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Prop. 8 Wording Change Good News for Opponents

The California secretary of state has changed language in the ballot initiative that would ban same-sex marriage in California.

Proposition 8 would overturn the state's supreme court ruling that it is unconstitutional to deny same-sex couples in California the right to marry. The original wording of the November ballot initiative read, "[Proposition 8] amends the California Constitution to provide that only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California."

The new language says that the initiative "Changes California Constitution to eliminate right of same-sex couples to marry." It further explains that banning gay marriage could prevent the state from gaining tens of millions of dollars in potential sales tax revenue.

Some activists think the language change, which spells out the removal of the right for same-sex couples to marry, could help to defeat the measure, according to Waymon Hudson at Bilerico.com. He notes that some polls have shown that changing the language to denote the removal of rights can add up to 10 percentage points to the "no" votes.

A Field Poll from July 18 shows that 51% of Californians are against the ban, 42% favor it, and 7% are undecided. Additionally, 63% of Democrats said they would vote against the ban, while 68% of Republicans said they would vote for it. The poll was the second consecutive study to show that a majority of Californians -- a very slim majority -- would vote for marriage equality. Those additional 10 points could only help. *(The Advocate)*

8th Annual July 4th Celebration

Larry & Bobby kicked off their 8th Annual July 4th Celebration with a huge Potluck Dinner. Bobby grilled hamburgers for everyone. They had a really great turn-out this year with 16-couples in attendance, plus Larry's daughter Kelly, Husband Phillip, and granddaughter Jordyn. Phillip's sister Rebecca and Husband Darin arrived from Sidney, New South Wales, Australia to help in the celebration and provided this years Fireworks display.

The food was great; so many choices, and some really good cooks out there. Our special thanks to our newest couple Bryan & Chris for the delicious chicken, baked in a white wine and vinegar sauce. We have asked Bryan to share his mother's recipe with us. If we get lucky, we will definitely add it to next month's Favorite Recipe section of our newsletter



Check Out All That Food

More photos are available on our website:

<http://www.musiccitycouples.org>

Anniversaries

- Jul 03 – Joseph (of Lloyd)
- Jul 05 – Gary (of Jim)
- Jul 12 – Larry (of Bobby)
- Jul 14 – Don (of Barry)
- Jul 20 – Scott (of Barry)
- Jul 20 – Brad (of Rick)
- Jul 25 – Sundi (of Stacie)
- Jul 31 – Debbie (of Angie)
- Jul 31 – Will (of Mike)

Birthdays

- Jul 13 – Cheryl & Sheila (15 years)
- Jul 21 – Shelley & Peggy (38- years)



SPOTLIGHT

This spot is where we will "spotlight" one of our couples each month.

Please Contact Music City Couples,
info@musiccitycouples.org,

if you would like to be the July Featured Couple

Favorite Recipe

Email Your Favorite Recipe
info@musiccitycouples.org

Share Your Family Recipe
 And we will post it here

A New Recipe
 Every Month

Compliments of:
 Music City Couples

Events Calendar

Grand Ole Opry

Package: Main floor seats, Hotel,
 Tours at an affordable price.
 800-251-1864
www.musiccitytours.com

Stirrup Nashville

1529 4th Ave. South
 Nashville, TN, 37210
 615-782-0043

Your New Favorite Neighborhood Bar
Info@StirrupNashville.com

Lipstick Lounge

1400 Woodland St, Nashville, TN , 37206
 This relaxed east Nashville dance club also
 features live music and theme nights.

Tribe

1517A Church St , Nashville , TN , 37203
 Sophisticated, straight-friendly gay nightclub fills
 a niche in Nashville.

Play Dance Bar

1519 Church St , Nashville , TN , 37203
 Gay-friendly dance club boasts DJs, karaoke,
 female impersonation, theme nights, snack bar and
 a private lounge overlooking the stage.

COUPLES

The Music City Couples Network, an organization of hundreds of loving and committed gay and lesbian couples believes that the Federal Marriage Amendment is an unconscionable assault on the rights of millions of American citizens, and is joining other organizations seeking its defeat.

According to the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), the amendment "would not only deny marriage to same-sex couples but could also deny any state legislature or electorate from ever voting to pass their own state's domestic partnership, civil union or marriage laws. Under the Federal Marriage Amendment, courts could be barred from enforcing the legal protections that a legislature provides through civil union or domestic partnership laws."

Civil marriage, other forms of relationship recognition, and basic civil rights protections are essential components that make all families, including families headed by same-sex couples, safer and more secure. Civil marriage and religious marriage are two separate things.

Religious institutions will never be forced to bless relationships with which they disagree, just as today religious institutions can refuse to marry couples of different faiths or individuals who have been divorced.

COMING EVENTS

Jun: Pride Weekend Jun/1st.
 Jul: 4th. Annual Festivities
 Jul: Movie Event "Sordid Lives"
 Aug: Waiting On A Host
 Sep: Waiting On A Host
 Oct: Wiener Roast & Bonfire
 Nov: Waiting On A Host
 Dec: Waiting On A Host

NewsLetter Submissions

Send us your Current News, Favorite Recipe, and Announcements that you would like to have added to our Monthly Newsletter. Send all submissions to,
Webmaster@musiccitycouples.org no later than the First Friday of Every Month. Anything received after that Friday will be included in the next month's issue

Hosts Needed

Music City Couples is in search of couples willing to Host a Party in their home, back yard, or even a Park. If you have the desire to be a Host, please contact:
 Larry and Bobby.
info@musiccitycouples.org
 615-824-9966 – Home

Movie Night Out

Several of our couples have been asking if we plan to re-instate the monthly movie night out. We need your help. If you would like to take charge of our Monthly Movie Night Out, please drop us an email:
info@musiccitycouples.org

Dinner Night Out

Everyone loves to eat. Certainly you have a favorite Restaurant. If you would like to see us have a Monthly Dinner Night Out, please forward your Restaurant Choices and help us plan the monthly event. Simply send us an email:
info@musiccitycouples.org

Camping

Contact Barb & Jane
 Kingston, Springs, TN
info@musiccitycouples.org



Music City Couples is an organization of committed gay and lesbian couples in the Greater Nashville and Middle Tennessee area. The organization serves to provide a forum for gay/lesbian committed couples to strengthen their own relationships while also providing a social and supportive structure for their fellow committed couples. Music City Couples holds no religious affiliations and makes every attempt to respect the privacy of its couples.