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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

September 24, 2009  
The Honorable Jerry Brown  
Attorney General  
State of California  
1300 I Street  
Sacramento, Ca. 95814

Attention: Ms. Krystal Paris, Initiative Coordinator

Re: Change of Proposed Amendment and Request for Title and Summary – Initiative  
Statutory Amendment: **“RELIGIOUS FREEDOM” – 09-0033**

Dear Attorney General Brown,

As the proponent of **“RELIGIOUS FREEDOM” – 09-0033**, I request a change to the proposed amendment.

The amendment wording is attached.

In addition, Ms. Paris wrote in her September 15, 2009 letter, "If you would like to submit a list of what you consider to be the chief purposes and points of your proposed measure, or if you have suggestions concerning the wording of the title and summary, the Attorney General will be pleased to consider them".

If I may, I would like to explain the reason for the wording of the Title and Summary of the amendment and why I believe it is important to be included.

The Preamble of the “CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION” states:

“We, the People of the State of California, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, in order to secure and perpetuate its blessings, do establish this Constitution.”

We believe the purposes of all amendments to the California Constitution should encompass the same desires of the founders of our Constitution, who acknowledged and were grateful for the place of Almighty God in all our lives, and for our freedom and blessings.

Acknowledging and thankfulness to Almighty God is essential in order to achieve this purpose. If we exclude this, we would be inconsistent with the spirit and purpose of the amendment and the Constitution.

So we ask that the summary of our amendment reflect the fact that our chief purpose is to mention Almighty God, and our desire to secure and perpetuate His blessings upon the People of the State of California.

We should never want to take Almighty God out of the equation. Our founding Fathers of this great Nation and great State understood God’s place, and His importance for its

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blessings. They understood that the blessings of the People of California emanate from Almighty God.

We accomplish this by our Constitutional right to freely being able to use His Word, the Bible, without fear of persecution, prosecution, etc.

With this in mind, below is the recommended Title and Summary that we ask to be included and submitted to the electorate.

**Title: "THE FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION"**

- **Grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, this amendment is to secure and perpetuate the blessings of Almighty God for the People of California.**
- **Provides that a person using any part of the Bible's content as authority may freely communicate any view about, for or against various actions and principles at public or private gatherings, or in other places and circumstances or in any communicative medium.**
- **Therefore, it is not a crime, hate crime or unlawful for a person to use any part of the Bible's content as authority.**
- **Amends Section 4 of Article I of the California Constitution.**

Again, thank you for all your help.

Very truly yours,

/Allan Esses

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Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. - John 14:6 KJV

**Initiative Constitutional Amendment: THE FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION**

This amendment would amend Section 4 of Article I of the California Constitution. Language proposed to be added is underlined. Existing language proposed to be deleted has a ~~strikethrough line through it~~.

That Section 4 of Article I of the California Constitution is amended to read:

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION  
ARTICLE I DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

**RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

Sec. 4. (a) Free exercise and enjoyment of religion without discrimination or preference are guaranteed. ~~This liberty of conscience does not excuse acts that are licentious or inconsistent with the peace or safety of the State.~~ The Legislature shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

A person is not incompetent to be a witness or juror because of his or her opinions on religious beliefs.

(b) We, the People of the State of California, grateful to **Almighty God** for our freedom, in order to perpetuate His blessings do submit that a person using any part of the Bible's content as authority may freely speak, pray, write, discuss, publish, preach, teach, hear, share his or her faith, engage in street witnessing, distribute written material or otherwise communicate any views at any public or private gathering, school, church, or other place of worship, Bible Study group or sidewalk or in any communicative medium, the internet, satellite, television, film, theater, radio, videos, recording, newspapers, magazines, music, and periodicals or by means of a telephone, cell phone or fax machine. These provisions shall not be construed to authorize actions prohibited by Section 302, Section 602.11 and Section 11412 of the Penal Code.