



# CONCERNED CITIZEN

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## **AROUND THE STATE**

### **Pastors Strategize for Tri-State Triumph**

A second large-scale conference call supporting marriage amendments connected nearly 3,000 pastors and key leaders at more than 200 sites in three states on July 30. Like California, Arizona and Florida will have constitutional amendments defining marriage on their ballots this November. While the California and Arizona measures need a simple majority to pass, Florida's amendment must garner 60 percent of the vote.

The call included a wide array of local, state and national leaders who discussed challenges, strategies and coming events while exhorting and encouraging pastors to equip, energize and mobilize their churches and communities. Pastor Jack Hibbs (Calvary Chapel Chino Hills) called for pastors to lead the charge to pass Prop 8 saying they are "the conscience of the nation."

Prayer was interspersed throughout the event, acknowledging that this is a spiritual battle. *And this is no skirmish that will allow even a few to sit idly by.* Chuck Colson reiterated his view that the "battle over marriage is shaping up as the Armageddon of the culture war."

Another conference call will be held on August 27. Please encourage pastors and Christian leaders in your area to sign up for meeting notifications by e-mailing a request to [ProtectMarriageCA@4sd.net](mailto:ProtectMarriageCA@4sd.net).

**Action:** *This is no time to sit on the sidelines. Get in the game. Please take time right now to visit [www.protectmarriage.com](http://www.protectmarriage.com) and sign up to do what you can to help pass Proposition 8. Tell your friends, co-workers, family and neighbors that this is a winnable war, but we must all be engaged. Resources will be available online very soon. Print*

### **How Do I Find It?**

- ◆ Go to our website: <http://ca.cwfa.org>
- ◆ Click the "Targeted Bills 2008" link
- ◆ Scroll through to check all the key bills, their status and the action you can take!
- ◆ Download sample letters and talking points

### **Need to find your state legislators?**

Go to: <http://leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html>

*You can also check your phone book or call your local Registrar of Voters' office.*

*enough to have at home and in your car. The impact you make through personal contacts far outweighs ads and other media.*

### **Brown's Biased Summary Heads to Court**

The celebration over last month's good news that the California Supreme Court had rebuffed attempts by same-sex "marriage" proponents to remove Prop 8 from the November ballot was quickly replaced with consternation when California's Attorney General Jerry Brown suddenly changed the ballot summary wording. The over

1.2 million Californians who signed California Marriage Protection Act petitions agreed to the summary, "Amends the California Constitution to provide that only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California."

Brown's new language states, "Changes California Constitution to eliminate right of same-sex couples to marry. Provides that only a marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California." The summary goes

even further, declaring potential losses of sales tax revenue, presumably from halting the new "gay marriage" tourism such as the San Diego Visitors Bureau's new "San Diego Gay to Z" that boasts a "Here Comes the Pride" contest.

Given Attorney General Brown's lackluster defense of marriage before the California Supreme Court and his refusal to support the request to stay the ruling until after the election, his action is not surprising, but Brown's duty is to assign a fair and impartial title and summary for ballot measures. What he has now proposed is clearly prejudicial.

Prop 8 proponents have asked the Court to return the summary to its original form. Dan Walters of the *Sacramento Bee* put it this way, "Brown's action faces a legal challenge whose outcome is uncertain, but regardless of how that fares, it's a pretty cynical act. A referee shouldn't misuse the rules of the game to favor one side over the other. If he does, the outcome will carry an asterisk of illegitimacy."

A hearing will be held in early August.

### **Legislative Session Enters the Final Stretch**

August brings a close to the second half of the biennial session in California. All bills with fiscal implications must survive the appropriations process by August 15 or die. Most non-fiscal bills

### ***Our Founders' Wisdom***

If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instruction and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity.

*~ Daniel Webster*

are now awaiting floor votes, and all measures must be through their second house by August 31 to be sent to the governor's desk. Gov. Schwarzenegger will then have until September 30 to sign or veto bills. If he takes no action on a bill it will automatically become law after 30 days. For this reason, your letters requesting vetoes will be very important.

Please refer to our "[Targeted Bills](#)" list for all the measures we are tracking, complete with sample letters and current status. Three primary bills to oppose include:

**AB 2747 End of Life Options** – Sponsored by the organization formerly known as the Hemlock Society, AB 2747 is an interim step toward assisted suicide. Recent amendments were not enough to fix this ill-conceived bill that could lead emotionally vulnerable patients who have received terminal diagnoses to consider steps leading to their death.

**Action:** *Please ask your state senator to oppose AB 2747, which is now on the Senate floor.*

**AB 2567 Harvey Milk Day** – Are the sexual lifestyles of public leaders appropriate to discuss in the classroom? Proponents of designating May 22 as "Harvey Milk Day" in California public schools, complete with "suitable commemorative exercises" recognizing the late Harvey Milk and his accomplishments, think so. We do not.

**Action:** *Please ask your state senator to oppose AB 2567, which is now on the Senate floor.*

**SB 1729 Sensitivity Training** – Attempts are being made to strip the right of conscience from medical professionals who do not wish to participate in abortions or perform certain elective procedures for homosexuals, such as artificial insemination. Similarly, SB 1729 requires physicians, nurses and other personnel in senior care facilities to participate in sensitivity training focusing on sexual orientation and gender identity issues. SB 1729 increases costs to these facilities and may violate the rights of conscience and religious beliefs of many caregivers and facility owners.

**Action:** *This unnecessary bill will be heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on August 7. Please ask your assemblymember to oppose SB 1729.*

## **THE NATIONAL SCENE**

### **Don't Let Their Conscience Be Denied**

Currently, federal law protects the right of healthcare providers not to participate in abortions.

Unfortunately, these laws are ignored or not fully enforced for lack of clear regulations. The Bush Administration will soon propose regulations to protect healthcare professionals from being forced to provide controversial procedures or drugs. Abortion supporters vehemently oppose such regulations, but the right to follow one's moral conscience is a crucial freedom. Patients must also be able to choose prenatal and other health care professionals who respect life.

**Action:** *Please call the White House (202-456-1414) and the Department of Health and Human Services (202-205-5445) and ask them to issue regulations protecting conscience rights for health-care providers.*

## **QUICK TAKES & UPDATES**

### **McDonald's Opts for Rainbow Arches**

With the election of McDonald's vice president of communications to the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC) board in March, the fast food giant has become a member of that organization and donated \$20,000 to the radical homosexual agenda it promotes. OneNewsNow reports that a "spokesman for McDonald's restaurants says those who oppose same-sex 'marriage' are motivated by hate." So much for the international chain's family-friendly image. The American Family Association has called for a boycott of McDonald's.

While CWA does not endorse boycotts, we do inform citizens so they can make informed choices. If you would like to share your concerns about McDonald's anti-family policies with their corporate offices call (800) 244-6227.

## **PRAYER POWER**

Please commit to pray daily for Prop 8's success in November. Ask for protection from the schemes of the enemy and for God's favor over legal issues, future events and all who will carry the message of protecting His design for marriage. Pray that all financial needs will be met. *And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)*

Pray for students, particularly those heading off to college campuses across the nation. May they have the strength and courage to stand for their faith and values in what can be a hostile campus environment. May they be leaders who will be a light to their peers. *For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; with favor You will surround Him as with a shield. (Psalm 5:12)*

### ***Make a difference by getting involved with CWA!***

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