



CWA of California
Action Alert
March 23, 2005

TAKE ACTION FOR MARRIAGE - SEND YOUR LETTERS IN SUPPORT OF SCA 1 NOW!

Greetings:

On March 14, San Francisco County Superior Court Judge Richard Kramer ruled that restricting marriage to the union of one man and one woman is unconstitutional. Of course, over 61 percent of Californians confirmed their desire to maintain the age-old and Biblical definition of marriage in 2000 with Prop. 22. Kramer's decision does not become final until March 30 when he meets again with the litigants; however, he immediately stayed his ruling for 60 days to provide for an appeal, which is proceeding. (For more details on the ruling, please read an [analysis](#) by Anne Downey, Esq. on CWA's Web site.)

Kramer was appointed to his office in 1996 by then-Governor Pete Wilson. He retained his seat last year in an uncontested race.

Robert Knight, director of CWA's Culture & Family Institute weighed in on the California decision saying, "Yet another irrational judge, like his counterparts in Massachusetts, can't find a rational reason for defining marriage as the union of a man and a woman. That's because these judges are no longer acting rationally, and are imposing their own radical agenda, ignoring the law and the will of the people. Californians should remove Kramer from office because of this scandalous ruling. We also need to enact a constitutional amendment, at the state and federal levels, to protect marriage once and for all."

You have an opportunity to help enact that state constitutional amendment! Please submit your letter supporting SCA 1 (Sen. Bill Morrow, R-Carlsbad) to the Senate Judiciary Committee prior to March 30. This will ensure that your voice will be counted in the analysis for the hearing scheduled for April 5.

Committee contact information and a sample letter to cut and paste are available below. Additional [talking points](#) are located on our Web site to assist you in amending this letter or writing your own.

Please fax the committee at (916) 445-8390. You may also e-mail the individual members. That contact information is below. Send a copy of your letter to Senator Morrow's office at (916) 446-7382 (fax) or Senator.Morrow@sen.ca.gov.

Please check our [Web site](#) frequently for updates on this and other legislation!

Thank you for making a difference!

Sample Letter Supporting SCA 1

The Honorable Joseph Dunn, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
Via Fax

Dear Chairman Dunn:

I respectfully request your committee to support SCA 1 (Morrow), which places the definition of marriage supported by the people of our state under Proposition 22 into our state constitution.

The traditional definition of marriage is a virtually universal human institution and has been for thousands of years. Also, it consists of the only type of union capable of natural reproduction of the human race—a man and a woman. A child needs both a mother and a father, and marriage is society's way of obtaining them.

Marriage is of such importance that it is uniquely protected in the law and culture. No civilization can survive without it, and societies that allowed it to become irrelevant have faded into history. Would we want any less for California than to affirm the importance of upholding this vital institution?

Another important facet of SCA 1 is that it prohibits the state from granting the benefits and obligations of marriage to other relationships. If the state sanctions other types of unions it ultimately weakens marriage and the family, as has occurred in Scandinavia where marriage is nearly extinct.

I wholeheartedly support this constitutional amendment and ask the Senate Judiciary Committee to do so as well.

Sincerely,

Committee Members

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