  
4 revenue and associated expenditures and an increased  
5 number of county residents with health insurance. Tr  
6 691:24-692:3; Tr 708:16-20 (Egan);
- 7 b. CCSF would benefit economically from decreased  
8 discrimination against gays and lesbians, resulting in  
9 decreased absenteeism at work and in schools, lower  
10 mental health costs and greater wealth accumulation.  
11 Tr 685:10-14; Tr 689:4-10; Tr 692:12-19; Tr 720:1-12  
12 (Egan);
- 13 c. CCSF enacted the Equal Benefits Ordinance to mandate that  
14 city contractors and vendors provide same-sex partners of  
15 employees with benefits equal to those provided to  
16 opposite-sex spouses of employees. CCSF bears the cost  
17 of enforcing the ordinance and defending it against legal  
18 challenges. Tr 714:15-715:10 (Egan).
- 19 66. Proposition 8 increases costs and decreases wealth for same-  
20 sex couples because of increased tax burdens, decreased  
21 availability of health insurance and higher transactions costs  
22 to secure rights and obligations typically associated with  
23 marriage. Domestic partnership reduces but does not eliminate  
24 these costs.
- 25 a. Tr 1330:14-16 (Badgett: Proposition 8 has "inflicted  
26 substantial economic harm on same-sex couples and their  
27 children who live here in California.");
- 28 b. Tr 1331:12-1337:25 (Badgett: Marriage confers economic  
benefits including greater specialization of labor,  
reduced transactions costs, health and insurance benefits  
and more positive workplace outcomes.);
- c. Tr 1341:2-1342:13 (Badgett: Couples that would marry but  
would not enter into a domestic partnership suffer  
tangible economic harm such as higher taxes and limited  
access to health insurance.);
- d. PX1259 MV Lee Badgett, Unequal Taxes on Equal Benefits:  
The Taxation of Domestic Partner Benefits, The Williams  
Institute at 1 (Dec 2007): "[W]orkers who have an  
unmarried domestic partner are doubly burdened: Their  
employers typically do not provide coverage for domestic



1 partners; and even when partners are covered, the  
2 partner's coverage is taxed as income to the employee.";

- 3 e. PX2898 Laura Langbein and Mark A Yost, Same-Sex Marriage  
4 and Negative Externalities, 490 Soc Sci Q 293, 307  
5 (2009): "For example, the ban on gay marriage induces  
6 failures in insurance and financial markets. Because  
7 spousal benefits do not transfer (in most cases) to  
8 domestic partners, there are large portions of the  
9 population that should be insured, but instead receive  
10 inequitable treatment and are not insured properly. \* \* \*  
11 This is equally true in the treatment of estates on the  
12 death of individuals. In married relationships, it is  
13 clear to whom an estate reverts, but in the cases of  
14 homosexual couples, there is no clear right of ownership,  
15 resulting in higher transactions costs, widely regarded  
16 as socially inefficient.";
- 17 f. PX0188 Report of the Council on Science and Public  
18 Health, Health Care Disparities in Same-Sex Households, C  
19 Alvin Head (presenter) at 9: "Survey data confirm that  
20 same-sex households have less access to health insurance.  
21 If they have health insurance, they pay more than married  
22 heterosexual workers, and also lack other financial  
23 protections. \* \* \* [C]hildren in same-sex households lack  
24 the same protections afforded children in heterosexual  
25 households.";
- 26 g. PX0189 American Medical Association Policy: Health Care  
27 Disparities in Same-Sex Partner Households, Policy D-  
28 160.979 at 1: "[E]xclusion from civil marriage  
contributes to health care disparities affecting same-sex  
households.";
- h. PX1261 California Employer Health Benefits Survey,  
California HealthCare Foundation at 7 (Dec 2008): Only 56  
percent of California firms offered health insurance to  
unmarried same-sex couples in 2008;
- i. PX1266 National Center for Lesbian Rights and Equality  
California, The California Domestic Partnership Law: What  
it Means for You and Your Family at 13 (2009): Domestic  
partnerships create more transactions costs than exist in  
marriage. "Despite \* \* \* automatic legal protection for  
children born to registered domestic partners, [the  
National Center for Lesbian Rights] is strongly  
recommending that all couples obtain a court judgment  
declaring both partners to be their child's legal  
parents, either an adoption or a parentage judgment.";
- j. PX1269 Michael Steinberger, Federal Estate Tax  
Disadvantages for Same-Sex Couples, The Williams  
Institute at 1 (July 2009): "Using data from several  
government data sources, this report estimates the dollar  
value of the estate tax disadvantage faced by same-sex

1 couples. In 2009, the differential treatment of same-sex  
 2 and married couples in the estate tax code will affect an  
 3 estimated 73 same-sex couples, costing each of them, on  
 average, more than \$3.3 million."

- 4 67. Proposition 8 singles out gays and lesbians and legitimates  
 5 their unequal treatment. Proposition 8 perpetuates the  
 6 stereotype that gays and lesbians are incapable of forming  
 7 long-term loving relationships and that gays and lesbians are  
 8 not good parents.
- 9 a. Tr 2054:7-11 (Herek: In "a definitional sense,"  
 10 Proposition 8 is an instance of structural stigma against  
 gays and lesbians.);
- 11 b. Tr 826:21-828:4 (Meyer: Domestic partnership does not  
 12 eliminate the structural stigma of Proposition 8 because  
 13 it does not provide the symbolic or social meaning of  
 marriage.);
- 14 c. Tr 820:23-822:5 (Meyer: One of the stereotypes that is  
 15 part of the stigma surrounding gay men and lesbians is  
 16 that gay men and lesbians are incapable of, uninterested  
 17 in and not successful at having intimate relationships.);
- 18 d. Tr 407:8-408:4 (Chauncey: The fear of homosexuals as  
 19 child molesters or as recruiters continues to play a role  
 20 in debates over gay rights, and with particular attention  
 21 to gay teachers, parents and married couples — people  
 22 who might have close contact with children.);
- 23 e. PX0001 California Voter Information Guide, California  
 24 General Election, Tuesday, November 4, 2008 at PM 3365:  
 25 "TEACHERS COULD BE REQUIRED to teach young children that  
 26 there is no difference between gay marriage and  
 27 traditional marriage." (emphasis in original);
- 28 f. Tr 854:5-22 (Meyer: Proposition 8 "sends a message that  
 gay relationships are not to be respected; that they are  
 of secondary value, if of any value at all; that they are  
 certainly not equal to those of heterosexuals. \* \* \* [So]  
 in addition to achieving the literal aims of not allowing  
 gay people to marry, it also sends a strong message about  
 the values of the state; in this case, the Constitution  
 itself. And it sends a message that would, in [Meyer's]  
 mind, encourage or at least is consistent with holding  
 prejudicial attitudes. So that doesn't add up to a very  
 welcoming environment.").



- 1 68. Proposition 8 results in frequent reminders for gays and  
2 lesbians in committed long-term relationships that their  
3 relationships are not as highly valued as opposite-sex  
4 relationships.
- 5 a. Tr 846:22-847:12 (Meyer: When gay men and lesbians have  
6 to explain why they are not married, they "have to  
7 explain, I'm really not seen as equal. I'm — my status  
8 is — is not respected by my state or by my country, by  
9 my fellow citizens.");
- 10 b. Tr 1471:1-1472:8 (Badgett: Badgett's interviews with  
11 same-sex couples indicate that couples value the social  
12 recognition of marriage and believe that the alternative  
13 status conveys a message of inferiority.);
- 14 c. Tr 151:20-24 (Perry: A passenger on a plane once assumed  
15 that she could take the seat that Perry had been saving  
16 for Stier because Perry referred to Stier as her  
17 "partner.");
- 18 d. Tr 174:3-175:4 (Stier: It has been difficult to explain  
19 to others her relationship with Perry because they are  
20 not married.);
- 21 e. Tr 175:5-17 (Stier: It is challenging to fill out forms  
22 in doctor's offices that ask whether she is single,  
23 married or divorced because "I have to find myself, you  
24 know, scratching something out, putting a line through it  
25 and saying 'domestic partner' and making sure I explain  
26 to folks what that is to make sure that our transaction  
27 can go smoothly.");
- 28 f. Tr 841:17-844:11; 845:7-10 (Meyer: For lesbians and gay  
men, filling out a form requiring them to designate their  
marital status can be significant because the form-filler  
has no box to check. While correcting a form is a minor  
event, it is significant for the gay or lesbian person  
because the form evokes something much larger for the  
person — a social disapproval and rejection. "It's  
about, I'm gay and I'm not accepted here.").
69. The factors that affect whether a child is well-adjusted are:  
(1) the quality of a child's relationship with his or her  
parents; (2) the quality of the relationship between a child's  
parents or significant adults in the child's life; and (3) the

1 availability of economic and social resources. Tr 1010:13-  
2 1011:13 (Lamb).

3 70. The gender of a child's parent is not a factor in a child's  
4 adjustment. The sexual orientation of an individual does not  
5 determine whether that individual can be a good parent.  
6 Children raised by gay or lesbian parents are as likely as  
7 children raised by heterosexual parents to be healthy,  
8 successful and well-adjusted. The research supporting this  
9 conclusion is accepted beyond serious debate in the field of  
10 developmental psychology.

11 a. Tr 1025:4-23 (Lamb: Studies have demonstrated "very  
12 conclusively that children who are raised by gay and  
13 lesbian parents are just as likely to be well-adjusted as  
14 children raised by heterosexual parents." These results  
15 are "completely consistent with our broader understanding  
16 of the factors that affect children's adjustment.");

17 b. PX2565 American Psychological Association, Answers to  
18 Your Questions: For a Better Understanding of Sexual  
19 Orientation and Homosexuality at 5 (2008): "[S]ocial  
20 science has shown that the concerns often raised about  
21 children of lesbian and gay parents — concerns that are  
22 generally grounded in prejudice against and stereotypes  
23 about gay people — are unfounded.";

24 c. PX2547 (Nathanson Nov 12, 2009 Dep Tr 49:05-49:19:  
25 Sociological and psychological peer-reviewed studies  
26 conclude that permitting gay and lesbian individuals to  
27 marry does not cause any problems for children); PX2546  
28 at 2:20-3:10 (video of same).

22 71. Children do not need to be raised by a male parent and a  
23 female parent to be well-adjusted, and having both a male and  
24 a female parent does not increase the likelihood that a child  
25 will be well-adjusted. Tr 1014:25-1015:19; 1038:23-1040:17  
26 (Lamb).

1 72. The genetic relationship between a parent and a child is not  
2 related to a child's adjustment outcomes. Tr 1040:22-1042:10  
3 (Lamb).

4 73. Studies comparing outcomes for children raised by married  
5 opposite-sex parents to children raised by single or divorced  
6 parents do not inform conclusions about outcomes for children  
7 raised by same-sex parents in stable, long-term relationships.  
8 Tr 1187:13-1189:6 (Lamb).

