

CWA of California
Action Alert
April 18, 2005

STOP SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IN CALIFORNIA

Dear Friend:

Assemblyman Mark Leno's (D-San Francisco) homosexual marriage bill will be heard in the Assembly Judiciary Committee on Tuesday, April 26. This bill contradicts the will of the California people.

The voters of our state passed Prop. 22 by a margin of over 61 percent in 2000, defining marriage as between a man and a woman. Our state constitution provides that the legislature "may amend or repeal an initiative statute by another statute that becomes effective **only when approved by the [voters]**." The will of the people cannot be changed by our legislators without first returning the issue to us! An opinion issued by a Sacramento appeals court regarding domestic partnership laws recently confirmed this fact when the court stated, "Without submitting the matter to the voters, the Legislature cannot change this absolute refusal to recognize marriages between persons of the same sex."

Undeterred by the appellate ruling and the California Constitution, Assemblyman Leno will attempt to thwart the will of the California people and change the definition of marriage. We must say, "No!"

This is a vital issue! Please take time to oppose AB 19 bill **before Friday April 22** so that your letters may be included in the committee analysis. Fax your opposition letter (sample letter and contact information below) and call your assembly member if he or she sits on the committee. You may also contact all committee members via fax or e-mail as time permits. Visit our [bill list](#) for more talking points on same-sex "marriage."

Please print this alert and share it with your friends and your church's pastoral staff. The letter for pastors (Please [click here](#) for the pastor letter.) may be printed directly **ON YOUR CHURCH LETTERHEAD**. When a similar bill was presented in the legislature last year, more "churches" supported homosexual marriage than opposed it! While a few Biblically centered churches stood up and were counted in opposition, many more liberal denominations shared their support. We cannot be silent again!

In addition to making your voice heard on this and other critical legislation, please remember to pray regularly for the hearing process and visit the legislation section of our [California Web site](#) for the [current status](#) of many important pending bills.

Sample letter

The Honorable Dave Jones, Chairman
Assembly Judiciary Committee
Via Fax

Dear Chairman Jones:

I respectfully request that you oppose AB 19, which allows two people of the same sex to marry.

The public does not support same-sex "marriage." Californians passed Prop. 22, which defines marriage as between a man and a woman, by 61.4 percent.

Referring to Prop. 22, an appellate court recently ruled, "Without submitting the matter to the voters, the Legislature cannot change this absolute refusal to recognize marriages between persons of the same sex." AB 19 defies this ruling and the California Constitution.

Further, children thrive best in a home with a mother and father who are married. Children must come first – not adults' sexual desires. Any redefinition of marriage poses a threat to the moral structure of the family with no logical stopping point. Would we next legalize polygamy or incest?

Please oppose AB 19!

Respectfully,

Please fax the letter to the Judiciary Committee at (916) 319-2188 and copy the committee members as shown below. Please fax or e-mail a copy to us, if possible. Fax us at (760) 806-1281 or e-mail sd.legislation@california.cwfa.org.

NOTE: All phone and fax numbers below are area code 916.

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