

**CWA of California**  
***Action Alert***  
**April 27, 2005**

**SAME-SEX "MARRIAGE" PASSES FIRST HURDLE**

Dear Friend:

Assemblyman Mark Leno's (D-San Francisco) homosexual "marriage" bill [passed](#) the Assembly Judiciary Committee on Tuesday, April 26. All six Democrats (Jones, Evans, Laird, Levine, Lieber and Montanez) supported same-sex "marriage." All three Republicans (Harman, Haynes and Leslie) opposed the bill, indicating that it should not have been introduced because it contradicts Prop. 22 passed by California voters.

While the vote was discouraging, we have wonderful news involving the increased willingness of churches to speak out on behalf of Biblical truth. The [committee analysis](#) showed less than 40 letters received from liberal churches in support of same-sex "marriage," but over 80 Biblically-based churches, including some very large evangelical churches, standing in strong opposition! Praise God, and thank you for your efforts by writing your own letters and encouraging your pastors to do the same.

Our representative and other observers at the AB 19 hearing reported that when supporters and opponents in attendance were asked to stand, opponents outnumbered supporters. Unfortunately, all were not allowed to speak, as less than 15 minutes of testimony was allowed on each side.

The bill now moves to the Assembly Appropriations Committee. Since few bills fail in Appropriations, other than those with significant fiscal implications, it is likely AB 19 will reach the Assembly floor. For this reason, we ask you to begin contacting your assembly member, state senator and Governor Schwarzenegger. All of our elected officials in Sacramento must hear the public's outrage that our will under Prop. 22 is being dismissed by our own government.

**Contact information:**

To find your assembly member and senator visit: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html>.

Gov. Schwarzenegger's phone: (916) 445-2841; fax (916) 445-4633

Below are talking points for your phone call and sample text for a letter to mail or fax. Most legislator sites include a fax number.

Mailing address:

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_

State Capitol

Sacramento, CA 95814

**Talking points**

The voters of our state passed Prop. 22 by a margin of over 61 percent in 2000, defining marriage as between a man and a woman. Our state constitution provides that the legislature "may amend or repeal an initiative statute by another statute that becomes effective **only when approved by the [voters]**." The will of the people cannot be changed by our legislators without first returning the issue to us!

An opinion issued by a Sacramento appeals court regarding domestic partnership laws recently confirmed this fact when the court stated, "Without submitting the matter to the voters, the Legislature cannot change this absolute refusal to recognize marriages between persons of the same sex."

Children thrive best in a home with a mother and father who are married. Children must come first—not adults' sexual desires.

Any redefinition of marriage poses a threat to the moral structure of the family with no logical stopping point (polygamy, incestuous relationships, etc.).

### **Sample letter**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ :

I respectfully request that you oppose AB 19, which allows two people of the same sex to marry.

The public does not support same-sex "marriage." Californians passed Prop. 22, which defines marriage as between a man and a woman, by 61.4 percent.

Referring to Prop. 22, an appellate court recently ruled, "Without submitting the matter to the voters, the Legislature cannot change this absolute refusal to recognize marriages between persons of the same sex." AB 19 defies this ruling and the California Constitution.

Further, children thrive best in a home with a mother and father who are married. Children must come first – not adults' sexual desires. Any redefinition of marriage poses a threat to the moral structure of the family with no logical stopping point. Would we next legalize polygamy or incest?

Please oppose AB 19!

Respectfully,

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In addition to making your voice heard on this and other critical legislation, please remember to pray regularly for our legislators and visit the legislation section of our [California Web site](#) for the [current status](#) of many important pending bills.

***Thank you for making a difference!***

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