9 74. Gays and lesbians have been victims of a long history of  
10 discrimination.

- 11 a. Tr 3080:9-11 (Proponents' counsel: "We have never  
12 disputed and we have offered to stipulate that gays and  
13 lesbians have been the victims of a long and shameful  
14 history of discrimination.");
- 15 b. Tr 361:11-15 (Chauncey: Gays and lesbians "have  
16 experienced widespread and acute discrimination from both  
17 public and private authorities over the course of the  
18 twentieth century. And that has continuing legacies and  
19 effects."); see also Tr 361-390 (Chauncey: discussing  
20 details of discrimination against gays and lesbians);
- 21 c. PX2566 Letter from John W Macy, Chairman, Civil Service  
22 Commission, to the Mattachine Society of Washington (Feb  
23 25, 1966) at 2-4: The Commission rejected the Mattachine  
24 Society's request to rescind the policy banning active  
25 homosexuals from federal employment. "Pertinent  
26 considerations here are the revulsion of other employees  
27 by homosexual conduct and the consequent disruption of  
28 service efficiency, the apprehension caused other  
employees of homosexual advances, solicitations or  
assaults, the unavoidable subjection of the sexual  
deviate to erotic stimulation through on-the-job use of  
the common toilet, shower and living facilities, the  
offense to members of the public who are required to deal  
with a known or admitted sexual deviate to transact  
Government business, the hazard that the prestige and  
authority of a Government position will be used to foster  
homosexual activity, particularly among the youth, and  
the use of Government funds and authority in furtherance  
of conduct offensive both to the mores and the law of our  
society.";
- d. PX2581 Letter from E D Coleman, Exempt Organizations  
Branch, IRS, to the Pride Foundation at 1, 4-5 (Oct 8,

1974): The Pride Foundation is not entitled to an exemption under Internal Revenue Code § 501(c)(3) because the organization's goal of "advanc[ing] the welfare of the homosexual community" was "perverted or deviate behavior" "contrary to public policy and [is] therefore, not 'charitable.'"

75. Public and private discrimination against gays and lesbians occurs in California and in the United States.

- a. PX0707 at RFA No 29: Proponents admit that gays and lesbians continue to experience instances of discrimination;
- b. PX0711 at RFA Nos 3, 8, 13, 18, 23: Attorney General admits 263 hate crime events based on sexual orientation bias occurred in California in 2004, 255 occurred in 2005, 246 occurred in 2006, 263 occurred in 2007 and 283 occurred in 2008;
- c. PX0672 at 18; PX0673 at 20; PX0674 at 20; PX0675 at 3; PX0676 at 1 (California Dept of Justice, Hate Crime in California, 2004-2008): From 2004 to 2008, between 17 and 20 percent of all hate crime offenses in California were motivated by sexual orientation bias;
- d. PX0672 at 26; PX0673 at 28; PX0674 at 28; PX0675 at 26; PX0676 at 20 (California Dept of Justice, Hate Crime in California, 2004-2008): From 2004 to 2008, between 246 and 283 hate crime events motivated by sexual orientation bias occurred each year in California;
- e. Tr 548:23 (Chauncey: There is still significant discrimination against lesbians and gay men in the United States.);
- f. Tr 1569:11-1571:5 (Segura: "[O]ver the last five years, there has actually been an increase in violence directed toward gay men and lesbians"; "gays and lesbians are representing a larger and larger portion of the number of acts of bias motivated violence" and "are far more likely to experience violence"; "73 percent of all the hate crimes committed against gays and lesbians also include an act of violence \* \* \* we are talking about the most extreme forms of hate based violence"; the hate crimes accounted for "71 percent of all hate-motivated murders" and "[f]ifty-five percent of all hate-motivated rapes" in 2008; "There is simply no other person in society who endures the likelihood of being harmed as a consequence of their identity than a gay man or lesbian.");
- g. PX0605 The Williams Institute, et al, Documenting Discrimination on the Basis of Sexual Orientation and

- 1                   Gender Identity in State Employment at 1 (Sept 2009):  
2                   "There is a widespread and persistent pattern of  
3                   unconstitutional discrimination on the basis of sexual  
4                   orientation and gender identity against [California]  
5                   government employees" and the pattern of discrimination  
6                   is similar for private sector employees in California;
- 7                   h.     PX0619 The Williams Institute, Chapter 14: Other Indicia  
8                   of Animus against LGBT People by State and Local  
9                   Officials, 1980-Present at 14-8 (2009): Statements made  
10                  by legislators, judges, governors and other officials in  
11                  all fifty states show hostility towards gays and  
12                  lesbians, including a 1999 statement by California State  
13                  Senator Richard Mountjoy that "being gay 'is a sickness  
14                  \* \* \* an uncontrolled passion similar to that which would  
15                  cause someone to rape.'";
- 16                  i.     Tr 2510:23-2535:7 (Miller: Miller agrees that "there has  
17                  been severe prejudice and discrimination against gays and  
18                  lesbians" and "widespread and persistent" discrimination  
19                  against gays and lesbians and that "there is ongoing  
20                  discrimination in the United States" against gays and  
21                  lesbians.);
- 22                  j.     Tr 2572:11-16 (Miller: Gays and lesbians are still the  
23                  "object of prejudice and stereotype.");
- 24                  k.     Tr 2599:17-2604:7 (Miller: Miller agrees that "there are  
25                  some gays and lesbians who are fired from their jobs,  
26                  refused work, paid less, and otherwise discriminated  
27                  against in the workplace because of their sexual  
28                  orientation.").
76.     Well-known stereotypes about gay men and lesbians include a  
belief that gays and lesbians are affluent, self-absorbed and  
incapable of forming long-term intimate relationships. Other  
stereotypes imagine gay men and lesbians as disease vectors or  
as child molesters who recruit young children into  
homosexuality. No evidence supports these stereotypes.
- a.     DIX1162 Randy Albelda, et al, Poverty in the Lesbian,  
Gay, and Bisexual Community, The Williams Institute at 1  
(Mar 2009): "A popular stereotype paints lesbians and gay  
men as an affluent elite \* \* \*. [T]he misleading myth of  
affluence steers policymakers, community organizations  
service providers, and the media away from fully  
understanding poverty among LGBT people.";

- 1           b.    Tr 474:12-19 (Chauncey: Medical pronouncements that were  
2           hostile to gays and lesbians provided a powerful source  
3           of legitimation to anti-homosexual sentiment and were  
          themselves a manifestation of discrimination against gays  
          and lesbians.);
- 4           c.    Tr 820:23-822:5 (Meyer: One of the stereotypes that is  
5           part of the stigma surrounding gay men and lesbians is  
6           that gay men and lesbians are incapable of, uninterested  
7           in and not successful at having intimate relationships.  
8           Gay men and lesbians have been described as social  
          isolates, as unconnected to society and people who do not  
          participate in society the way everyone else does — as  
          "a pariah, so to speak.");
- 9           d.    PX1011 David Reuben, Everything You Always Wanted to Know  
10           About Sex (But Were Afraid to Ask) 129-151 at 143 (Van  
11           Rees 1969): "What about all of the homosexuals who live  
12           together happily for years? What about them? They are  
13           mighty rare birds among the homosexual flock. Moreover,  
14           the 'happy' part remains to be seen. The bitterest  
15           argument between husband and wife is a passionate love  
16           sonnet by comparison with a dialogue between a butch and  
17           his queen. Live together? Yes. Happily? Hardly.";
- 18           e.    Tr 361:23-363:9 (Chauncey: Even though not all sodomy  
19           laws solely penalized homosexual conduct, over the course  
20           of the twentieth century, sodomy laws came to symbolize  
21           the criminalization of homosexual sex in particular.  
22           This was most striking in Bowers v Hardwick, which reads  
23           as though the law at issue simply bears on homosexual sex  
24           when in fact the Georgia law at issue criminalized both  
25           homosexual and heterosexual sodomy.);
- 26           f.    Tr 484:24-485:5 (Chauncey: The federal government was  
27           slow to respond to the AIDS crisis, and this was in part  
28           because of the association of AIDS with a "despised  
          group.");
- g.    Tr 585:22-586:8 (Peplau: There is no empirical support  
          for the negative stereotypes that gay men and lesbians  
          have trouble forming stable relationships or that those  
          relationships are inferior to heterosexual  
          relationships.);
- h.    PX2337 Employment of Homosexuals and Other Sex Perverts  
          in Government, S Rep No 81-241, 81st Congress, 2d Sess  
          (1950) at 4: "Most of the authorities agree and our  
          investigation has shown that the presence of a sex  
          pervert in a Government agency tends to have a corrosive  
          influence on his fellow employees. These perverts will  
          frequently attempt to entice normal individuals to engage  
          in perverted practices. This is particularly true in the  
          case of young and impressionable people who might come  
          under the influence of a pervert. Government officials



1 have the responsibility of keeping this type of corrosive  
2 influence out of the agencies under their control. It is  
3 particularly important that the thousands of young men  
4 and women who are brought into Federal jobs not be  
5 subjected to that type of influence while in the service  
6 of the Government. One homosexual can pollute a  
7 Government office.”;

- 8 i. Tr 395:6-25 (Chauncey: Like most outsider groups, there  
9 have been stereotypes associated with gay people; indeed,  
10 a range of groups, including medical professionals and  
11 religious groups, have worked in a coordinated way to  
12 develop stereotypical images of gay people.);
- 13 j. Tr 397:2-6; Tr 397:25-398:5 (Chauncey: “[I]n some ways,  
14 the most dangerous stereotypes for homosexuals really  
15 developed between the 1930s and ‘50s, when there were a  
16 series of press and police campaigns that identified  
17 homosexuals as child molesters.” These press campaigns  
18 against assaults on children focused on sex perverts or  
19 sex deviants. Through these campaigns, the homosexual  
20 emerged as a sex deviant.);
- 21 k. PX2281 George Chauncey, The Postwar Sex Crime Panic, in  
22 William Graebner, ed, True Stories from the Past 160, 171  
23 (McGraw-Hill 1993): Contains excerpts from wide-  
24 circulation Coronet Magazine, Fall 1950: “Once a man  
25 assumes the role of homosexual, he often throws off all  
26 moral restraints. \* \* \* Some male sex deviants do not  
27 stop with infecting their often-innocent partners: they  
28 descended through perversions to other forms of  
depravity, such as drug addiction, burglary, sadism, and  
even murder.”;
- 29 l. Tr 400:18-401:8 (Chauncey: This excerpt from Coronet  
30 Magazine, PX2281 at 171, depicts homosexuals as subjects  
31 of moral decay. In addition, there is a sense of  
32 homosexuality as a disease in which the carriers infect  
33 other people. And the term “innocent” pretty clearly  
34 indicates that the authors are talking about children.);
- 35 m. PX2281 Chauncey, The Postwar Sex Crime Panic, at 170-171:  
36 Contains a statement made by a Special Assistant Attorney  
37 General of California in 1949: “The sex pervert, in his  
38 more innocuous form, is too frequently regarded as merely  
39 a ‘queer’ individual who never hurts anyone but himself.  
40 \* \* \* All too often we lose sight of the fact that the  
41 homosexual is an inveterate seducer of the young of both  
42 sexes \* \* \* and is ever seeking for younger victims.”;
- 43 n. Tr 402:21-24 (Chauncey: These articles (in PX2281) were  
44 mostly addressed to adults who were understandably  
45 concerned about the safety of their children, and who  
46 “were being taught to believe that homosexuals posed a  
47 threat to their children.”);

