

Sept. 27, 2007

Ms. Toni Melton  
Initiative Secretary  
Office of the Attorney General  
State of California  
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INITIATIVE COORDINATOR  
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Re: Request for Title and Summary for Proposed Initiative

Dear Ms. Melton,

Pursuant to Article 11, Section 10(d) of the California Constitution, we are submitting to your office the attached proposed statewide Constitutional Amendment, entitled "The Voters' Right to Protect Marriage Initiative," and cordially request that you prepare an unbiased Title and Summary of the measure as provided by law. We have also included with this letter the required signed statement under California Elections Code, Section 9608, our voter registration addresses, and payment in the amount of \$200.

Thank you very much for your time and service. Should you have any questions or require additional information, you can contact us through [VoteYesMarriage.com](http://VoteYesMarriage.com), P.O. Box 1978, Sacramento, CA 95812.

Sincerely,

  
Larry Bowler

  
Randy Thomasson

**INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUMITTED DIRECTLY TO VOTERS****Section 1: Title**

This measure is The Voters' Right to Protect Marriage Initiative.

**Section 2: Marriage for One Man and One Woman Benefits Children, Families, and Society**

The People of California have a compelling responsibility to protect the essence of marriage by ensuring that the civil institution of marriage between one man and one woman is not redefined, abolished, or diminished. The People find that marriage between one man and one woman is diminished when government decreases statutory rights, incidents, or employee benefits of marriage shared by one man and one woman, or when government requires private entities to offer or provide rights, incidents, or benefits of marriage to unmarried individuals, or when government bestows statutory rights, incidents, or employee benefits of marriage on unmarried individuals. The People further find and declare that it is in a child's best interest to have both a father and a mother, and that marriage rights for one man and one woman must be protected for the well-being of children, families, and society.

**Section 3: Vote Yes to Protect Marriage from Being Redefined, Abolished, or Diminished**

Section 1.1 of Article I of the Constitution is added to read:

SEC. 1.1. Only marriage between one man and one woman is valid or recognized in California, whether contracted in this state or elsewhere. A man is an adult male human being who possesses at least one inherited Y chromosome, and a woman is an adult female human being who does not possess an inherited Y chromosome. Neither the Legislature nor any court, government institution, government agency, initiative statute, local government, or government official shall abolish the civil institution of marriage between one man and one woman, or decrease statutory rights, incidents, or employee benefits of marriage shared by one man and one woman, or require private entities to offer or provide rights, incidents, or benefits of marriage to unmarried individuals, or bestow statutory rights, incidents, or employee benefits of marriage on unmarried individuals. Any public act, record, or judicial proceeding, from within this state or another jurisdiction, that violates this section is void and unenforceable.