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RE: Amendment to the Request for Title and Summary

Dear Initiative Coordinator,

Enclosed, please find an amended request for Title and Summary to the "Civil Marriage Act of California" (11-0017) that was submitted on June 24, 2011.

Best regards,



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**Section 1: Title**

This measure shall be known and may be cited as the "Civil Marriage Act of California."

**Section 2: Findings**

Public opinion of gay marriage has been negatively influenced by the misconception that legal marriage affects or determines ceremonial marriage. This trend in public opinion has precluded a group of persons from obtaining equal rights under the law.

**Section 3: Purpose**

The people enact this measure to clarify the distinction between legal and ceremonial marriage and to respect the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution. To this end:

- (i) The legal term "marriage" shall be replaced with the term "civil marriage."
- (ii) Article 1 § 7.5 to the California Constitution shall be removed in order to extend the legal capacity of civil marriage to same-sex couples.

**Section 4: Declarations**

- (a) The California State Constitution and legal code are amended to read "civil marriage" wherever the term "marriage" presently appears.
- (b) Civil marriage shall be construed as the legal equivalent of marriage.
- (c) Only a civil marriage solemnized by a duly authorized person as prescribed under the California Family Code §§ 400-402 is recognized under California Law.
- (d) Article 1 § 7.5 to the California Constitution is repealed.
- (e) An authorized person of any religious denomination who can legally solemnize a civil marriage (as prescribed under the California Family Code §§ 400(a) and 402) shall be free to refuse to perform marriages that are not in accordance with their religious denomination's beliefs.
- (f) The Act shall neither require nor endorse any modification of school curricula.