- 1           o.    Tr 407:8-408:4 (Chauncey: One of the most enduring  
2           legacies of the emergence of these stereotypes is the  
3           creation and then reenforcement of a series of demonic  
4           images of homosexuals that stay with us today. This fear  
5           of homosexuals as child molesters or as recruiters  
6           continues to play a role in debates over gay rights, and  
7           with particular attention to gay teachers, parents and  
8           married couples — people who might have close contact  
9           with children.);
- 10           p.    Tr 1035:13-1036:19 (Lamb: Social science studies have  
11           disproven the hypothesis that gays and lesbians are more  
12           likely to abuse children.).
- 13   77.   Religious beliefs that gay and lesbian relationships are  
14           sinful or inferior to heterosexual relationships harm gays and  
15           lesbians.
- 16           a.    PX2547 (Nathanson Nov 12, 2009 Dep Tr 102:3-8: Religions  
17           teach that homosexual relations are a sin and that  
18           contributes to gay bashing); PX2546 (video of same);
- 19           b.    PX2545 (Young Nov 13, 2009 Dep Tr 55:15-55:20,  
20           56:21-57:7: There is a religious component to the bigotry  
21           and prejudice against gay and lesbian individuals); see  
22           also id at 61:18-22, 62:13-17 (Catholic Church views  
23           homosexuality as "sinful."); PX2544 (video of same);
- 24           c.    Tr 1565:2-1566:6 (Segura: "[R]eligion is the chief  
25           obstacle for gay and lesbian political progress, and it's  
26           the chief obstacle for a couple of reasons. \* \* \* [I]t's  
27           difficult to think of a more powerful social entity in  
28           American society than the church. \* \* \* [I]t's a very  
29           powerful organization, and in large measure they are  
30           arrayed against the interests of gays and lesbians. \* \* \*  
31           [B]iblical condemnation of homosexuality and the teaching  
32           that gays are morally inferior on a regular basis to a  
33           huge percentage of the public makes the \* \* \* political  
34           opportunity structure very hostile to gay interests.  
35           It's very difficult to overcome that.");
- 36           d.    PX0390 Video, Ron Prentice Addressing Supporters of  
37           Proposition 8, Part I at 0:20-0:40: Prentice explains  
38           that "God has led the way" for the Protect Marriage  
39           campaign and at 4:00-4:30: Prentice explains that "we do  
40           mind" when same-sex couples want to take the name  
41           "marriage" and apply it to their relationships, because  
42           "that's not what God wanted. \* \* \* It's real basic. \* \* \*  
43           It starts at Genesis 2.";
- 44           e.    Tr 395:14-18 (Chauncey: Many clergy in churches  
45           considered homosexuality a sin, preached against it and  
46           have led campaigns against gay rights.);



- 1 f. Tr 440:19-441:2 (Chauncey: The religious arguments that  
2 were mobilized in the 1950s to argue against interracial  
3 marriage and integration as against God's will are  
4 mirrored by arguments that have been mobilized in the  
5 Proposition 8 campaign and many of the campaigns since  
6 Anita Bryant's "Save Our Children" campaign, which argue  
7 that homosexuality itself or gay people or the  
8 recognition of their equality is against God's will.);
- 9 g. PX2853 Proposition 8 Local Exit Polls - Election Center  
10 2008, CNN at 8: 84 percent of people who attended church  
11 weekly voted in favor of Proposition 8;
- 12 h. PX0005 Leaflet, James L Garlow, The Ten Declarations For  
13 Protecting Biblical Marriage at 1 (June 25, 2008): "The  
14 Bible defines marriage as a covenantal union of one male  
15 and one female. \* \* \* We will avoid unproductive  
16 arguments with those who, through the use of casuistry  
17 and rationalization, revise biblical passages in order to  
18 condone the practice of homosexuality or other sexual  
19 sins.";
- 20 i. PX0770 Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith,  
21 Considerations Regarding Proposals to Give Legal  
22 Recognition to Unions Between Homosexual Persons at 2:  
23 "Sacred Scripture condemns homosexual acts as 'a serious  
24 depravity.'";
- 25 j. PX0301 Catholics for the Common Good, Considerations  
26 Regarding Proposals to Give Legal Recognition to Unions  
27 Between Homosexual Persons, Excerpts from Vatican  
28 Document on Legal Recognition of Homosexual Unions (Nov  
29 22, 2009): There are absolutely no grounds for  
30 considering homosexual unions to be "in any way similar  
31 or even remotely analogous to God's plan for marriage and  
32 family"; "homosexual acts go against the natural moral  
33 law" and "[u]nder no circumstances can \* \* \* be  
34 approved"; "[t]he homosexual inclination is \* \* \*  
35 objectively disordered and homosexual practices are sins  
36 gravely contrary to chastity"; "[a]llowing children to be  
37 adopted by persons living in such unions would actually  
38 mean doing violence to these children"; and "legal  
39 recognition of homosexual unions \* \* \* would mean \* \* \*  
40 the approval of deviant behavior.";
- 41 k. PX0168 Southern Baptist Convention, SBC Resolution, On  
42 Same-Sex Marriage at 1 (June 2003): "Legalizing 'same-sex  
43 marriage' would convey a societal approval of a  
44 homosexual lifestyle, which the Bible calls sinful and  
45 dangerous both to the individuals involved and to society  
46 at large.";
- 47 l. PX0771 Southern Baptist Convention, Resolution on  
48 President Clinton's Gay and Lesbian Pride Month  
Proclamation (June 1999): "The Bible clearly teaches that

- 1 homosexual behavior is an abomination and shameful before  
2 God.";
- 3 m. PX2839 Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Position Paper on  
4 Homosexuality at 3: "[H]omosexual practice is a  
5 distortion of the image of God as it is still reflected  
6 in fallen man, and a perversion of the sexual  
7 relationship as God intended it to be.";
- 8 n. PX2840 The Christian Life — Christian Conduct: As  
9 Regards the Institutions of God, Free Methodist Church at  
10 5: "Homosexual behavior, as all sexual deviation, is a  
11 perversion of God's created order.";
- 12 o. PX2842 A L Barry, What About \* \* \* Homosexuality, The  
13 Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod at 1: "The Lord teaches us  
14 through His Word that homosexuality is a sinful  
15 distortion of His desire that one man and one woman live  
16 together in marriage as husband and wife.";
- 17 p. PX2844 On Marriage, Family, Sexuality, and the Sanctity  
18 of Life, Orthodox Church of America at 1: "Homosexuality  
19 is to be approached as the result of humanity's rebellion  
20 against God.";
- 21 q. Tr 1566:18-22 (Segura: "[Proponents' expert] Dr Young  
22 freely admits that religious hostility to homosexuals  
23 [plays] an important role in creating a social climate  
24 that's conducive to hateful acts, to opposition to their  
25 interest in the public sphere and to prejudice and  
26 discrimination.");
- 27 r. Tr 2676:8-2678:24 (Miller: Miller agrees with his former  
28 statement that "the religious characteristics of  
California's Democratic voters" explain why so many  
Democrats voted for Barack Obama and also for Proposition  
8.).
78. Stereotypes and misinformation have resulted in social and  
legal disadvantages for gays and lesbians.
- a. Tr 413:22-414:6 (Chauncey: The "Save Our Children"  
campaign in Dade County, Florida in 1977 was led by Anita  
Bryant, a famous Baptist singer. It sought to overturn  
an enactment that added sexual orientation to an  
antidiscrimination law, and it drew on and revived  
earlier stereotypes of homosexuals as child molesters.);
- b. Tr 1554:14-19 (Segura: Ballot initiatives banning  
marriage equality have been passed in thirty-three  
states.);

- 1 c. Tr 2608:16-18 (Miller: "My view is that at least some  
2 people voted for Proposition 8 on the basis of anti-gay  
stereotypes and prejudice.");
- 3 d. Tr 538:15-539:10 (Chauncey: Chauncey is less optimistic  
4 now that same-sex marriage will become common in the  
5 United States than he was in 2004. Since 2004, when  
6 Chauncey wrote Why Marriage? The History Shaping Today's  
7 Debate over Gay Equality, the majority of states have  
8 enacted legislation or constitutional amendments that  
9 would prohibit same-sex couples from marrying. Some have  
10 been enacted by legislative vote, but a tremendous number  
11 of popular referenda have enacted these discriminatory  
measures.);
- 12 e. Tr 424:18-23 (Chauncey: "[T]he wave of campaigns that we  
13 have seen against gay marriage rights in the last decade  
14 are, in effect, the latest stage and cycle of anti-gay  
15 rights campaigns of a sort that I have been describing;  
16 that they continue with a similar intent and use some of  
17 the same imagery.");
- 18 f. Tr 412:20-413:1 (Chauncey: The series of initiatives we  
19 have seen since the mid-to-late 1970s over gay rights are  
20 another example of continuing prejudice and hostility.);
- 21 g. Tr 564:4-16 (Chauncey: The term "the gay agenda" was  
22 mobilized particularly effectively in the late 1980s and  
23 early 1990s in support of initiatives designed to  
24 overturn gay rights laws. The term tries to construct  
25 the idea of a unitary agenda and that picks up on  
26 long-standing stereotypes.);
- 27 h. Tr 1560:22-1561:9 (Segura: "[T]he role of prejudice is  
28 profound. \* \* \* [I]f the group is envisioned as being  
somehow \* \* \* morally inferior, a threat to children, a  
threat to freedom, if there's these deeply-seated  
beliefs, then the range of compromise is dramatically  
limited. It's very difficult to engage in the  
give-and-take of the legislative process when I think you  
are an inherently bad person. That's just not the basis  
for compromise and negotiation in the political  
process.");
- i. Tr 1563:5-1564:21 (Segura: "[T]he American public is not  
very fond of gays and lesbians." Warmness scores for  
gays and lesbians are as much as 16 to 20 points below  
the average score for religious, racial and ethnic  
groups; over 65 percent of respondents placed gays and  
lesbians below the midpoint, below the score of 50,  
whereas a third to 45 percent did the same for other  
groups. When "two-thirds of all respondents are giving  
gays and lesbians a score below 50, that's telling  
elected officials that they can say bad things about gays  
and lesbians, and that could be politically advantageous

1 to them because \* \* \* many parts of the electorate feel  
 2 the same way." Additionally, "the initiative process  
 3 could be fertile ground to try to mobilize some of these  
 4 voters to the polls for that cause.");

5 j. PX0619 The Williams Institute, Chapter 14: Other Indicia  
 6 of Animus against LGBT People by State and Local  
 7 Officials, 1980-Present at 9 (2009): The Williams  
 8 Institute collected negative comments made by politicians  
 9 about gays and lesbians in all fifty states. An Arizona  
 10 state representative compared homosexuality to  
 11 "bestiality, human sacrifice, and cannibalism." A  
 12 California state senator described homosexuality as "a  
 13 sickness \* \* \* an uncontrolled passion similar to that  
 14 which would cause someone to rape.";

15 k. PX0796 Kenneth P Miller, The Democratic Coalition's  
 16 Religious Divide: Why California Voters Supported Obama  
 17 but Not Same-Sex Marriage, 119 *Revue Française d'Études*  
 18 *Américaines* 46, 52 (2009): "In the decade between 1998  
 19 and 2008, thirty states held statewide elections on state  
 20 constitutional amendments defining marriage as a union  
 21 between a man and a woman. \* \* \* Voters approved marriage  
 22 amendments in all thirty states where they were able to  
 23 vote on the question, usually by large margins."

