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AGENDA: 2/15/00

February 7, 2000

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION 22

Dear Members of the Board:

Attached is a letter from the Santa Cruz County Committee Against Proposition 22 asking the Board of Supervisors to adopt a resolution of opposition to the ballot measure slated for the March 2000 election.

Proposition 22 serves no compelling legal or moral purpose, and could be used to deny Californians their rights and responsibilities simply because of their sexual orientation.

The Board of Supervisors has consistently opposed proposals that promote discrimination and it is clear that this proposition does just that.

Accordingly, I recommend that the Board of Supervisors take the following actions:

1. Adopt the attached resolution in opposition to Proposition 22.
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to distribute the resolution as indicated.
3. Direct the County Administrative Officer to place the Bill in our legislative tracking system.

Sincerely,

MARDI WORMHOUDT, Supervisor
Third District

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Attachments

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO.

On the motion of Supervisor
duly seconded by Supervisor
the following resolution is adopted

RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSITION 22
"THE CALIFORNIA DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT"

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors has consistently sought to protect equal rights and responsibilities for all individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors recognizes and affirms the importance of all families, bound by love and commitment, as a cornerstone of civil society; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 22 could be used to deny or take away from Californians, by reason of their sexual orientation, the same rights and responsibilities afforded other Californians, including hospital visitation rights, property and inheritance rights, and local non-discrimination ordinances that include sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS,, Proposition 22, which has qualified for the March 2000 California ballot, serves no compelling legal or moral purpose but to diminish and denigrate the value of committed relationships between two same gender persons; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors should oppose any proposal which promotes discrimination, undermines the bonds of committed relationships and perpetuates a second-class category of citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors hereby opposes Proposition 22, "the California Defense of Marriage Act" and urges all Santa Cruz County and California voters to oppose it on March 7, 2000.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this _____ day of _____, 2000, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS
NOES: SUPERVISORS
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

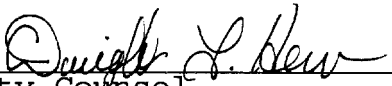
MARDI WORMHOUDT, Chair
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of said Board

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Approved as to form:



County Counsel

DISTRIBUTION: Santa Cruz Committee Against Proposition 22
Governor Davis
Senator McPherson
Assembly Member Keeley
Assembly Member Frusetta

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February 3, 2000

Board of Supervisors
701 Ocean St.
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Re: Proposition 22

Dear Board Members:

We are writing as members of the Santa Cruz County Community to ask that your Board take a public position in opposition to the Knight Initiative – Proposition 22.

The measure is named for Senator Pete Knight, whose public record is antithetical to every major stance the Board of Supervisors has taken on fundamental issues of civil rights. He circulated an anti-Latino poem – which he termed “interesting, clever, and funny” -- for which he was rebuked editorially by the Los Angeles Times. He has supported eliminating the California Commission on the Status of Women. He is anti-choice, has one of the most anti-labor voting records in the legislature, and has a 0% voting record from the League of Conservation Voters.

This initiative is only fourteen words: “Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California”. Since 1872, California has recognized any marriage contract entered into in another state – even those states for which the age of consent is below that of California. This proposal is quite possibly unconstitutional, and is unnecessary – California law presently does not allow marriages except between a man and woman.

This measure is designed as another political wedge issue designed to divide Californians for political advantage. It is opposed by public figures ranging from Governor Davis, Senators Boxer and Feinstein, to UC Regent Ward Connerly. We urge you to join the Watsonville City Council in opposing this measure. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely ,

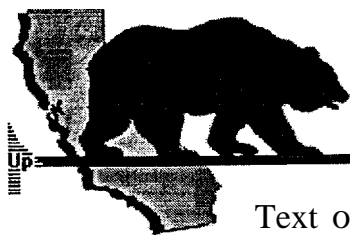
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For the Santa Cruz County Committee Against Proposition 22

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Text of Proposition 22

This initiative measure is submitted to the people in accordance with the provisions of Article II, Section 8, of the California Constitution.

This initiative measure adds a section to the Family Code; therefore, new provisions proposed to be added are printed in *italic type* to indicate that they are new.

PROPOSED LAW

SECTION 1. This act may be cited as the “California Defense of Marriage Act.”

SECTION 2. Section 308.5 is added to the Family Code, to read:

308.5. Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California.

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Analysis by the Legislative Analyst

Background

Under current California law, “marriage” is based on a civil contract between a man and a woman. Current law also provides that a legal marriage that took place outside of California is generally considered valid in California. No state in the nation currently recognizes a civil contract or any other relationship between two people of the same sex as a marriage.

Proposal

This measure provides that only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California.

Fiscal Effect

This measure would likely have no fiscal effect on the state or local governments.

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