



CWA of California Marriage Update

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They Did the Unthinkable!

California Legislature Thumbs Its Nose at the People

On September 6, the California Assembly voted to legalize same-sex "marriage," joining the State Senate in casting aside the strong majority of California voters who supported Prop. 22 just five years ago (see the assembly members who voted to contradict the will of the electorate [here](#)). The bill will now go to the governor.



"Four years ago, while the nation's eyes were fixed on the devastation in New York City, California's Democrat-controlled Legislature attacked marriage by enacting a sweeping domestic partner bill one day after September 11," said Robert Knight, director of Concerned Women for America's Culture & Family Institute. "Yesterday, while the nation was still reeling from the horrors of Hurricane Katrina, the Legislature voted to blow away marriage completely by doing away with its essential requirement – that a wedding have a bride and a groom."

Knight continued, "Perhaps they're hoping that Californians are so distracted by the unfolding tragedy in New Orleans that they won't notice their out-of-control politicians in Sacramento. Gov. Schwarzenegger has the power to terminate this radical plan to create counterfeit marriage. He can either side with the 61 percent of Californians who voted to protect marriage in a statewide initiative, or he can side with the radical Democrats."

Act:

Gov. Schwarzenegger has several choices before him. He can sign AB 849 into law, he can veto it or he can merely wait 30 days and have the bill become law without his signature. Previously, the governor has indicated that he will veto AB 849, but he has also stated that same-sex "marriage" is an issue the courts should decide. If he does not veto the bill he will join the legislature in thwarting the will of the people.

Please contact Gov. Schwarzenegger's office and ask him to show some muscle by vetoing AB 849 right away.

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Pray:

Please make a commitment to pray regularly for the future of marriage in our state. Legalizing "marriage" for homosexuals sets in motion a dangerous domino effect of destructive moral repercussions we can easily see from the experience of other

governments that have already done so. For example, in Canada, Focus on the Family cannot air broadcasts that are critical of homosexuality because the law forbids it. In Sweden, a pastor was arrested for speaking against homosexuality in a sermon. Clearly, schools would be required to teach children from the earliest age to honor such counterfeit unions as normal and legitimate. How long, then, before the church would be silenced in preaching the whole Word of God?

Pray for the governor to clearly see the dangerous ramifications if he does not specifically veto AB 849. Pray also for God's shepherds to act with strength and wisdom in upholding His design for marriage and family without hesitation or fear in any way. This battle goes beyond mere flesh and blood. *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. (Ephesians 6: 10-11)*

Ask your pastor to help preserve marriage:

Our Web site includes several resources to assist you in planning a petition drive at your church. Of course the first step is talking to your pastor or other church leadership. Our "[Protect Marriage Amendment](#)" section includes a sample letter you can use to explain the amendment and request that your church participate. Additional resources are included there as well.

Obtain petitions:

Petitions are available online at www.protectmarriage.com now! These downloadable forms will accommodate five signatures. For longer forms to be used with churches and other groups, please request petitions through the coalition [Web site](#) or call (916) 446-5031.

Please do not make copies of the petition forms. Doing so may disqualify the signatures. Use ONLY originals.

Make a donation:

Successfully placing an initiative on the ballot is costly. Prayerfully consider making a donation to help fund this effort. Download a donation form [here](#).

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