24 79. The Proposition 8 campaign relied on fears that children  
 25 exposed to the concept of same-sex marriage may become gay or  
 26 lesbian. The reason children need to be protected from same-  
 27 sex marriage was never articulated in official campaign  
 28 advertisements. Nevertheless, the advertisements insinuated  
 that learning about same-sex marriage could make a child gay  
 or lesbian and that parents should dread having a gay or  
 lesbian child.

a. Tr 424:24-429:6 (Chauncey: Proposition 8 Official Voter  
 Guide evoked fears about and contained stereotypical  
 images of gay people.);

b. PX0710 at RFA No 51: Attorney General admits that some of  
 the advertising in favor of Proposition 8 was based on  
 fear of and prejudice against homosexual men and women;

c. Tr 2608:16-18 (Miller: "My view is that at least some  
 people voted for Proposition 8 on the basis of anti-gay  
 stereotypes and prejudice.");

- 1 d. PX0577 Frank Schubert and Jeff Flint, Passing Prop 8,  
2 Politics at 45-47 (Feb 2009): "[P]assing Proposition 8  
3 would depend on our ability to convince voters that  
4 same-sex marriage had broader implications for  
5 Californians and was not only about the two individuals  
6 involved in a committed gay relationship." "We strongly  
7 believed that a campaign in favor of traditional marriage  
8 would not be enough to prevail." "We probed long and  
9 hard in countless focus groups and surveys to explore  
10 reactions to a variety of consequences our issue experts  
11 identified" and they decided to create campaign messaging  
12 focusing on "how this new 'fundamental right' would be  
13 inculcated in young children through public schools."  
14 "[T]here were limits to the degree of tolerance  
15 Californians would afford the gay community. They would  
16 entertain allowing gay marriage, but not if doing so had  
17 significant implications for the rest of society." "The  
18 Prop 8 victory proves something that readers of Politics  
19 magazine know very well: campaigns matter.";
- 20 e. PX2150 Mailing leaflet, Protect Marriage: "[F]our  
21 activist judges on the Supreme Court in San Francisco  
22 ignored four million voters and imposed same-sex marriage  
23 on California. Their ruling means it is no longer about  
24 'tolerance.' Acceptance of Gay Marriage is Now  
25 Mandatory.";
- 26 f. PX0015 Video, Finally the Truth; PX0016 Video, Have You  
27 Thought About It?; and PX0091 Video, Everything to Do  
28 With Schools: Protect Marriage television ads threatening  
unarticulated consequences to children if Proposition 8  
does not pass;
- g. PX0513 Letter from Tam to "friends": "This November, San  
Francisco voters will vote on a ballot to 'legalize  
prostitution.' This is put forth by the SF city  
government, which is under the rule of homosexuals. They  
lose no time in pushing the gay agenda — after  
legalizing same-sex marriage, they want to legalize  
prostitution. What will be next? On their agenda list  
is: legalize having sex with children \* \* \* We can't lose  
this critical battle. If we lose, this will very likely  
happen \* \* \* 1. Same-Sex marriage will be a permanent law  
in California. One by one, other states would fall into  
Satan's hand. 2. Every child, when growing up, would  
fantasize marrying someone of the same sex. More  
children would become homosexuals. Even if our children  
is safe, our grandchildren may not. What about our  
children's grandchildren? 3. Gay activists would target  
the big churches and request to be married by their  
pastors. If the church refuse, they would sue the  
church." (as written);
- h. Tr 553:23-554:14 (Chauncey: Tam's "What If We Lose"  
letter is consistent in its tone with a much longer

1 history of anti-gay rhetoric. It reproduces many of the  
2 major themes of the anti-gay rights campaigns of previous  
3 decades and a longer history of anti-gay  
4 discrimination.);

- 5 i. PX0116 Video, Massachusetts Parents Oppose Same-Sex  
6 Marriage: Robb and Robin Wirthlin, Massachusetts parents,  
7 warn that redefining marriage has an impact on every  
8 level of society, especially on children, and claim that  
9 in Massachusetts homosexuality and gay marriage will soon  
10 be taught and promoted in every subject, including math,  
11 reading, social studies and spelling;
- 12 j. Tr 530:24-531:11 (Chauncey: The Wirthlins' advertisement  
13 implies that the very exposure to the idea of  
14 homosexuality threatens children and threatens their  
15 sexual identity, as if homosexuality were a choice. In  
16 addition, it suggests that the fact that gay people are  
17 being asked to be recognized and have their relationships  
18 recognized is an imposition on other people, as opposed  
19 to an extension of fundamental civil rights to gay and  
20 lesbian people.);
- 21 k. PX0391 Ron Prentice Addressing Supporters of Proposition  
22 8, Part II at 1:25-1:40: "It's all about education, and  
23 how it will be completely turned over, not just  
24 incrementally now, but whole hog to the other side.";
- 25 l. Tr 1579:5-21 (Segura: "[O]ne of the enduring \* \* \* tropes  
26 of anti-gay argumentation has been that gays are a threat  
27 to children. \* \* \* [I]n the Prop 8 campaign [there] was a  
28 campaign advertisement saying, \* \* \* 'At school today, I  
was told that I could marry a princess too.' And the  
underlying message of that is that \* \* \* if Prop 8  
failed, the public schools are going to turn my daughter  
into a lesbian.");
- m. PX0015 Video, Finally the Truth; PX0099 Video, It's  
Already Happened; PX0116 Video, Massachusetts Parents  
Oppose Same-Sex Marriage; PX0401 Video, Tony Perkins,  
Miles McPherson and Ron Prentice Asking for Support of  
Proposition 8: Proposition 8 campaign videos focused on  
the need to protect children;
- n. PX0079 Asian American Empowerment Council, Asian American  
Community Newsletter & Voter Guide (Oct/Nov 2008):  
Children need to be protected from gays and lesbians;
- o. Tr 1913:17-1914:12 (Tam: Tam supported Proposition 8  
because he thinks "it is very important that our children  
won't grow up to fantasize or think about, Should I marry  
Jane or John when I grow up? Because this is very  
important for Asian families, the cultural issues, the  
stability of the family.");



- 1 p. Tr 558:16-560:12 (Chauncey: Tam's deposition testimony  
2 displays the deep fear about the idea that simple  
3 exposure to homosexuality or to marriages of gay and  
4 lesbian couples would lead children to become gay. And  
5 the issue is not just marriage equality itself — it is  
6 sympathy to homosexuality. They oppose the idea that  
7 children could be introduced in school to the idea that  
8 there are gay people in the world. It is also consistent  
9 with the idea that homosexuality is a choice and there is  
10 an association between homosexuality and disease.);
- 11 q. PX0480A Video supporting Proposition 8 at 0:58-1:12:  
12 Prentice states that "[i]f traditional marriage goes by  
13 the wayside, then in every public school, children will  
14 be indoctrinated with a message that is absolutely  
15 contrary to the values that their family is attempting to  
16 teach them at home."
- 17 80. The campaign to pass Proposition 8 relied on stereotypes to  
18 show that same-sex relationships are inferior to opposite-sex  
19 relationships.
- 20 a. Tr 429:15-430:8, 431:17-432:11, 436:25-437:15,  
21 438:8-439:6, 529:25-531:11; PX0015 Video, Finally the  
22 Truth; PX0016 Video, Have You Thought About It?; PX0029  
23 Video, Whether You Like It Or Not; PX0091 Video,  
24 Everything to Do With Schools; PX0099 Video, It's Already  
25 Happened; PX1775 Photo leaflet, Protect Marriage (black  
26 and white); PX1775A Photo leaflet, Protect Marriage  
27 (color); PX1763 Poster with Phone Number, Protect  
28 Marriage: (Chauncey: The campaign television and print  
ads focused on protecting children and the concern that  
people of faith and religious groups would somehow be  
harmed by the recognition of gay marriage. The campaign  
conveyed a message that gay people and relationships are  
inferior, that homosexuality is undesirable and that  
children need to be protected from exposure to gay people  
and their relationships. The most striking image is of  
the little girl who comes in to tell her mom that she  
learned that a princess can marry a princess, which  
strongly echoes the idea that mere exposure to gay people  
and their relationships is going to lead a generation of  
young people to become gay, which voters are to  
understand as undesirable. The campaign conveyed a  
message used in earlier campaigns that when gay people  
seek any recognition this is an imposition on other  
people rather than simply an extension of civil rights to  
gay people.);
- b. Compare above with Tr 412:23-413:1, 418:11-419:22,  
420:3-20; PX1621 Pamphlet, Save Our Children; PX0864  
Dudley Clendinen and Adam Nagourney, Out for Good: The  
Struggle to Build a Gay Rights Movement in America at 303

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(Touchstone 1999): (Chauncey: One of the earliest anti-gay initiative campaigns used overt messaging of content similar to the Proposition 8 campaign.);

- c. PX0008 Memorandum, Protect Marriage, New YouTube Video Clarifies Yes on 8 Proponents' Concerns: Education and Protection of Children is [sic] at Risk (Oct 31, 2008); PX0025 Leaflet, Protect Marriage, Vote YES on Prop 8 (Barack Obama: "I'm not in favor of gay marriage \* \* \*."); PX1565 News Release, Protect Marriage, First Graders Taken to San Francisco City Hall for Gay Wedding (Oct 11, 2008): Proposition 8 campaign materials warn that unless Proposition 8 passes, children will be exposed to indoctrination on gay lifestyles. These materials invoke fears about the gay agenda.

III

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW<sup>3</sup>

Plaintiffs challenge Proposition 8 under the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment. Each challenge is independently meritorious, as Proposition 8 both unconstitutionally burdens the exercise of the fundamental right to marry and creates an irrational classification on the basis of sexual orientation.

DUE PROCESS

The Due Process Clause provides that no "State [shall] deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." US Const Amend XIV, § 1. Due process protects individuals against arbitrary governmental intrusion into life, liberty or property. See Washington v Glucksberg, 521 US 702, 719-720 (1997). When legislation burdens the exercise of a right deemed to be fundamental, the government must show that the

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<sup>3</sup> To the extent any of the conclusions of law should more properly be considered findings of fact, they shall be deemed as such.



1 intrusion withstands strict scrutiny. Zablocki v Redhail, 434 US  
2 374, 388 (1978).

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4 THE RIGHT TO MARRY PROTECTS AN INDIVIDUAL'S CHOICE OF MARITAL  
PARTNER REGARDLESS OF GENDER

5           The freedom to marry is recognized as a fundamental right  
6 protected by the Due Process Clause. See, for example, Turner v  
7 Safely, 482 US 78, 95 (1987) ("[T]he decision to marry is a  
8 fundamental right" and marriage is an "expression[ ] of emotional  
9 support and public commitment."); Zablocki, 434 US at 384 (1978)  
10 ("The right to marry is of fundamental importance for all  
11 individuals."); Cleveland Board of Education v LaFleur, 414 US 632,  
12 639-40 (1974) ("This Court has long recognized that freedom of  
13 personal choice in matters of marriage and family life is one of  
14 the liberties protected by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth  
15 Amendment."); Loving v Virginia, 388 US 1, 12 (1967) (The "freedom  
16 to marry has long been recognized as one of the vital personal  
17 rights essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness by free  
18 men."); Griswold v Connecticut, 381 US 479, 486 (1965) ("Marriage  
19 is a coming together for better or for worse, hopefully enduring,  
20 and intimate to the degree of being sacred. It is an association  
21 that promotes a way of life, not causes; a harmony in living, not  
22 political faiths; a bilateral loyalty, not commercial or social  
23 projects. Yet it is an association for as noble a purpose as any  
24 involved in our prior decisions.").

25           The parties do not dispute that the right to marry is  
26 fundamental. The question presented here is whether plaintiffs  
27 seek to exercise the fundamental right to marry; or, because they  
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1 are couples of the same sex, whether they seek recognition of a new  
2 right.

3 To determine whether a right is fundamental under the Due  
4 Process Clause, the court inquires into whether the right is rooted  
5 "in our Nation's history, legal traditions, and practices."

6 Glucksberg, 521 US at 710. Here, because the right to marry is  
7 fundamental, the court looks to the evidence presented at trial to  
8 determine: (1) the history, tradition and practice of marriage in  
9 the United States; and (2) whether plaintiffs seek to exercise  
10 their right to marry or seek to exercise some other right. *Id.*

11 Marriage has retained certain characteristics throughout  
12 the history of the United States. See FF 19, 34-35. Marriage  
13 requires two parties to give their free consent to form a  
14 relationship, which then forms the foundation of a household. FF  
15 20, 34. The spouses must consent to support each other and any  
16 dependents. FF 34-35, 37. The state regulates marriage because  
17 marriage creates stable households, which in turn form the basis of  
18 a stable, governable populace. FF 35-37. The state respects an  
19 individual's choice to build a family with another and protects the  
20 relationship because it is so central a part of an individual's  
21 life. See Bowers v Hardwick, 478 US 186, 204-205 (1986) (Blackmun,  
22 J, dissenting).

23 Never has the state inquired into procreative capacity or  
24 intent before issuing a marriage license; indeed, a marriage  
25 license is more than a license to have procreative sexual  
26 intercourse. FF 21. "[I]t would demean a married couple were it  
27 to be said marriage is simply about the right to have sexual  
28 intercourse." Lawrence, 539 US at 567. The Supreme Court

1 recognizes that, wholly apart from procreation, choice and privacy  
2 play a pivotal role in the marital relationship. See Griswold, 381  
3 US at 485-486.

4 Race restrictions on marital partners were once common in  
5 most states but are now seen as archaic, shameful or even bizarre.  
6 FF 23-25. When the Supreme Court invalidated race restrictions in  
7 Loving, the definition of the right to marry did not change. 388  
8 US at 12. Instead, the Court recognized that race restrictions,  
9 despite their historical prevalence, stood in stark contrast to the  
10 concepts of liberty and choice inherent in the right to marry. *Id.*

11 The marital bargain in California (along with other  
12 states) traditionally required that a woman's legal and economic  
13 identity be subsumed by her husband's upon marriage under the  
14 doctrine of coverture; this once-unquestioned aspect of marriage  
15 now is regarded as antithetical to the notion of marriage as a  
16 union of equals. FF 26-27, 32. As states moved to recognize the  
17 equality of the sexes, they eliminated laws and practices like  
18 coverture that had made gender a proxy for a spouse's role within a  
19 marriage. FF 26-27, 32. Marriage was thus transformed from a  
20 male-dominated institution into an institution recognizing men and  
21 women as equals. *Id.* Yet, individuals retained the right to  
22 marry; that right did not become different simply because the  
23 institution of marriage became compatible with gender equality.

24 The evidence at trial shows that marriage in the United  
25 States traditionally has not been open to same-sex couples. The  
26 evidence suggests many reasons for this tradition of exclusion,  
27 including gender roles mandated through coverture, FF 26-27, social  
28 disapproval of same-sex relationships, FF 74, and the reality that

1 the vast majority of people are heterosexual and have had no reason  
2 to challenge the restriction, FF 43. The evidence shows that the  
3 movement of marriage away from a gendered institution and toward an  
4 institution free from state-mandated gender roles reflects an  
5 evolution in the understanding of gender rather than a change in  
6 marriage. The evidence did not show any historical purpose for  
7 excluding same-sex couples from marriage, as states have never  
8 required spouses to have an ability or willingness to procreate in  
9 order to marry. FF 21. Rather, the exclusion exists as an  
10 artifact of a time when the genders were seen as having distinct  
11 roles in society and in marriage. That time has passed.

12 The right to marry has been historically and remains the  
13 right to choose a spouse and, with mutual consent, join together  
14 and form a household. FF 19-20, 34-35. Race and gender  
15 restrictions shaped marriage during eras of race and gender  
16 inequality, but such restrictions were never part of the historical  
17 core of the institution of marriage. FF 33. Today, gender is not  
18 relevant to the state in determining spouses' obligations to each  
19 other and to their dependents. Relative gender composition aside,  
20 same-sex couples are situated identically to opposite-sex couples  
21 in terms of their ability to perform the rights and obligations of  
22 marriage under California law. FF 48. Gender no longer forms an  
23 essential part of marriage; marriage under law is a union of  
24 equals.

25 Plaintiffs seek to have the state recognize their  
26 committed relationships, and plaintiffs' relationships are  
27 consistent with the core of the history, tradition and practice of  
28 marriage in the United States. Perry and Stier seek to be spouses;

1 they seek the mutual obligation and honor that attend marriage, FF  
2 52. Zarrillo and Katami seek recognition from the state that their  
3 union is "a coming together for better or for worse, hopefully  
4 enduring, and intimate to the degree of being sacred." Griswold,  
5 381 US at 486. Plaintiffs' unions encompass the historical purpose  
6 and form of marriage. Only the plaintiffs' genders relative to one  
7 another prevent California from giving their relationships due  
8 recognition.

9 Plaintiffs do not seek recognition of a new right. To  
10 characterize plaintiffs' objective as "the right to same-sex  
11 marriage" would suggest that plaintiffs seek something different  
12 from what opposite-sex couples across the state enjoy — namely,  
13 marriage. Rather, plaintiffs ask California to recognize their  
14 relationships for what they are: marriages.

15 DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS DO NOT SATISFY CALIFORNIA'S OBLIGATION TO  
16 ALLOW PLAINTIFFS TO MARRY

17 Having determined that plaintiffs seek to exercise their  
18 fundamental right to marry under the Due Process Clause, the court  
19 must consider whether the availability of Registered Domestic  
20 Partnerships fulfills California's due process obligation to same-  
21 sex couples. The evidence shows that domestic partnerships were  
22 created as an alternative to marriage that distinguish same-sex  
23 from opposite-sex couples. FF 53-54; In re Marriage Cases, 183 P3d  
24 384, 434 (Cal 2008) (One of the "core elements of th[e] fundamental  
25 right [to marry] is the right of same-sex couples to have their  
26 official family relationship accorded the same dignity, respect,  
27 and stature as that accorded to all other officially recognized  
28 family relationships."); id at 402, 434, 445 (By "reserving the

1 historic and highly respected designation of marriage exclusively  
2 to opposite-sex couples while offering same-sex couples only the  
3 new and unfamiliar designation of domestic partnership," the state  
4 communicates the "official view that [same-sex couples'] committed  
5 relationships are of lesser stature than the comparable  
6 relationships of opposite-sex couples."). Proponents do not  
7 dispute the "significant symbolic disparity between domestic  
8 partnership and marriage." Doc #159-2 at 6.

9 California has created two separate and parallel  
10 institutions to provide couples with essentially the same rights  
11 and obligations. Cal Fam Code § 297.5(a). Domestic partnerships  
12 are not open to opposite-sex couples unless one partner is at least  
13 sixty-two years old. Cal Fam Code § 297(b)(5)(B). Apart from this  
14 limited exception — created expressly to benefit those eligible  
15 for benefits under the Social Security Act — the sole basis upon  
16 which California determines whether a couple receives the  
17 designation "married" or the designation "domestic partnership" is  
18 the sex of the spouses relative to one another. Compare Cal Fam  
19 Code §§ 297-299.6 (domestic partnership) with §§ 300-536  
20 (marriage). No further inquiry into the couple or the couple's  
21 relationship is required or permitted. Thus, California allows  
22 almost all opposite-sex couples only one option — marriage — and  
23 all same-sex couples only one option — domestic partnership. See  
24 *id.*, FF 53-54.

25 The evidence shows that domestic partnerships do not  
26 fulfill California's due process obligation to plaintiffs for two  
27 reasons. First, domestic partnerships are distinct from marriage  
28 and do not provide the same social meaning as marriage. FF 53-54.

1 Second, domestic partnerships were created specifically so that  
2 California could offer same-sex couples rights and benefits while  
3 explicitly withholding marriage from same-sex couples. Id, Cal Fam  
4 Code § 297 (Gov Davis 2001 signing statement: "In California, a  
5 legal marriage is between a man and a woman. \* \* \* This [domestic  
6 partnership] legislation does nothing to contradict or undermine  
7 the definition of a legal marriage.").

8 The evidence at trial shows that domestic partnerships  
9 exist solely to differentiate same-sex unions from marriages. FF  
10 53-54. A domestic partnership is not a marriage; while domestic  
11 partnerships offer same-sex couples almost all of the rights and  
12 responsibilities associated with marriage, the evidence shows that  
13 the withholding of the designation "marriage" significantly  
14 disadvantages plaintiffs. FF 52-54. The record reflects that  
15 marriage is a culturally superior status compared to a domestic  
16 partnership. FF 52. California does not meet its due process  
17 obligation to allow plaintiffs to marry by offering them a  
18 substitute and inferior institution that denies marriage to same-  
19 sex couples.

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21 PROPOSITION 8 IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL BECAUSE IT DENIES PLAINTIFFS A  
22 FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT WITHOUT A LEGITIMATE (MUCH LESS COMPELLING)  
REASON

23 Because plaintiffs seek to exercise their fundamental  
24 right to marry, their claim is subject to strict scrutiny.  
25 Zablocki, 434 US at 388. That the majority of California voters  
26 supported Proposition 8 is irrelevant, as "fundamental rights may  
27 not be submitted to [a] vote; they depend on the outcome of no  
28 elections." West Virginia State Board of Education v Barnette, 319

1 US 624, 638 (1943). Under strict scrutiny, the state bears the  
2 burden of producing evidence to show that Proposition 8 is narrowly  
3 tailored to a compelling government interest. Carey v Population  
4 Services International, 431 US 678, 686 (1977). Because the  
5 government defendants declined to advance such arguments,  
6 proponents seized the role of asserting the existence of a  
7 compelling California interest in Proposition 8.

8 As explained in detail in the equal protection analysis,  
9 Proposition 8 cannot withstand rational basis review. Still less  
10 can Proposition 8 survive the strict scrutiny required by  
11 plaintiffs' due process claim. The minimal evidentiary  
12 presentation made by proponents does not meet the heavy burden of  
13 production necessary to show that Proposition 8 is narrowly  
14 tailored to a compelling government interest. Proposition 8  
15 cannot, therefore, withstand strict scrutiny. Moreover, proponents  
16 do not assert that the availability of domestic partnerships  
17 satisfies plaintiffs' fundamental right to marry; proponents  
18 stipulated that "[t]here is a significant symbolic disparity  
19 between domestic partnership and marriage." Doc #159-2 at 6.  
20 Accordingly, Proposition 8 violates the Due Process Clause of the  
21 Fourteenth Amendment.

## 22 23 EQUAL PROTECTION

24 The Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment  
25 provides that no state shall "deny to any person within its  
26 jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." US Const Amend  
27 XIV, § 1. Equal protection is "a pledge of the protection of equal  
28 laws." Yick Wo v Hopkins, 118 US 356, 369 (1886). The guarantee



1 of equal protection coexists, of course, with the reality that most  
2 legislation must classify for some purpose or another. See Romer v  
3 Evans, 517 US 620, 631 (1996). When a law creates a classification  
4 but neither targets a suspect class nor burdens a fundamental  
5 right, the court presumes the law is valid and will uphold it as  
6 long as it is rationally related to some legitimate government  
7 interest. See, for example, Heller v Doe, 509 US 312, 319-320  
8 (1993).

9           The court defers to legislative (or in this case,  
10 popular) judgment if there is at least a debatable question whether  
11 the underlying basis for the classification is rational. Minnesota  
12 v Clover Leaf Creamery Co, 449 US 456, 464 (1980). Even under the  
13 most deferential standard of review, however, the court must  
14 "insist on knowing the relation between the classification adopted  
15 and the object to be attained." Romer, 517 US at 632; Heller, 509  
16 US at 321 (basis for a classification must "find some footing in  
17 the realities of the subject addressed by the legislation"). The  
18 court may look to evidence to determine whether the basis for the  
19 underlying debate is rational. Plyler v Doe, 457 US 202, 228  
20 (1982) (finding an asserted interest in preserving state resources  
21 by prohibiting undocumented children from attending public school  
22 to be irrational because "the available evidence suggests that  
23 illegal aliens underutilize public services, while contributing  
24 their labor to the local economy and tax money to the state fisc").  
25 The search for a rational relationship, while quite deferential,  
26 "ensure[s] that classifications are not drawn for the purpose of  
27 disadvantaging the group burdened by the law." Romer, 517 US at  
28 633. The classification itself must be related to the purported

1 interest. Plyler, 457 US at 220 ("It is difficult to conceive of a  
2 rational basis for penalizing [undocumented children] for their  
3 presence within the United States," despite the state's interest in  
4 preserving resources.)

5 Most laws subject to rational basis easily survive equal  
6 protection review, because a legitimate reason can nearly always be  
7 found for treating different groups in an unequal manner. See  
8 Romer, 517 US at 633. Yet, to survive rational basis review, a law  
9 must do more than disadvantage or otherwise harm a particular  
10 group. United States Department of Agriculture v Moreno, 413 US  
11 528, 534 (1973).

#### 12 13 SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR SEX DISCRIMINATION

14 Plaintiffs challenge Proposition 8 as violating the Equal  
15 Protection Clause because Proposition 8 discriminates both on the  
16 basis of sex and on the basis of sexual orientation. Sexual  
17 orientation discrimination can take the form of sex discrimination.  
18 Here, for example, Perry is prohibited from marrying Stier, a  
19 woman, because Perry is a woman. If Perry were a man, Proposition  
20 8 would not prohibit the marriage. Thus, Proposition 8 operates to  
21 restrict Perry's choice of marital partner because of her sex. But  
22 Proposition 8 also operates to restrict Perry's choice of marital  
23 partner because of her sexual orientation; her desire to marry  
24 another woman arises only because she is a lesbian.

25 The evidence at trial shows that gays and lesbians  
26 experience discrimination based on unfounded stereotypes and  
27 prejudices specific to sexual orientation. Gays and lesbians have  
28 historically been targeted for discrimination because of their

1 sexual orientation; that discrimination continues to the present.  
2 FF 74-76. As the case of Perry and the other plaintiffs  
3 illustrates, sex and sexual orientation are necessarily  
4 interrelated, as an individual's choice of romantic or intimate  
5 partner based on sex is a large part of what defines an  
6 individual's sexual orientation. See FF 42-43. Sexual orientation  
7 discrimination is thus a phenomenon distinct from, but related to,  
8 sex discrimination.

9 Proponents argue that Proposition 8 does not target gays  
10 and lesbians because its language does not refer to them. In so  
11 arguing, proponents seek to mask their own initiative. FF 57.  
12 Those who choose to marry someone of the opposite sex —  
13 heterosexuals — do not have their choice of marital partner  
14 restricted by Proposition 8. Those who would choose to marry  
15 someone of the same sex — homosexuals — have had their right to  
16 marry eliminated by an amendment to the state constitution.  
17 Homosexual conduct and identity together define what it means to be  
18 gay or lesbian. See FF 42-43. Indeed, homosexual conduct and  
19 attraction are constitutionally protected and integral parts of  
20 what makes someone gay or lesbian. Lawrence, 539 US at 579; FF 42-  
21 43; see also Christian Legal Society v Martinez, 561 US \_\_\_, 130 Sct  
22 2971, No 08-1371 Slip Op at 23 ("Our decisions have declined to  
23 distinguish between status and conduct in [the context of sexual  
24 orientation].") (June 28, 2010) (citing Lawrence, 539 US at 583  
25 (O'Connor, J, concurring)).

26 Proposition 8 targets gays and lesbians in a manner  
27 specific to their sexual orientation and, because of their  
28 relationship to one another, Proposition 8 targets them

1 specifically due to sex. Having considered the evidence, the  
2 relationship between sex and sexual orientation and the fact that  
3 Proposition 8 eliminates a right only a gay man or a lesbian would  
4 exercise, the court determines that plaintiffs' equal protection  
5 claim is based on sexual orientation, but this claim is equivalent  
6 to a claim of discrimination based on sex.

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8 STANDARD OF REVIEW

9 As presently explained in detail, the Equal Protection  
10 Clause renders Proposition 8 unconstitutional under any standard of  
11 review. Accordingly, the court need not address the question  
12 whether laws classifying on the basis of sexual orientation should  
13 be subject to a heightened standard of review.

14 Although Proposition 8 fails to possess even a rational  
15 basis, the evidence presented at trial shows that gays and lesbians  
16 are the type of minority strict scrutiny was designed to protect.  
17 Massachusetts Board of Retirement v Murgia, 427 US 307, 313 (1976)  
18 (noting that strict scrutiny may be appropriate where a group has  
19 experienced a "'history of purposeful unequal treatment' or been  
20 subjected to unique disabilities on the basis of stereotyped  
21 characteristics not truly indicative of their abilities" (quoting  
22 San Antonio School District v Rodriguez, 411 US 1, 28 (1973)). See  
23 FF 42-43, 46-48, 74-78. Proponents admit that "same-sex sexual  
24 orientation does not result in any impairment in judgment or  
25 general social and vocational capabilities." PX0707 at RFA No 21.

26 The court asked the parties to identify a difference  
27 between heterosexuals and homosexuals that the government might  
28 fairly need to take into account when crafting legislation. Doc

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1 #677 at 8. Proponents pointed only to a difference between same-  
 2 sex couples (who are incapable through sexual intercourse of  
 3 producing offspring biologically related to both parties) and  
 4 opposite-sex couples (some of whom are capable through sexual  
 5 intercourse of producing such offspring). Doc #687 at 32-34.  
 6 Proponents did not, however, advance any reason why the government  
 7 may use sexual orientation as a proxy for fertility or why the  
 8 government may need to take into account fertility when  
 9 legislating. Consider, by contrast, City of Cleburne v Cleburne  
 10 Living Center, 473 US 432, 444 (1985) (Legislation singling out a  
 11 class for differential treatment hinges upon a demonstration of  
 12 "real and undeniable differences" between the class and others);  
 13 see also United States v Virginia, 518 US 515, 533 (1996)  
 14 ("Physical differences between men and women \* \* \* are enduring.").  
 15 No evidence at trial illuminated distinctions among lesbians, gay  
 16 men and heterosexuals amounting to "real and undeniable  
 17 differences" that the government might need to take into account in  
 18 legislating.

19           The trial record shows that strict scrutiny is the  
 20 appropriate standard of review to apply to legislative  
 21 classifications based on sexual orientation. All classifications  
 22 based on sexual orientation appear suspect, as the evidence shows  
 23 that California would rarely, if ever, have a reason to categorize  
 24 individuals based on their sexual orientation. FF 47. Here,  
 25 however, strict scrutiny is unnecessary. Proposition 8 fails to  
 26 survive even rational basis review.

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## 1 PROPOSITION 8 DOES NOT SURVIVE RATIONAL BASIS

2 Proposition 8 cannot withstand any level of scrutiny  
3 under the Equal Protection Clause, as excluding same-sex couples  
4 from marriage is simply not rationally related to a legitimate  
5 state interest. One example of a legitimate state interest in not  
6 issuing marriage licenses to a particular group might be a scarcity  
7 of marriage licenses or county officials to issue them. But  
8 marriage licenses in California are not a limited commodity, and  
9 the existence of 18,000 same-sex married couples in California  
10 shows that the state has the resources to allow both same-sex and  
11 opposite-sex couples to wed. See Background to Proposition 8  
12 above.

13 Proponents put forth several rationales for Proposition  
14 8, see Doc #605 at 12-15, which the court now examines in turn: (1)  
15 reserving marriage as a union between a man and a woman and  
16 excluding any other relationship from marriage; (2) proceeding with  
17 caution when implementing social changes; (3) promoting opposite-  
18 sex parenting over same-sex parenting; (4) protecting the freedom  
19 of those who oppose marriage for same-sex couples; (5) treating  
20 same-sex couples differently from opposite-sex couples; and (6) any  
21 other conceivable interest.

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23 PURPORTED INTEREST #1: RESERVING MARRIAGE AS A UNION BETWEEN A MAN  
AND A WOMAN AND EXCLUDING ANY OTHER RELATIONSHIP

24 Proponents first argue that Proposition 8 is rational  
25 because it preserves: (1) "the traditional institution of marriage  
26 as the union of a man and a woman"; (2) "the traditional social and  
27 legal purposes, functions, and structure of marriage"; and (3) "the  
28 traditional meaning of marriage as it has always been defined in

1 the English language." Doc #605 at 12-13. These interests relate  
2 to maintaining the definition of marriage as the union of a man and  
3 a woman for its own sake.

4 Tradition alone, however, cannot form a rational basis  
5 for a law. Williams v Illinois, 399 US 235, 239 (1970). The  
6 "ancient lineage" of a classification does not make it rational.  
7 Heller, 509 US at 327. Rather, the state must have an interest  
8 apart from the fact of the tradition itself.

9 The evidence shows that the tradition of restricting an  
10 individual's choice of spouse based on gender does not rationally  
11 further a state interest despite its "ancient lineage." Instead,  
12 the evidence shows that the tradition of gender restrictions arose  
13 when spouses were legally required to adhere to specific gender  
14 roles. See FF 26-27. California has eliminated all legally-  
15 mandated gender roles except the requirement that a marriage  
16 consist of one man and one woman. FF 32. Proposition 8 thus  
17 enshrines in the California Constitution a gender restriction that  
18 the evidence shows to be nothing more than an artifact of a  
19 foregone notion that men and women fulfill different roles in civic  
20 life.

21 The tradition of restricting marriage to opposite-sex  
22 couples does not further any state interest. Rather, the evidence  
23 shows that Proposition 8 harms the state's interest in equality,  
24 because it mandates that men and women be treated differently based  
25 only on antiquated and discredited notions of gender. See FF 32,  
26 57.

27 Proponents' argument that tradition prefers opposite-sex  
28 couples to same-sex couples equates to the notion that opposite-sex

1 relationships are simply better than same-sex relationships.  
2 Tradition alone cannot legitimate this purported interest.  
3 Plaintiffs presented evidence showing conclusively that the state  
4 has no interest in preferring opposite-sex couples to same-sex  
5 couples or in preferring heterosexuality to homosexuality. See FF  
6 48-50. Moreover, the state cannot have an interest in  
7 disadvantaging an unpopular minority group simply because the group  
8 is unpopular. Moreno, 413 US at 534.

9           The evidence shows that the state advances nothing when  
10 it adheres to the tradition of excluding same-sex couples from  
11 marriage. Proponents' asserted state interests in tradition are  
12 nothing more than tautologies and do not amount to rational bases  
13 for Proposition 8.

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15 PURPORTED INTEREST #2: PROCEEDING WITH CAUTION WHEN IMPLEMENTING  
SOCIAL CHANGES

16           Proponents next argue that Proposition 8 is related to  
17 state interests in: (1) "[a]cting incrementally and with caution  
18 when considering a radical transformation to the fundamental nature  
19 of a bedrock social institution"; (2) "[d]ecreasing the probability  
20 of weakening the institution of marriage"; (3) "[d]ecreasing the  
21 probability of adverse consequences that could result from  
22 weakening the institution of marriage"; and (4) "[d]ecreasing the  
23 probability of the potential adverse consequences of same-sex  
24 marriage." Doc #605 at 13-14.

25           Plaintiffs presented evidence at trial sufficient to  
26 rebut any claim that marriage for same-sex couples amounts to a  
27 sweeping social change. See FF 55. Instead, the evidence shows  
28 beyond debate that allowing same-sex couples to marry has at least



1 a neutral, if not a positive, effect on the institution of marriage  
2 and that same-sex couples' marriages would benefit the state. Id.  
3 Moreover, the evidence shows that the rights of those opposed to  
4 homosexuality or same-sex couples will remain unaffected if the  
5 state ceases to enforce Proposition 8. FF 55, 62.

6 The contrary evidence proponents presented is not  
7 credible. Indeed, proponents presented no reliable evidence that  
8 allowing same-sex couples to marry will have any negative effects  
9 on society or on the institution of marriage. The process of  
10 allowing same-sex couples to marry is straightforward, and no  
11 evidence suggests that the state needs any significant lead time to  
12 integrate same-sex couples into marriage. See Background to  
13 Proposition 8 above. Consider, by contrast, Cooper v Aaron, 358 US  
14 1, 7 (1958) (recognizing that a school district needed time to  
15 implement racial integration but nevertheless finding a delay  
16 unconstitutional because the school board's plan did not provide  
17 for "the earliest practicable completion of desegregation"). The  
18 evidence shows that allowing same-sex couples to marry will be  
19 simple for California to implement because it has already done so;  
20 no change need be phased in. California need not restructure any  
21 institution to allow same-sex couples to marry. See FF 55.

22 Because the evidence shows same-sex marriage has and will  
23 have no adverse effects on society or the institution of marriage,  
24 California has no interest in waiting and no practical need to wait  
25 to grant marriage licenses to same-sex couples. Proposition 8 is  
26 thus not rationally related to proponents' purported interests in  
27 proceeding with caution when implementing social change.

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2 PURPORTED INTEREST #3: PROMOTING OPPOSITE-SEX PARENTING OVER SAME-SEX PARENTING

3 Proponents' largest group of purported state interests  
4 relates to opposite-sex parents. Proponents argue Proposition 8:  
5 (1) promotes "stability and responsibility in naturally procreative  
6 relationships"; (2) promotes "enduring and stable family structures  
7 for the responsible raising and care of children by their  
8 biological parents"; (3) increases "the probability that natural  
9 procreation will occur within stable, enduring, and supporting  
10 family structures"; (4) promotes "the natural and mutually  
11 beneficial bond between parents and their biological children";  
12 (5) increases "the probability that each child will be raised by  
13 both of his or her biological parents"; (6) increases "the  
14 probability that each child will be raised by both a father and a  
15 mother"; and (7) increases "the probability that each child will  
16 have a legally recognized father and mother." Doc #605 at 13-14.

17 The evidence supports two points which together show  
18 Proposition 8 does not advance any of the identified interests: (1)  
19 same-sex parents and opposite-sex parents are of equal quality, FF  
20 69-73, and (2) Proposition 8 does not make it more likely that  
21 opposite-sex couples will marry and raise offspring biologically  
22 related to both parents, FF 43, 46, 51.

23 The evidence does not support a finding that California  
24 has an interest in preferring opposite-sex parents over same-sex  
25 parents. Indeed, the evidence shows beyond any doubt that parents'  
26 genders are irrelevant to children's developmental outcomes. FF  
27 70. Moreover, Proposition 8 has nothing to do with children, as  
28 Proposition 8 simply prevents same-sex couples from marrying. FF

1 57. Same-sex couples can have (or adopt) and raise children. When  
2 they do, they are treated identically to opposite-sex parents under  
3 California law. FF 49. Even if California had an interest in  
4 preferring opposite-sex parents to same-sex parents — and the  
5 evidence plainly shows that California does not — Proposition 8 is  
6 not rationally related to that interest, because Proposition 8 does  
7 not affect who can or should become a parent under California law.  
8 FF 49, 57.

9 To the extent California has an interest in encouraging  
10 sexual activity to occur within marriage (a debatable proposition  
11 in light of Lawrence, 539 US at 571) the evidence shows Proposition  
12 8 to be detrimental to that interest. Because of Proposition 8,  
13 same-sex couples are not permitted to engage in sexual activity  
14 within marriage. FF 53. Domestic partnerships, in which sexual  
15 activity is apparently expected, are separate from marriage and  
16 thus codify California's encouragement of non-marital sexual  
17 activity. Cal Fam Code §§ 297-299.6. To the extent proponents  
18 seek to encourage a norm that sexual activity occur within marriage  
19 to ensure that reproduction occur within stable households,  
20 Proposition 8 discourages that norm because it requires some sexual  
21 activity and child-bearing and child-rearing to occur outside  
22 marriage.

23 Proponents argue Proposition 8 advances a state interest  
24 in encouraging the formation of stable households. Instead, the  
25 evidence shows that Proposition 8 undermines that state interest,  
26 because same-sex households have become less stable by the passage  
27 of Proposition 8. The inability to marry denies same-sex couples  
28 the benefits, including stability, attendant to marriage. FF 50.

1 Proponents failed to put forth any credible evidence that married  
2 opposite-sex households are made more stable through Proposition 8.  
3 FF 55. The only rational conclusion in light of the evidence is  
4 that Proposition 8 makes it less likely that California children  
5 will be raised in stable households. See FF 50, 56.

6 None of the interests put forth by proponents relating to  
7 parents and children is advanced by Proposition 8; instead, the  
8 evidence shows Proposition 8 disadvantages families and their  
9 children.

10 PURPORTED INTEREST #4: PROTECTING THE FREEDOM OF THOSE WHO OPPOSE  
11 MARRIAGE FOR SAME-SEX COUPLES

12 Proponents next argue that Proposition 8 protects the  
13 First Amendment freedom of those who disagree with allowing  
14 marriage for couples of the same sex. Proponents argue that  
15 Proposition 8: (1) preserves "the prerogative and responsibility of  
16 parents to provide for the ethical and moral development and  
17 education of their own children"; and (2) accommodates "the First  
18 Amendment rights of individuals and institutions that oppose same-  
19 sex marriage on religious or moral grounds." Doc #605 at 14.

20 These purported interests fail as a matter of law.  
21 Proposition 8 does not affect any First Amendment right or  
22 responsibility of parents to educate their children. See In re  
23 Marriage Cases, 183 P3d at 451-452. Californians are prevented  
24 from distinguishing between same-sex partners and opposite-sex  
25 spouses in public accommodations, as California antidiscrimination  
26 law requires identical treatment for same-sex unions and opposite-  
27 sex marriages. Koebke v Bernardo Heights Country Club, 115 P3d  
28 1212, 1217-1218 (Cal 2005). The evidence shows that Proposition 8

1 does nothing other than eliminate the right of same-sex couples to  
2 marry in California. See FF 57, 62. Proposition 8 is not  
3 rationally related to an interest in protecting the rights of those  
4 opposed to same-sex couples because, as a matter of law,  
5 Proposition 8 does not affect the rights of those opposed to  
6 homosexuality or to marriage for couples of the same sex. FF 62.

7 To the extent proponents argue that one of the rights of  
8 those morally opposed to same-sex unions is the right to prevent  
9 same-sex couples from marrying, as explained presently those  
10 individuals' moral views are an insufficient basis upon which to  
11 enact a legislative classification.

12 PURPORTED INTEREST #5: TREATING SAME-SEX COUPLES DIFFERENTLY FROM  
13 OPPOSITE-SEX COUPLES

14 Proponents argue that Proposition 8 advances a state  
15 interest in treating same-sex couples differently from opposite-sex  
16 couples by: (1) "[u]sing different names for different things"; (2)  
17 "[m]aintaining the flexibility to separately address the needs of  
18 different types of relationships"; (3) "[e]nsuring that California  
19 marriages are recognized in other jurisdictions"; and (4)  
20 "[c]onforming California's definition of marriage to federal law."  
21 Doc #605 at 14.

22 Here, proponents assume a premise that the evidence  
23 thoroughly rebutted: rather than being different, same-sex and  
24 opposite-sex unions are, for all purposes relevant to California  
25 law, exactly the same. FF 47-50. The evidence shows conclusively  
26 that moral and religious views form the only basis for a belief  
27 that same-sex couples are different from opposite-sex couples. See  
28 FF 48, 76-80. The evidence fatally undermines any purported state

1 interest in treating couples differently; thus, these interests do  
2 not provide a rational basis supporting Proposition 8.

3 In addition, proponents appear to claim that Proposition  
4 8 advances a state interest in easing administrative burdens  
5 associated with issuing and recognizing marriage licenses. Under  
6 precedents such as Craig v Boren, "administrative ease and  
7 convenience" are not important government objectives. 429 US 190,  
8 198 (1976). Even assuming the state were to have an interest in  
9 administrative convenience, Proposition 8 actually creates an  
10 administrative burden on California because California must  
11 maintain a parallel institution for same-sex couples to provide the  
12 equivalent rights and benefits afforded to married couples. See FF  
13 53. Domestic partnerships create an institutional scheme that must  
14 be regulated separately from marriage. Compare Cal Fam Code §§  
15 297-299.6 with Cal Fam Code §§ 300-536. California may determine  
16 whether to retain domestic partnerships or eliminate them in the  
17 absence of Proposition 8; the court presumes, however, that as long  
18 as Proposition 8 is in effect, domestic partnerships and the  
19 accompanying administrative burden will remain. Proposition 8 thus  
20 hinders rather than advances administrative convenience.

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22 PURPORTED INTEREST #6: THE CATCHALL INTEREST

23 Finally, proponents assert that Proposition 8 advances  
24 "[a]ny other conceivable legitimate interests identified by the  
25 parties, amici, or the court at any stage of the proceedings." Doc  
26 #605 at 15. But proponents, amici and the court, despite ample  
27 opportunity and a full trial, have failed to identify any rational  
28 basis Proposition 8 could conceivably advance. Proponents,

1 represented by able and energetic counsel, developed a full trial  
2 record in support of Proposition 8. The resulting evidence shows  
3 that Proposition 8 simply conflicts with the guarantees of the  
4 Fourteenth Amendment.

5 Many of the purported interests identified by proponents  
6 are nothing more than a fear or unarticulated dislike of same-sex  
7 couples. Those interests that are legitimate are unrelated to the  
8 classification drawn by Proposition 8. The evidence shows that, by  
9 every available metric, opposite-sex couples are not better than  
10 their same-sex counterparts; instead, as partners, parents and  
11 citizens, opposite-sex couples and same-sex couples are equal. FF  
12 47-50. Proposition 8 violates the Equal Protection Clause because  
13 it does not treat them equally.

14 A PRIVATE MORAL VIEW THAT SAME-SEX COUPLES ARE INFERIOR TO  
15 OPPOSITE-SEX COUPLES IS NOT A PROPER BASIS FOR LEGISLATION

16 In the absence of a rational basis, what remains of  
17 proponents' case is an inference, amply supported by evidence in  
18 the record, that Proposition 8 was premised on the belief that  
19 same-sex couples simply are not as good as opposite-sex couples.  
20 FF 78-80. Whether that belief is based on moral disapproval of  
21 homosexuality, animus towards gays and lesbians or simply a belief  
22 that a relationship between a man and a woman is inherently better  
23 than a relationship between two men or two women, this belief is  
24 not a proper basis on which to legislate. See Romer, 517 US at  
25 633; Moreno, 413 US at 534; Palmore v Sidoti, 466 US 429, 433  
26 (1984) ("[T]he Constitution cannot control [private biases] but  
27 neither can it tolerate them.").

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1           The evidence shows that Proposition 8 was a hard-fought  
2 campaign and that the majority of California voters supported the  
3 initiative. See Background to Proposition 8 above, FF 17-18, 79-  
4 80. The arguments surrounding Proposition 8 raise a question  
5 similar to that addressed in Lawrence, when the Court asked whether  
6 a majority of citizens could use the power of the state to enforce  
7 “profound and deep convictions accepted as ethical and moral  
8 principles” through the criminal code. 539 US at 571. The  
9 question here is whether California voters can enforce those same  
10 principles through regulation of marriage licenses. They cannot.  
11 California’s obligation is to treat its citizens equally, not to  
12 “mandate [its] own moral code.” Id (citing Planned Parenthood of  
13 Southeastern Pa v Casey, 505 US 833, 850, (1992)). “[M]oral  
14 disapproval, without any other asserted state interest,” has never  
15 been a rational basis for legislation. Lawrence, 539 US at 582  
16 (O'Connor, J, concurring). Tradition alone cannot support  
17 legislation. See Williams, 399 US at 239; Romer, 517 US at 635;  
18 Lawrence, 539 US at 579.

19           Proponents’ purported rationales are nothing more than  
20 post-hoc justifications. While the Equal Protection Clause does  
21 not prohibit post-hoc rationales, they must connect to the  
22 classification drawn. Here, the purported state interests fit so  
23 poorly with Proposition 8 that they are irrational, as explained  
24 above. What is left is evidence that Proposition 8 enacts a moral  
25 view that there is something “wrong” with same-sex couples. See FF  
26 78-80.

27           The evidence at trial regarding the campaign to pass  
28 Proposition 8 uncloaks the most likely explanation for its passage:



1 a desire to advance the belief that opposite-sex couples are  
2 morally superior to same-sex couples. FF 79-80. The campaign  
3 relied heavily on negative stereotypes about gays and lesbians and  
4 focused on protecting children from inchoate threats vaguely  
5 associated with gays and lesbians. FF 79-80; See PX0016 Video,  
6 Have You Thought About It? (video of a young girl asking whether  
7 the viewer has considered the consequences to her of Proposition 8  
8 but not explaining what those consequences might be).

9 At trial, proponents' counsel attempted through cross-  
10 examination to show that the campaign wanted to protect children  
11 from learning about same-sex marriage in school. See PX0390A  
12 Video, Ron Prentice Addressing Supporters of Proposition 8,  
13 Excerpt; Tr 132:25-133:3 (proponents' counsel to Katami: "But the  
14 fact is that what the Yes on 8 campaign was pointing at, is that  
15 kids would be taught about same-sex relationships in first and  
16 second grade; isn't that a fact, that that's what they were  
17 referring to?"). The evidence shows, however, that Proposition 8  
18 played on a fear that exposure to homosexuality would turn children  
19 into homosexuals and that parents should dread having children who  
20 are not heterosexual. FF 79; PX0099 Video, It's Already Happened  
21 (mother's expression of horror upon realizing her daughter now  
22 knows she can marry a princess).

23 The testimony of George Chauncey places the Protect  
24 Marriage campaign advertisements in historical context as echoing  
25 messages from previous campaigns to enact legal measures to  
26 disadvantage gays and lesbians. FF 74, 77-80. The Protect  
27 Marriage campaign advertisements ensured California voters had  
28 these previous fear-inducing messages in mind. FF 80. The

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1 evidence at trial shows those fears to be completely unfounded. FF  
2 47-49, 68-73, 76-80.

3 Moral disapproval alone is an improper basis on which to  
4 deny rights to gay men and lesbians. The evidence shows  
5 conclusively that Proposition 8 enacts, without reason, a private  
6 moral view that same-sex couples are inferior to opposite-sex  
7 couples. FF 76, 79-80; Romer, 517 US at 634 (“[L]aws of the kind  
8 now before us raise the inevitable inference that the disadvantage  
9 imposed is born of animosity toward the class of persons  
10 affected.”). Because Proposition 8 disadvantages gays and lesbians  
11 without any rational justification, Proposition 8 violates the  
12 Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

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14 CONCLUSION

15 Proposition 8 fails to advance any rational basis in  
16 singling out gay men and lesbians for denial of a marriage license.  
17 Indeed, the evidence shows Proposition 8 does nothing more than  
18 enshrine in the California Constitution the notion that opposite-  
19 sex couples are superior to same-sex couples. Because California  
20 has no interest in discriminating against gay men and lesbians, and  
21 because Proposition 8 prevents California from fulfilling its  
22 constitutional obligation to provide marriages on an equal basis,  
23 the court concludes that Proposition 8 is unconstitutional.

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Plaintiffs have demonstrated by overwhelming evidence that Proposition 8 violates their due process and equal protection rights and that they will continue to suffer these constitutional violations until state officials cease enforcement of Proposition 8. California is able to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples, as it has already issued 18,000 marriage licenses to same-sex couples and has not suffered any demonstrated harm as a result, see FF 64-66; moreover, California officials have chosen not to defend Proposition 8 in these proceedings.

Because Proposition 8 is unconstitutional under both the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses, the court orders entry of judgment permanently enjoining its enforcement; prohibiting the official defendants from applying or enforcing Proposition 8 and directing the official defendants that all persons under their control or supervision shall not apply or enforce Proposition 8. The clerk is DIRECTED to enter judgment without bond in favor of plaintiffs and plaintiff-intervenors and against defendants and defendant-intervenors pursuant to FRCP 58.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
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VAUGHN R WALKER  
United States District Chief Judge